

Carlisle United Supporters Club London Branch

Minutes of Meeting held via Zoom on 17th July 2025

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Dave Brown (Chair), John Bowman, Andy Hall, Terry McCarthy, Peter Smithson, Simon Clarkson, Ken Hullock, Anna Jensen, Graeme Harker. Shay Jensen also joined in the meeting.

Apologies: Steve Batey.

1. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

i. Matters Arising

i. May meeting minutes were approved.

ii. Record of committee decisions made via WhatsApp or E-mail since last meeting:

1. Sponsorship of Jack Ellis renewed
2. Zoom Q&A with Tom Piatak on July 24th going ahead and on agenda

ii. May action notes reviewed.

1. **AH** informed the meeting that first interview would be with Liam Noble

2. REPORTS

Only officer reports from Chair and Membership secretary . **PS** highlighted that membership continued to increase with a total membership now at 385 with 298 full members.

3. AGENDA ITEMS

i. Matchday

TM had spoken to Lucy, ticket office manager, and she'd been finding it difficult to communicate with National League clubs regarding Carlisle's wish to sell tickets to Carlisle supporters for away matches. The problem is that a number of clubs want to sell all tickets online and quite a lot have a limited capacity for away fans and demand is likely to exceed supply.

There was a full discussion about the likely availability of tickets for matches and how these should be prioritised.

The London Branch weekend in Carlisle was suggested by **TM** for November with Eastleigh on the 15th provisionally agreed.

SC provided information about Sutton CC where the branch will meet prior to the match away to Sutton United. There will be a cricket match ongoing starting at 11.30 which will limit the catering we may want and for which we have to engage the caterers separately ourselves.

SC pointed out that away fan accommodation at Sutton was now all terracing. If anyone needs to sit then they can be accommodated in the home stand.

Agreed: TM to send out communication to branch members at the beginning of each month. There will be a deadline for ticket requests to be received by the Thursday 9 days before the match is played on a Saturday. Where there is going to be a limited supply of tickets **TM** will make it clear that tickets can only be ordered for branch members.

It was agreed that the meeting place for ticket distribution in Woking would be The Sovereigns.

MC will be asked to check pub availability for Wealdstone.

At home to Eastleigh on 15th November provisionally agreed as LB game. This to be confirmed (**TM**).

SC to contact caterers for Sutton CC with a view to providing food for a minimum of 30 people. **SC** to ask Sutton CC to open bar at 12.00.

ii. Q&A with Tom Piatak

The Q&A will take place at 7.30pm on 24th July. DB reported that 16 members had confirmed so far. Committee members were asked by **DB** to put in a couple of questions to John and Simon.

Agreed: Questions for Tom to be submitted in advance or, at the event submitted via the chat button. SC said he'd like someone to be co-host and **AH** volunteered.

iii. South East Away match guide

JB said there was a branch document provided guidance on what the branch priorities for funding are and, in light of the new Piatak ownership of the Club, needed to be reviewed.

It was pointed out that the Club do not pay for the Ladies team playing kit. DB suggested that there should be a question for CUSG and for the Q&A about support for the Ladies team.

Agreed: Questions to be put to CUSG and Tom Piatak at the Q&A about support for the Ladies team.

iv. Recruitment

There were no volunteers at the meeting to wear a high viz jacket for recruitment including putting out flyers at away matches. KH suggested that in the past branch polo shirts had provided good identification of branch members but that none had been produced for over 10 years. KH and other committee members were asked by DB to come up with ideas for polo shirt or other merchandise.

Agreed: All to bring ideas on committee WhatsApp or to next meeting for polo shirt or other merchandise.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i. Date of next meeting:

August 7th.

ii. Any other business

Hit the Bar

Agreed: 50 copies of next edition to be sent to DB and KH and 50 for club shop .

Podcast

AH asked if there was a free podcast channel the branch could use. **Shay** said he'd investigate.

Branch bank cards

SC asked what the new address was for the branch bank card now that Andrew Dobinson was no longer Treasurer. DB said AD had this covered so it would be sorted soon.