

Carlisle United Supporters Club London Branch

Minutes of Meeting held via Zoom on 8th January 2026

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

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

Apologies: Peter Smithson, Simon Clarkson, Graeme Harker, Amanda Caddy

1. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

i. Matters Arising

i. December meeting minutes were approved.

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

1. Academy Goal of the Month chosen.

ii. December action notes reviewed

DB has booked CSC for televised games against York and Scunthorpe.

SC has process in place for Academy Goal of the Month.

Problem with contact at Carlisle Glass not responding. **DB** said he'd speak to SC and pass on contact name to AH who will then chase up.

SB handed out mince pies and hats to supporters at BW, which was well received.

Agreed: **AH** to publicise the following televised matches at CSC as available for all CUFC fans:

Carlisle v York Wednesday 21st Jan.

Carlisle v Scunthorpe Tuesday 10th Feb.

DB to get contact name from SC to pass on to **AH** who will chase up

2. REPORTS

i. It was decided that the Rochdale match on 7th February would be the game to target for the next Hit the Bar, which means a copy deadline of 31st January. In the absence of usual attendees from London area to sell HtB's at Rochdale, it was agreed that copies be sent to SC for sale/distribution by those travelling from Carlisle.

ii. AH reported on progress with the Paul Simpson autobiography and that he'd still be willing to do an online Q&A with the branch. When this could be done would depend upon the publisher.

Agreed: **JB** to seek contributions to HtB by 31st January and to organise the sending of an appropriate number of copies of HtB to SC.

3. AGENDA ITEMS

i. Matchday

Apart from Rochdale, away match tickets (up to and including Forest Green on 14th Feb.) are available from the home club only and details about how to purchase these have been provided to members by TM. Rochdale, because they are playing home matches at Accrington temporarily, will not commit to the sale of tickets before they are sure where the match will be played.

ii. Polo Shirts

JB presented proposals developed by GH for the supply and sale of polo shirts and potential other items to mark the 50th anniversary, using the company Overrock. These would be self-ordered by those who wanted them and it would be a blue polo shirt with the branch logo and 'Founded 1974' below.

There could be options to purchase different types of shirts and AJ requested that Ladies' fits should also be included.

AH agreed that the Branch website will promote the sale of shirts and suggested that it could include images taken from the seller Overrock's site but that there should be no responsibility on us for selling.

It was suggested that there was a need for sales data and Overrock should be asked if they ship internationally.

Agreed: JB to request a sample shirt for committee members to assess and check out if they will do Ladies' fits and if they ship internationally, then circulate the information

iii. Travel

DB pointed out that there were a few games coming up where travel could be organized from London. KH agreed to organize travel from London to Aldershot.

Forest Green away on 14th February presented particular problems being a 5.30 pm ko. AJ highlighted the 8.34 pm train from Stroud as the best option for returning. AJ had earlier offered the possibility of lifts from Nailsworth to Stroud.

TM said it was likely that a few season tickets from branch members in Carlisle would be available to allocate tickets to other members for the match at Truro on April 18th.

Agreed: KH to organize travel from London

iv. Academy Goal of the Month

To be added to February's meeting agenda.

v. CUSG

JB said he was happy to join the next few meetings of CUSG on behalf of the branch. He would like to know from branch members what issues to raise. He said he'd circulate the CUSG constitution pointing out that it is an opportunity to put views or questions to the club.

Agreed: JB to put something in next HtB about CUSG and circulate the CUSG constitution.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i. Date of next meeting:

February 5th 2026