BFCISA Meeting Notes
Monday 5 October 2026

Apologies: Sue Graham, David Thompson, Chris Wells, Chris Johnson

Participants: Oliver Norris, Graham Fox, Joe Redmond, John Robertson, Simon Jackson

Meeting started: 7.30pm
Meeting ended: 8.30pm

Notes From The Last Meeting (21 September 2026):
The meeting notes were approved for upload to the BFCISA website.

Membership:
There are currently 489 members. Of those recent members who responded to Oliver's emailed enquiry as to what persuaded them to join BFCISA, many cited concerns over the long-term future of Burnley Football Club (BFC).

Finances:
The latest payment from Stripe was received on 1st October, as scheduled, increasing the bank balance by £347.43 to £3,621.85. This increment reflects the appreciable recent growth in membership.

Graham informed that, with the kind assistance of Alister Leaver, he now had access to Stripe (the system that collects payments through Membermojo and transfers funds into the BFCISA bank account). Further, Graham has replaced Alister as the nominated Primary User for the bank account. Sue also has online banking access.

Utilising Members' Talents:
The Committee discussed ways it might utilise the skills, experience, and subject knowledge of members. There was agreement in principle that it is entirely valid for non-committee members to engage in BFCISA initiatives and activities under the direction of an appointed committee member.

Chair's Update - Call With Russell Ball:
Simon shared his recollection of the recent phone call with BFC's Director of Fan Experience. Mr Ball holds the opinion that the current BFC Fan Advisory Board (FAB) is entirely consistent with Premier League rules and has the tacit approval of the Independent Financial Regulator (IFR). On behalf of BFCISA, Simon reiterated to Mr Ball that BFCISA regards the current FAB membership as a collection of club-appointed members, not a democratically elected body of supporter representatives.

Mr Ball kindly offered to meet again, in person, with BFCISA representatives and suggested the respective parties work to schedule a meeting date prior to Christmas. This was agreed to.

The Football Supporters Association (FSA) and The Independent Financial Regulator:
Oliver updated committee members on recent dialogue with each of the FSA and IFR. BFCISA has formed good relationships with representatives within both organisations. Recent calls have provided valuable insight into what each body regards as 'good' and 'bad' practices within football clubs.

BFCISA Strategic Goals:
Immediately prior to this meeting, Simon shared with committee members a draft document summarising a strategic approach for the next year. Until agreed by the Committee, this document is not to be circulated to members, or beyond. This topic will be included on the agenda of the next meeting. Committee members are asked to read the document and discuss at the next meeting.

Informative IFR Articles:
There was agreement to publish to members a short series of articles on the working of the IFR, and its possible impact on football clubs. The articles should be informative, but concise. A weekly release on a Friday over the course of 4 or 5 weeks was suggested.

Indemnity Insurance:
The matter of appropriate insurance cover for the BFCISA entity, and it's individual committee members was again discussed. Graham has obtained an indicative price quote. It would be helpful to gain insight from the FSA on what cover other ISAs have in place.

Member Survey:
The Chair recorded his thanks to John and David, for their respective contributions in summarising the findings from the latest Member Survey. It will, of course, be a key reference in determining the priorities for BFCISA in the coming year.

It was agreed that a courtesy copy by sent to Russell Ball, as previously agreed in the face-to-face meeting attended by BFCISA committee members.

Any Other Business:
1. BFCISA website – there are currently hosting issues preventing access to the site, together with another prominent website. Such issues appear to be more regular and more severe, which is concerning
2. Planning for, and the administrative management of, the next face-to-face meeting with BFC officials

Next Meeting:
Monday 19 October 2026 at 7.30pm via Zoom
David's unavailability is noted