Carlisle United Supporters Club London Branch

Minutes of Meeting held via Zoom on 1st April 2026

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

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

Apologies: Simon Clarkson, Anna Jensen

1. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

i. **Matters Arising**

i. March meeting minutes were approved.

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

AH posted proposed pitch-side electronic advert for London Branch.
SC posted details of Truro or Bust cycle route
Alex Armour chosen again as scorer of Academy GOTM, this time for March.
SC requested advert for mascot opportunity in vHTB
Shortlists for LB End of Season Awards posted by KH
JB reported that Suzanne Kidd had said there would be no End of Season Awards dinner this year.

ii. March action notes reviewed

Goal of the Month – AH ready to go with lanyards & medals but needs to know what to inscribe, etc. SC to liaise with AH.

Hit the Bar! – Item on CUSG held back because of uncertainty after Nigel Clibbens left.

Sponsorship – First time supporter scheme –CUFC likely to come back to us next season.

Agreed: **SC** to liaise with AH about process for producing medals/lanyards.

2. REPORTS

i. Reports noted

3. AGENDA ITEMS

<u>i. Matchday</u>

Truro – If any additional tickets become available TM will let branch members know.

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

TM said that if we made the final at Wembley there wouldn't be enough time to post out tickets. He will email members before the semi-final if we are in it. TM will be back from vacation on 27th April.

Agreed: TM to let branch members know if additional tickets for Truro available.
TM to email members before the semi-final if necessary.
DM to get in touch with Stonegate re. the availability of The George in Harrow

ii. End of Season Awards

KH had drawn up shortlists for both awards and had posted these on WhatsApp for comment. It was suggested that the Player of the Season shortlist was too long and it was agreed to cut this down to 4 players: Linney, Armstrong, Gilliead and Feeney. The Champagne Moment shortlist was agreed as Linney 3rd goal at home to Truro, Linney 3rd goal at Reading and Ajiboye 3rd goal at Forest Green.

Agreed: KH to reduce shortlist for Player of the Season to 4 players as per above.
AH to send out separate email with link to voting form on Tuesday 7th April.
SC to be asked to arrange presentations before final home games.
AH to liaise with Mike Carruthers about engraving the trophies.
Branch members who will be attending the match to be approached by **DB** about making the presentation

iii. AGM

DB said that there were now 5 committee members attending, plus a maybe from Amanda. .

iv. Sponsorship

Danny Grainger wants funding for jackets and other kit for Academy players.
AH will also speak to Tracey Gannon this summer about sponsoring women's team kit.
Agreed: Branch to donate £1750 for Academy players' jackets.

v. Truro or Bust sponsored cycle ride

DB reported that a few branch members will greet the riders at various places along the route.
Agreed: that the branch donate £250 to cover expenses for the riders' first night stay in Truro.
DB also to send a piece for AH to put in vHTB.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i. Date of next meeting:

Thursday May 7th 2026

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.