

BFCISA Committee Meeting

Notes from Monday 21 September 2026

Apologies: none

Participants: Chris Wells, Oliver Norris, Graham Fox, Sue Graham, David Thompson, Joe Redmond, Simon Jackson, John Robertson, Chris Johnson

Meeting started: 7.30pm

Meeting closed: 9.00pm

The Chair, Simon, noted the resignations of James McDonough, Alister Leaver and Martyn Biddulph. Each was thanked *in absentia* for their contributions.

The Committee will function with the remaining 9 elected members for the time being.

It was agreed that Graham takes on the role of the Primary User for the bank account, plus the administration of Stripe previously the responsibility of Alister. Graham is to arrange a handover with Alister.

It was further noted that BFCISA previously had 3 committee members with access to the bank account, but it was agreed to continue, for now at least, with 2 having that capability.

Notes From The Last Meeting (7 September 2026):

The notes were approved for upload to the BFCISA website by the Committee.

Membership

Oliver reported that 53 new members had joined within the last 5 days, taking total membership to 485.

When thanking new members for their subscription, the BFCISA email response invites members to offer an insight into what prompted their subscription. This is to understand what is driving their decision to join BFCISA. Oliver is collating responses and will share a summarised analysis with committee members.

Finances

The bank balance is unchanged at £3,274.42. Proceeds from recent new subscriptions are expected soon via Stripe.

Action Log

The responsibility upon committee members to update the Action Log was noted. It was agreed not to review the log within this particular meeting.

Member Survey

Ahead of the meeting, John had circulated to committee members an analysis of the recent Member Survey. The working titles for the 4 key priorities being:

1. Supporter voice and communications
2. Club identity (including heritage and branding)
3. Match day experience and facilities
4. Ticketing and access

David has drafted a short summary for inclusion within the next BFCISA newsletter.

It was noted that, within the last meeting with BFC club officials plus Paul Kidd (FAB Co-Chair), it was agreed that a summary of the Member Survey be provided to Russell Ball (Director of Fan Experience). Simon to action this.

BFCISA Strategic Goals

There was an earnest and lengthy discussion on the goals of the organisation and how best to deliver them. It was unanimously agreed that this is a critical and urgent piece of work for BFCISA. Central to this is clarifying what “independent” means in this context, and how BFCISA differs from, for example, the Fan Advisory Board (FAB) and Clarets Trust.

Simon undertook to prepare a summary document which will be shared with committee members first, before making available via the BFCISA website and monthly newsletter.

It was recognised as strategically important to actively and routinely engage with the organisations including the Football Supporters’ Association (FSA) and the Independent Football Regulator (IFR) to better understand what is regarded as best practice in football governance, football-related issues affecting supporters and to utilise available resources.

Newsletter

There was a discussion on preparations for the next BFCISA members’ newsletter

Any Other Business

1. Indemnity insurance for BFCISA as an entity, plus individual committee members, was discussed. Oliver to seek guidance from the FSA and provide Graham with a relevant EFL network contact.
2. BFCISA would like to receive more feedback from female members, including about match day experiences. There was a brief discussion on how this may be achieved.
3. The requirement to keep up to date with the BFCISA email Inboxes was noted, especially in maintaining a timely response to messages from members.

Next Meeting

Monday 5 October 2026 at 7.30pm via Zoom

Sue’s unavailability is noted