BWFC Supporters Trust

Minutes

Subject: BWFC & BWFCST Quarterly Meeting No 21

Venue: The Bolton Stadium Hotel

Meeting Date: 2nd of October 2026 @ 10.00am

Present:

BWFC: David Ray (DR), Paul Holliday(PH) & Danny Scott(DS)
BWFCST: Martin Parnell (MP), Pete Bond (PB), Alan Houghton, Ian Pegg (IP), James Storey (JS) & Robin Fletcher (RF)

Apologies: Mike Smith (MS), Sue Higson(SH),Terence Rigby(TR) & Paul Wood(PW)

Purpose of Meeting: **Action**

The meeting is the twenty first 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 3rd of JULY 2026 were accepted and are available on the Club and Trust's websites.

3. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

- Simon Marland, the Club's Historian is to forward to RF a copy of the inventory he has in place for the memorabilia/artifacts held by the Club Artifacts in the Trust's possession plus the1923 medal, Charlie Wrights's and Keith Branigan's gloves currently on loans. If agreed by Bolton Museum their Wanderers' items will also be included. **RF**
  PH has been contacted by a fan who has a large collection of memorabilia and will arrange for RF to meet with the fan. **PH**
- The survey of the kiosk offer has been carried by the Club and the feedback is under consideration with the view of implementing a number of changes for next season; a couple of kiosks may be chosen for trials in the second half of this season. A view from a number of those present was zero alcohol beers/lager/stout should be made available.

- A design the Memorial Garden(MG) has been submitted to the Club by Neil Pike Architects. RF advised the scheme proposed had many merits but was probably cost four times the allocated budget. The Architect is to be remined to include for a 'Talking Bench'. A proposal as to how the MG can be paid for by the use of volunteers to execute appropriate parts of the work, sponsors together with possibility of it being self-funding by the sale of memorial plaques to be prepared. **RF**
- IP has asked for confirmation that the Talking Bench can be located on the hard surface adjacent to the Main Entrance and then located into the MG once it has been constructed. IP explained the Trust committed to delivering the bench many months ago for the Be One Homes initiative Manbassadors. It would be most unfortunate if it be placed elsewhere in the town due to the MG not being available. It was agreed that subject to approval from Operations Team the bench can be temporarily located and then moved permanently into the MG.
- As per the previous discussion regarding the atmosphere in the Family Stand, an action plan to be prepared including re-freshen the concourse, signing sessions by players etc. DR endorsed the initiative and going forward the Club will look to involve players from the Men's and Women's teams where football commitments allow to meet with the fans. YAG are to put forward their ideas for further improvements. **IP/AH**
- DS sent an email to RF with a response regarding the car parking charges for disabled supporters using the Lower Concourse car park. RF advised he does not appear to have received the email and requested it be sent again. **DS**

4. Jamaican Hurricane (Ricardo Gardner) Fund Charity Match

On behalf of SH (Project Leader of the fund raising committee) RF explained the reasons the weekend of the 24th/25th of July 2027 had been chosen and the progress made with setting up the UK Charity vehicle for the collection and distribution of funds.

5. Priority Points

The Trust have responded to a tentative proposal from DS to introduce a Priority Points scheme. DS will review and discuss within the Club on how to proceed. It was unanimously that, if it is the intention to go forward with a points system, the Club would consult with the wider fan base, for example through a fans' forum or survey, and would continue to engage with the Trust through the Structured Dialogue Meeting.
It was recognized there is an option to introduce a means for fan to collect points which is not directly linked to ticket sales but would offer discounts on the purchase of merchandise. **DS**

6. Fans' Forum

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

7. Martyn's Law

MP asked if the Club were up to speed on the introduction in the spring of 2027 of Martyn's law. DR confirmed the Club understand their role in preparing detailed vulnerability, mitigating risks and designation of a senior individual to oversee compliance. DR confirmed the Club, as an operator of a major venue, already complies with much of what is required.

8. Next Season Ticket Pricing Consultation

DR confirmed that consultation will take place in the forum of the Structured Dialogue Meeting on any proposals to amend the current ticket pricing for next season.

9. End of Season Dinner

The announcement of End of Season Dinner for 26/27 will be made in good time to allow fans to arrange their diaries. It was also acknowledged that improvements will be made to the sound system on the night.

10. Plastic Beer Mug Recycling

MP raised the absence of recycling of facilities in the Fan Zone. PH/DS were under the impression collection points were in place but will check . **PH/DS**

DR & MP had to leave the meeting at this point to attend to prior commitments.

11. Bird Dropping on Seats

It was agreed that the amount of bird droppings on seats in sections of the ground was both unpleasant and unhygienic. Whilst it is an unavoidable hazard in an open air arena particular attention will given to having the seats cleaned.

12.Any Other Business

a) RF requested a meeting with the Hotel Manager/Club to discuss discounts that can be offered to the fans. **PH**
b) The condition of the playing surface of the Women's pitch was discussed and it is understood remedial works are necessary immediately. RF advised that, following the Trust's Board Meeting last week, has offered assistance with the condition of the pitch at Daisy Hill. This is to be discussed further. **RF/DR**

13. Next Meeting

10am in the Inspire Board Room on the

8th of January 2027and thereafter on the
2nd of April 2027
2nd of July 2027
1st of October 2027