

Carlisle United Supporters Club London Branch

Minutes of Meeting held via Zoom on 5th February 2026

Meeting opened at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Dave Brown (Chair), John Bowman, Andy Hall, Peter Smithson, Simon Clarkson, Ken Hullock

Apologies:, Graeme Harker, Amanda Caddy, Steve Batey, Anna Jensen, Terry McCarthy

1. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

i. Matters Arising

i. January meeting minutes were approved.

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

Kai Muldoon's second goal chosen as Academy Goal of the Month.

Agreed to support charity bike ride from Carlisle to Truro

AH posted options for Goal of the Month trophy.

ii. January action notes reviewed

Polo shirts – currently looking for online shop. DB said there was no urgency and now looking to have something in place for next season

Hit the Bar! – February edition to be ready for Forest Green match. JB to send additional copies to SC.

Sponsorship – First time visitor scheme – SC to speak to Nigel Clibbens re. doing something for Southend home match.

Academy GOTM – SC said process was well in place. Trophy/medals will add value.

Agreed: SC to speak to Nigel Clibbens re. LB contribution to Southend match. (see item under AOB below for further discussion on Southend match)

2. REPORTS

i. Reported that branch season tickets had been used only 10 times this season.

ii. It was open to other committee members to join the branch representative at CUSG meetings.

iii. DB highlighted upcoming games for viewing in CSC and to publicise in vHTB

Agreed: DB to send details for viewing Forest Green game in the CSC to AH.

3. AGENDA ITEMS

i. Matchday Organiser

In light of TM's decision to resign from the role of Matchday Organiser at the end of the season, all committee members to consider if they come up with suggestions as to who can take over. SC suggested that there are automated systems available, such as those used by the Trust and South Cumbria branch, that would make the role easier and reduce the workload. He also pointed out that should we get back in the EFL, most clubs want to retain control over the sale of away tickets. It was also pointed out that such applications were easily available such as Microsoft Forms, Google Forms and Mailchimp which have been and still are used by the LB.

Agreed: DB will speak to TM and report back

ii. Academy Goal of the Month Award

AH highlighted the options for the award. The preferred option was an engraved medal and that the lanyards would have the branch logo on it. There would also be a Goal of the Season Trophy

Agreed: That the Goal of the month award would be an engraved medal and 50 lanyards would be purchased by AH.

iii. Heritage Group Funding Request

SC explained that the request was for £1000 to cover day to day costs including potential memorabilia acquisitions. It is basically a contingency fund.

AH suggested that other supporters' groups, especially the Trust, should be asked if they would like to also contribute

Agreed: SC to email other supporters' groups to see if they wished to contribute. LB to contribute up to £1,000 depending upon other contributions.

iv. Charity Bike Ride

SC said the proposed bike ride from Brunton Park to Truro was to raise money for MND and Cancer Research. Truro City FC were fully onboard. Once the detailed route was known branch members living close to the route may wish to help out in some capacity. The riders will be leaving BP on 11th April.

DB said he could email those members in the areas to be passed through. Need to identify members in those areas.

Agreed: PS to identify members in areas passed through and DB to email them.

v. Membership

Agreed: Any new members signed up for the rest of the year to July will get 26/27 year as well

vi. AGM

DB suggested that it was time we did Houses of Parliament again. This would mean it would have to be 25th June or 2nd July.

Agreed: DB to write to Carlisle MP Julie Minns.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

i. Date of next meeting:

March 5th 2026

ii. End of Season Awards

MC had reported that, despite having already purchased usual award trophies last year, we would still be charged £30 for engraving which had previously been included in the price of the trophies. AH said he could get prices from the trophy providers he'd used for the Academy awards.

It's likely that trophies would have to be ready to be presented at the last match of the season.

Agreed: AH to get engraving prices for end of season awards from trophy supplier

iii. Southend home match

SC suggested, that we could donate match tickets to the University of Cumbria and, if possible, include a player appearance to present them.

Agreed: SC to meet with people at University of Cumbria and organise for 50 tickets to be passed on.