

Carlisle United Supporters Club London Branch

Minutes of Meeting held via Zoom on 5th March 2026

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Dave Brown (Chair), John Bowman, , Simon Clarkson, Ken Hullock Steve Batey, Anna Jensen, Terry McCarthy,

Apologies: Peter Smithson, Andy Hall, Graeme Harker

1. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

i. Matters Arising

i. February meeting minutes were approved.

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

Confirmed by SC that branch committing £500 to Heritage Group
AH liaised with Jon Colman re. piece he was doing in N&S on Heritage Group funding.

Alex Armour's effort chosen for Academy GOTM.

ii. February action notes reviewed

Polo shirts – GH back to deal with this

Hit the Bar! – Item on CUSG to be in next edition.

Charity bike ride – DB to email members near the route

Sponsorship – First time visitor scheme – SC said CUFC wanted to get an idea of numbers and so far they estimated about 150-200, but a spike in numbers expected for Southend game. SC said he had to speak with Kerry Jardine and that he'd come back to our next meeting with a proposal including coast for this season and a plan for next season.

Academy GOTM – DB to speak to Danny Grainger re. February winner.

Agreed: DB to speak to Danny Grainger re. February GOTM winner

SC to speak to Kerry Jardine and report to next meeting with proposal for going forward on 1st time visitor scheme.

2. REPORTS

i. Reports noted

3. AGENDA ITEMS

i. Matchday

TM said ticketing and meeting places for Aldershot, Tamworth and Braintree were sorted. He said he'd have to clarify the ticketing arrangements for Halifax with Lucy in the Ticket Office as Halifax have indicated it will be pay on the day at the stadium.

Problems with the trains and the time taken to travel were noted as issues for Braintree and that car-share was an option.

TM reported that Suzanne Kidd had said that, were Carlisle to make the play-off final, the club would be able to sell tickets for Wembley like they do for a normal home game. TM informed the meeting that he would be away for, and therefore miss, the last 3 matches of the season.

Agreed: TM to speak to Lucy regarding Halifax away and ticketing for a potential play-off final.

ii. Matchday Organiser

No suggestions for replacement

iii. End of Season Awards

SC reported that there would be an Club Awards Dinner on Sunday 26th April after the last home game, and it was likely to be at the Halston. DB said shortlists of candidates for the LB Player of the Season and Champagne Moment were needed and that the vote should be concluded by 19th April (time needed for engraving to be checked). KH said he would draw up shortlists to be agreed at next meeting and would organise voting. Draft shortlist to be put out to committee members on WhatsApp. **SC** to deal with the logistics of presenting the awards.

Agreed: KH to draw up shortlists for both awards to be agreed at next committee meeting and to organise voting. Vote to be publicised with link to voting form in vHTB (**AH**) and by a separate email.

SC to organise presentations.

iv. AGM

Carlisle MP Julie Minns will host the LB AGM on Thursday 25th June from 6.30 to 8.00pm in the Jubilee room at the Houses of Parliament.

Agreed: KH to liaise with DB regarding the arrangements, notice, papers, etc.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i. Date of next meeting:

Wednesday April 1st 2026

ii. Season Tickets

Agreed: That 2 be bought for next season.

iii. Electronic pitch side advertising

DB informed the meeting that the branch could have an advert on the pitchside, at a cost of £100, at the Southend match.

Agreed: That the branch put forward 'Exiled Blues – Join the London Branch – google CUSCLB' as it's pitchside advert.

iv. Ballot for tickets to Truro match

A ballot was held of all those branch members that applied for tickets to the match against Truro. A few season tickets are available to be used to obtain tickets. Those unlucky members drawn below the number of tickets are in rank order for cancellations or additional tickets that might be obtained by TM.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.