BFCISA Meeting Notes
Monday 19 October 2026

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

Meeting started: 7.30pm
Meeting ended: 9.00pm

Notes From The Last Meeting (5 October 2026):
The meeting notes were approved for upload to the BFCISA website.

Membership:
5 new members have joined since the last meeting, taking the current total membership to 494.

Finances:
The bank balance is unchanged at £3,621.85, with proceeds from new memberships due to be received on 1st November.

Next Meeting With Burnley Football Club (BFC):
As previously noted, Russell Ball had previously expressed a willingness to again meet with BFCISA representatives "before Christmas". However, committee members agreed that a meeting should be sought to take place as soon as is feasible for both parties. Simon is to contact Mr Ball to agree a date.

In the meantime, committee members will collate a list of matters to raise in the meeting. The BFCISA membership is to be invited to put forward concerns and questions ahead of the meeting. In addition, a miniseries of weekly communications will be circulated to members to fit around the monthly newsletters to inform members on The Football Supporters' Association (FSA), the Independent Football Regulator (IFR), and their respective views on what constitutes good practice in football fan engagement.

It was acknowledged that it would be advantageous to agree with the Club a meeting schedule.

Known Member Communication Issue:
One member is not receiving email communications from BFCISA. Whilst the reasoning is understood, and the outcome that has resulted is wholly unintentional, this issue must soon be fully resolved to the satisfaction of both parties. Simon is to contact the member to progress resolution.

The Football Supporters Association:
BFCISA was delighted to be joined by a representative of the FSA, who kindly updated participants on the respective roles of the FSA, the IFR, fielded questions on related matters and offered advice. In particular, what constitutes best practice in the realm of fan representation and broader fan engagement was discussed. Exemplar clubs include Sheffield Wednesday, Charlton Athletic, Sunderland, West Bromwich Albion and Bristol City. Birmingham City Trust was cited as an interesting example of a supporter organisation operating effectively outside of that club's Fan Advisory Board (FAB). Supporter group insurance was raised and the distinction, in this regard, between Trusts and ISAs explained.

It was suggested that it would be productive to compile a set of BFC specific topics and questions to engage on with the IFR in due course, especially on matters of substantive concern to BFCISA members.

Next Meeting:
Monday 2 November 2026 at 7.30pm via Zoom (the usual link, as previously provided)