



BWFC Supporters' Trust

Minutes

Subject: BWFC & BWFCST Quarterly Meeting No 14

Venue: Toughsheet Community Stadium

Meeting Date: 10th January 2025 @ 10.00am

Present:

BWFC: Phil Mason (NH) & Danny Scott (DS)

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

YAG: Max Cartwright(MC) & Harry McCaffery (HC)

Apologies: Niaz Shazad(NS) Sue Higson (SH), Martin Parnell(MP)

Purpose of Meeting:

The meeting is the fourteenth 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 11th October 2024 were accepted and are available on the Trust website.

3. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

PM advised the external signage for the Changing Place Toilet been completed.

PM also advised the rectification of the accessibility issues in the Fan Zone has been rectified.

The proposed themed memorabilia on the concourse is to be progressed.

AH, with the support of Trust member Mike Gething, is to meet with PM, and hopefully Simon Marland, to catalogue the memorabilia held by the Club.



The introduction of the Ambassador Scheme has been held up pending receiving the necessary Disclosure and Baring Service (DBS) check. To be resurrected for next season.

PM confirmed the memorial to fans will be held at the end of the season.

Further discussions to had between the Club and the Trust on how ring fenced funds could be raised for ongoing maintenance of the stadium.

There has no response from the National Football Museum to the offer to lend the David Jack 1923 FA Cup medal for display. AH will continue to seek their reply and in conjunction with Mike Gethin enquire if Bolton Museum have an interest.

4. Season Tickets

DS instigated a discussion on the what expectation the supporters have regarding ticket prices, packages etc. for next season. It was acknowledged that the mood is determined by the success or otherwise on the field. It was also recognised the Club is not exempt from inflation. The greater the income of the Club enhances the opportunities to attract the better players. BWFC compare favourably against other clubs in League 1.

DS was asked if Early Bird, Flexible Tickets, Ticket Exchange etc will be on offer and it was confirmed the Club would continue to make it as easy as possible for supporters to attend matches.

MC & HMcC left the meeting at the end of the discussion. Both of them were thanked for their constructive and well informed contribution to the discussion.

5. External Diversity Advisory Group

RF has received communication that there is an EFL mandatory requirement for Clubs to appoint an External Diversity Group. IP will investigate if this be the case.

6. Meeting with Bolton Council/GMP

PW will be the Supporters representative at regular meetings with the Council. GMP, Club & local residents, generally to be held on a Monday at 7pm.

7. Fan Engagement Initiatives

The Trust propose to investigate the possibilities of Fan Engagement initiatives, including competitions, Fan Zone Food Bank etc. The Trust would seek to involve the Youth Advisory Group, BWFCiTC and possibly the Junior Whites.



8. End of the Season Award

The Trust are intending to sponsor the Supporter of the Season Award, in conjunction with the Trafford Centre. The Trust and the Club will establish precisely the procedure for Nomination and selection.

9. Any Other Business

The Club and the Trust will be represented at the funeral of Ruth Crawshaw. IP will enquire if the Disabled Supporters Association will also be represented. Ruth had been the richly deserved winner of the Trust Sponsored Life Time Achievement Award in 2024. Her support will be greatly missed.

10. Next Meeting

10am on the 4th of April 2025.

