



BWFC Supporters Trust

Minutes

Subject: BWFC & BWFCST Quarterly Meeting No 19

Venue: The Bolton Stadium Hotel

Meeting Date: 10th of April 2026 @ 10.00am

Present:

BWFC: David Ray (DR), Paul Holliday (PH)
 BWFCST: Mike Smith (MS), Alan Houghton (AH), Pete Bond (PB)
 Jamie Adams-Mercer (JM), James Storey (JS) & Robin Fletcher (RF)

Apologies: Chris Angeulov(CA) Sue Higson (SH), Terence Rigby (TR),
 Paul Wood (PW), Ian Pegg (IP), Martin Parnell (MP),
 Shane Stopforth (SS)

Purpose of Meeting:

Action

The meeting is the nineteenth 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 9th of January 2026 were accepted and are available on the Club and Trust's websites.

3. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

- DR and RF took the stadium tour and noted there are opportunities on the route to display memorabilia. RF suggested having short videos of significant matches, current and past players etc. AH pointed out that the time would be very limited as it is a challenge as it stands to herd the participants through the tour in a timely manner.
- It was agreed that an inventory would be made of the Club's and Trust's memorabilia. **RF**
- The 150th anniversary of the Wanderers is to marked in the 2027/2028 season. PH advised a number of events are being planned, which will be announced as they come to fruition. It is hoped that the Octagon will put on a production to coincide with the anniversary.
- A visit to the Football Museum to ask them directly if they have an interest in displaying the David Jack 1923 medal. **AH/RF**



- It is suggested a pictorial record of the Wanderers' youngest team, which played Coventry in August 2019, could be placed on the timeline photographs on the link bridge from the East Stand. **PH**
- RF offered to prepare a pricing document to seek bids for the proposed memorial garden/talking bench. Confirmation to proceed is sought from the Operations Team at BWFC. **PH**
- As per the previous discussion regarding the atmosphere in the Family Stand, an action plan to be prepared including re-refreshing the concourse, signing sessions by players etc. **PH/SS/RF**
- DR confirmed a survey will be sent out to the fans to gauge their preferences for the Kiosk offers. **DR**
- MS confirmed the promotion of the Women's Team has progressed well with a strategy of sustainable growth. **DR**

4. Bus Service

The Club called a meeting with the Trust last month to discuss the challenges of the Match day bus service, which will have been run at a loss over this season. The Trust carried out an ad hoc survey of the bus patrons at the Doncaster game and issued their findings and recommendations. DR thanked the Trust for their considered views including the importance of offering a means of transport for those without the use of a private car and respecting that season tickets have been sold for next season in expectation of a bus service being provided. **DR**

5. Feedback from the 10th Anniversary Event

The event was very well attended and from all accounts enjoyed by all present. The Trust Board formally record their thanks to Steven Schumacher, Fergal Harkin, the Club's Executive, staff, the Women's Team, Jack Dearden and Ricardo Gardner. Thanks to the Club for providing the room and Dawson Pies for the catering the Event broke even.

6. Ricardo Gardner Jamaican Hurricane Fund

The Trust are taking the primary role in backing Ricardo to raise fund for the Jamaican Hurricane Fund and will be organizing planning meetings and the setting up of a Fund Bank Account in the next few weeks. **SH**

7. Supporter of the Season Award

RF requested a copy of the Nominations next Monday afternoon for distribution amongst the selection committee. **PH**

8. Any Other Business

- DR confirmed there is a SAG meeting next Monday. The Trust have attended these meetings in the past and requested an invite. DR responded that the meetings are called by Bolton Council and will request the Trust are issued with an invite from the Council in the future. **DR**
- PH confirmed that further training sessions for the Audio Description will be held in July. **PH**
- The promotion for the Stevenage match "Pay What You Want" Junior Ticket is first time effort to attract the younger fans to attend a game. The Trust request feedback as to how successful the promotion proves. **DR**
- Charlie Wright's memorabilia loaned to the Club by the Trust will be displayed as soon as an appropriate location is found. **PH**



- In a similar vein the Trust have been offered the loan of Keith Brannigan's play-off gloves. It is thought a dedicated display to the Rioch era including the Reading play off game, White Hot victory over Liverpool etc.
- PB requested a wider choice of bottled beer in the concourse kiosks including zero beer/Guinness.
- Pre-season tours will announced in the coming weeks.
- The Club will be releasing the 26/27 1st team shirts next month with the 2nd team shirts in June and the 3rd team shirts in July.
- DR announced a proposal to offer the supporters to opportunity to choose their preferred 1st and/or 2nd strips for the 27/28 season.
- The club reacted very quickly to the misunderstanding prior to the Stockport match with regard to the availability of disabled car parking spaces on the Lower Concourse. PH reiterated the apology issued to the DSA and offered assurance it would not reoccur.

10. Next Meeting

10am in the Inspire Board Room on

3rd of July 2026

2nd of October 2026

