



BWFC Supporters Trust

Minutes

Subject: BWFC & BWFCST Quarterly Meeting No 20

Venue: The Bolton Stadium Hotel

Meeting Date: 3rd of July 2026 @ 10.00am

Present:

BWFC: David Ray (DR)
BWFCST: Mike Smith (MS), Pete Bond (PB), Ian Pegg (IP), Sue Higson (SH),
Jamie Adams-Mercer (JM), James Storey (JS) & Robin Fletcher (RF)

Apologies: Paul Holliday(PH)

Purpose of Meeting:

Action

The meeting is the twentieth 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 of April 2026 were accepted and are available on the Club and Trust's websites.

3. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

- A number of matters arising from the previous meeting have been put under a general heading of memorabilia including the inventory, both of the Club's and trust artifacts, 1923 medal, Charlie Wright's and Keith Branigan's loans, Youngest Team Commemoration, 150th Anniversary etc. DR asked for a member of the Trust Board be proposed to join a working group including Simon Marland in his role as Club Historian. RF also mentioned he had been in touch with Bolton Museum regarding the preparation of an inventory and during that discussion the museum expressed an interest in displaying their collection of Wanderers' artifacts for the 150th Anniversary. Furthermore they have contacts with the Football Museum and can, if asked, enquire about the 1923 medal being put on display. RF will follow up on the above. **RF**
- A survey of the kiosk offer is to be launched in the next few weeks **DR**
- The Architect has been appointed to design the Memorial Garden including a Talking Bench. A proposal will be presented together with a budget costing for the Club's approval. At that time volunteers will be sought to execute appropriate parts of the work, together with possible sponsors.



- As per the previous discussion regarding the atmosphere in the Family Stand, an action plan to be prepared including re-freshing the concourse, signing sessions by players etc. DR confirmed his endorsement of this initiative. It was agreed the YAG should be asked to put forward their ideas. **DR/IP**
- RF confirmed he was pursuing the local councilors to arrange a meeting with TFGM to seek ways of improving the public transport on matchdays, which would also benefit the Arena and retailers on the Middlebrook, plus reduce the amount of street parking. DR advised that an announcement from the Club in the imminent future will address this very topic and confirm the matchday bus service for the next 12 months.
- The Trust will represent the supporters view point at the next weeks *Sports Ground Safety Meeting*.
- Audio Descriptive training is scheduled for this month.(post meeting note- the training is this weekend)
- The "Pay what you want" at the Stevenage game did not achieve the anticipated increase in the size of the crowd. It was acknowledged it was a mid-week evening match and not the most enticing of fixtures.
- The Trust are looking to have an event related to the Bruce Rioch era.
- The ground works for the Dome have been completed and the structure is due to arrive in the UK this month.

4. Jamaican Hurricane (Ricardo Gardner) Fund Charity Match

A Sub-committee made up of Trust Board directors have been working with Ricardo and his partner to organize a charity match. There are a number of hurdles to be overcome including the most tax efficient means of maximizing the amount being donated to the relief fund. The Trust greatly appreciates the help readily offered by the Club, particularly David Ray, Matt Hargreaves and Paul Holliday.

5. Parking Eye

A member of the Trust received a penalty notice from Parking Eye whilst attending the 10th anniversary event. The member reported the matter to the Club, who promptly instructed Parking Eye to cancel the notice. Notwithstanding Parking Eye continued to send emails to the member chasing payment. The Trust were asked by the member to speak with the Club, who once again confirmed the penalty notice had been cancelled. On the 18th of June 2026 a further letter was sent to the member demanding payment. The notice was cancelled by Parking Eye on the 19th of June. The member has found the experience stressful, which in the view of the Trust could have been avoided if Parking had not taken months to act on the Club's instructions. The Trust requests the Club passes on our concerns to the Executive of Parking Eye.

6. Fans' Forum

Questions asked by the fans have been answered on the spreadsheet, attached to the minutes.

7. Memorial Day

DR confirmed that the memorial day for fans who had died in the previous 12 months will be held at the first home game in January.

8. Any Other Business

- JS raised a concern that it has just been announced there has been an increase in the accessible Lower Concourse car park for next year and only 14 days' notice has been given to renew. As the full payment has to be made upfront it



only takes a few games to be missed for a disabled fan to be paying more per game for parking than an abled body fan. DR undertook to look into the merits of the increase and the payment terms.

DR

- DR confirmed that progress has been made with Emerson (Owner of the Middlebrook Retail Park) and Bolton Council over the installation of a ramp between the retail park and the stadium.

9. Next Meeting

10am in the Inspire Board Room on

2nd of October 2026

