

Carlisle United Supporters Club London Branch

Minutes of Meeting held via Zoom on 2nd October 2025

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Dave Brown (Chair), John Bowman, Andy Hall, Terry McCarthy, Peter Smithson, Simon Clarkson, Anna Jensen

Apologies: Ken Hullock, Graeme Harker, Amanda Caddy, Steve Batey

1. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

i. Matters Arising

i. September meeting minutes were approved.

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

1. AH proposal for CUFC Ladies team sponsorship agreed.

2. Agreed £100 donation to "Walk for Wilkesy".

ii. September action notes reviewed

AJ reported problems relating to receiving mail via the 'committee@' email address. **DB/KH** to investigate and resolve.

2. REPORTS

Hit the Bar - **JB** to include article about 'groundhopper' John Stancombe, with pics from CUFC media team and a tribute to Geoff Thomlinson with copy from **SC and AH**.

Membership- **PS** reported that current membership is 376. Noting that renewals have slowed, Agreed that **DB** (Scott Gorrod, Richard McConnell, Liam McHugh, Josh Matthews), **PS and SC** (Alex McGeorge), **Craig Milne** (Mary Blaylock, Raymond Blaylock, Victoria Garnes) and **Mike Carruthers** (Robert Calvert re Ben Calvert and Levi Calvert) will make a final contact with those listed here, who are known to them.

40 Club – HTB 338 will feature the reports from winners about their prize experiences at recent matches as supplied to JB by SC. This will include encouragement to join the 40 club and how to do so.

CSC Matches – **DB** stated that the 1st Oct match room was cancelled at the last minute as there were no one attending and we had received a £60 late cancellation fee. He asked that regular attendees advise him in advance if they would be unable to attend future games to enable early cancellation. **SC** suggested that we may be trying to put on too many games. **DB** to review and change if needed future bookings, advise all and especially **AH/AJ** with revised schedule.

3. AGENDA ITEMS

i. Matchday

Scunthorpe: 5 tickets ordered via TM. Distribution at 'Old Farmhouse' pub.

Yeovil: Ticket deadline was 2/10. Distribution pub to be identified by TM/MC and announced via VHTB.

Southend: DB will distribute tickets. Distribution pub to be identified by TM/MC and announced via VHTB

ii. Merchandise

In GH absence this was deferred to the November meeting. **DB** stated that his view is that the urgent priority is to have a polo shirt available in November 2025, which is our 50th anniversary. This should use the '50 years' logo created by AH earlier this year. This was agreed by those present. **DB to talk to GH.**

iii. Social

Deferred as AC was absent. **DB to talk to AC.**

iv. Memory Garden Funding Proposal

SC had circulated information prior to the meeting which explained that the planned memorial for former players requires a total of £5000 to pay for the manufacture of the memorial feature, which has been designed by University of Cumbria students. CUFC is seeking £2000 in donations from the supporter groups and the wider fanbase. **Following discussion it was agreed in principle to allocate £500 as a contribution to the £2000.** SC to report progress to the November meeting.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i. Date of next meeting:

November 6th.

ii. Any other business

Summer Trip 2026.

DB announced that the vote on a shortlist of Belfast, Copenhagen and Munich has taken place. 56 members voted and the chosen venue will be Copenhagen. Trip will take place in the first weekend of June 2026. 40-50 people have already indicated that they plan to sign up.

Geoff Thomlinson

It was agreed that the branch should send flowers to the family of Geoff Thomlinson. **AH** offered to organise this and a budget of £50 was agreed.

iii. 40 Club Draw.

As KH was not present, the draw did not take place. This will take place and be communicated over the next few days.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.