

Carlisle United Supporters Club London Branch

Minutes of Meeting held via Zoom on 7th May 2026

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Dave Brown (Chair), John Bowman, Simon Clarkson, Andy Hall, Steve Batey, Terry McCarthy

Apologies: Anna Jensen, Peter Smithson, Ken Hullock

1. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

i. Matters Arising

i. April meeting minutes were approved.

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

Contributions towards Carlisle shirt for Joseph Scott agreed.

End of season awards vote sorted by AH

Details of Truro or Bust sponsored cycle itinerary posted.

Wording for End of Season awards agreed and implemented and presentation coordinated.

Image of Academy medal posted by AH and wording agreed.

Attendance for 4 branch members at Fans Forum organized

ii. April action notes

Agreed:

Sponsorship of jackets for Academy will start in September 2026. This will be for £1,750 as agreed at April meeting.

AH will talk to Tracey Gannon over the summer regarding support for CUFC Ladies in season 26/27

2. REPORTS

Reports noted

3. AGENDA ITEMS

i. Matchday

The first match of the National League season will be on August 8th. TM confirmed that he and Mike Carruthers will share the Match Day Organiser role for 26/27. TM expects that as this season, away tickets will often only be available via the home club ticketing platform. Where tickets are given to CUFC for sale, we expect the current priority allocation to continue; i.e. Day 1 = Season Ticket holders, Day 2 = affiliated groups (including CUFCCLB) Day 3 = general sale. The key task for the MDO is to liaise with CUFC ticket office to provide members with

details of the arrangements for each match asap, using our various social media. In addition we aim to continue to provide Away Day information for members, including details of the ground, how to get there and the designated meeting pub. AJ/AH provided this in 25/26.

Agreed:

DB will discuss the collation and preparation of the Away Day information for 26/27 with AJ.

JB to support **AJ/AH** when needed and to review the information we already have from 25/26 to identify what updates and changes are needed.

ii. Hit the Bar! 342

Agreed:

Copy deadline is May 30th. **JB** to share this date via emails and WhatsApp.

iii. AGM

DB reported that the confirmed attendees mean we will meet the AGM quorum. **KH** will circulate formal notice (2 weeks prior to AGM) and agenda papers to all members via Mailchimp.

Agreed:

KH to send 2025 AGM report pack to committee members to facilitate drafting their 2026 report which KH needs by June 11th latest.

DB to check required attendee arrival times with Julie Minns team in the light of likely security checks etc.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Agreed:

i. **DB** to send a CUFC pen and accompanying note of thanks to **Nigel Clibbens**.

ii. **SC** to buy 2 **Season Tickets for 26/27**. First use of a ticket that season will be free to the member using it. DB to contact Linda M to check she is able to oversee the tickets in 26/27 and is clear on the process for 'banking' tickets and has the up to date rules for allocating tickets.

iii. **SC** to ask if CUFC ticket office would welcome help from branch members in collating and mailing Season Tickets as we did last year.

iv. **Action DB/SC**: As a result of our **sponsorship of Jack Ellis** in 25/26, we have a signed home and away shirt. Agreed that the away shirt will be a prize at the AGM and the home shirt will be a 40 Club prize.

v. SC reported that the **First Time Visitor scheme** had 225 recipients in 25/26. This means that agreed branch sponsorship totals £1, 600 + VAT. **SC/SB** to make payment to CUFC.

Agreed: In principle support for the FTV scheme for 26/27 with an initial cap of 200 recipients. **SC** to discuss details with CUFC, including improved media coverage, a more prominent branch logo on the tote bag and the inclusion of a flyer with information about the branch.

vi. Date of next meeting:

NO JUNE MEETING. The date of next meeting is July 2nd, subject to change depending on England World Cup dates.

The meeting closed at 8.454pm.