



BWFC Supporters' Trust Minutes

Subject: BWFC & BWFCST Quarterly Meeting No 15

Venue: The Bolton Stadium Hotel

Meeting Date: 11th April 2025 @ 10.00am

Present:

BWFC: Phil Mason (PM)

BWFCST: Ian Pegg (IP), Mike Smith (MS), Alan Houghton (AH) & Robin Fletcher(RF)

Apologies: Niaz Shazad(NS)

Purpose of Meeting:

The meeting is the fifteenth scheduled quarterly meeting between senior BWFC personnel and BWFCST board representatives as referenced in the Joint Memorandum of Understanding signed by both parties in August 2021.

1. Apologies

Apologies are recorded above.

2. Previous Minutes

Minutes of the quarterly meeting held on 10th January 2025 were accepted and are available on the Trust website.

3. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

- The proposed theming of the concourses to recount the Clubs history continues to be developed together with preparation of tours and the training of guides. A selection of different offers are being prepared to suit the fan base.
- The bringing together of the Clubs and supporters memorabilia to mark BWFC 150th anniversary, which also coincides with 30th since the move from Burnden Park to the Toughsheet Stadium. BWITC are looking to support this initiative by applying for Heritage Lottery Funding. The Trust has been developing a similar idea, together with a project being promoted by the Youth Advisory Group.
- Ambassador Scheme to be resurrected over the summer with the view to being in place next season.
- The end of season memorial service to be confirmed in the next few weeks.
- AH advised there had been no response from the National Football Museum. AH will liaise with David Jack's family regarding the medal being displayed as part of the 150th Anniversary celebrations.



4. Possible re-location of the Trusts' Cabin

At the informal meeting with the Club last month PM had explained the Club are looking to increase the capacity of the Fan Zone, which would necessitate the expansion of the toilets in the area currently occupied by the Cabin. RF stated that some members of the Trust were concerned that movement of the Cabin could be detrimental to the footfall and there would be a risk of vandalism. MS was of the view that the proposed new location close to the steps up to the retail park would have a greater footfall. It was suggested the Cabin could have a wider use if re-located including ticket collection, meeting point for the Ambassadors etc. PM confirmed it would have an electric supply.

5. End of Season Awards

The Trust recorded their thanks to Phil Mason, Danny Scott and Harold Houghton, who with Board Director Alan Houghton, made up the section panel who chose the recipient of the Supporter of the Season Award from the nominations from the Fans.

6. Fans Forum

To encourage a wide range of fan engagement the Trust asked for questions for the Club to be emailed into the Trust. The questions and the Clubs response are recorded on the attached sheets.

7. Fund Raising Event

The Trust are looking into the possibility of having a Q&A with Steven Schumacher before the start of next season. It was discussed this could be a joint enterprise with BWITC.

8. Any Other Business

No other business was discussed

9. Next Meeting

10am on the 2nd of May 2025(Informal)
10am on the 6th of June 2025(Informal)
10am on the 4th of July 2025(Structured Dialogue)

