



## **Minutes of the North Ferriby FC Supporters Club**

**Sunday 11 May 2025, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm**

### **North Ferriby FC Boardroom**

**Attending:** Jason Stevens-Read, Rod Chambers, Beth Tyler, Oliver Fellows, Brian Sugarman, Tom Rickwood (mins), Mark Leighton (Chair), Steve Dale, John Lawson, Martin Wood, David Worrell, Matthew Kempson, James Chestney

#### **1. Apologies**

- See below.

#### **2. Welcome and Introductions**

- The club members attending were welcomed, and members of the Committee were introduced to the meeting:
- Mark Leighton (Chairman), Jason Stevens-Read (Vice Chairman), Steve Dale (Treasurer), Tom Rickwood (Secretary), James Chestney (Committee member), Rod Chambers (Committee member), Mike Birney (Committee member)

#### **3. Last Minutes of 16.03.25**

The last minutes were agreed.

#### **4. Committee Update**

- Tom Rickwood reported that a nomination was received from Jill Thornton to join the Committee, supported by Peter May and Greg Thornton. The Committee supported Jill's joining, as proposed by Mike Birney and seconded by Jason Stevens-Read.
- Jill Thornton was warmly welcomed by the Committee.
- Tom Rickwood will update the Constitution and social media to reflect the change.

## **5. Membership Update**

### **5.1 Honorary Members**

- There are currently 8 Honorary members:
  - Mike Birney
  - Joan Butler
  - Mike Dixon
  - Gill Hare
  - Les Hare
  - Barry Johnson
  - Clare Russell
  - Anthony Wood
  
- There are no current plans for additional honorary members.

### **5.2 Club membership**

- There are currently 260 members, which is an incredible number. The meeting passed on thanks to all members for their dedication and commitment to the club.
- Club members present were delighted with the progress made over the last two seasons and with the subsequent funding and sponsorship given to the football club.
- The meeting proposed a new target of 300 members for the coming season, and while those present felt that this was ambitious, they also felt it was achievable.

## **6. Updates on End of Season Activities 2024-2025**

- The First Team Awards Night is taking place on Friday, 9th May at The One Point Sports Bar. Mark Leighton outlined that the Supporters Club sponsorship of the event includes the acquisition of 8 crystal engraved trophies awarded to players from the First Team, Women's Team, Development Team and Walking Football.
- Tickets for the Non-League Final and the FA Cup were kindly allocated to the Supporters Club, and the draw was made. Joan Butler won the Non-League Final tickets, and Mike Birney, Nigel Richardson and Ian Puckering won FA Cup tickets.
- The Supporters Club passed on thanks to Les Hare for making the tickets available to the Supporters Club.

## **7. Member Pack 2025-2026**

- Mark Leighton reported the new pack is currently being drafted and discussion followed regarding the Welcome gifts and the balance of ensuring attractive and useful gifts while maximising revenue from the membership fee, going to fund football club sponsorship.
- The meeting thanked the Villagers' new kit maker, Versa Sportswear, which has agreed to sponsor the printing of the Welcome Pack.

## **8. Communications/Social Media**

- The Supporters Club will continue to use the current social media platform and seek to put more focus on attracting followers to the Facebook and X sites.
- WhatsApp will continue to be used to send messages to members who use the platform. It was agreed that we need to combine efforts with the football club to increase followers.

## **9. Bank Balance**

- Steve Dale reported the current financial position and distributed the balance sheet (see Appendix 1).
- Steve thanked all members for their continued support and passed on specific thanks to Mike Birney for his work on the Goals and Shut Outs and to Tom Rickwood for his sponsored walk to Grimsby Borough. Steve said Mike's and Tom's combined efforts have raised over £1,200.

## **10. Club Sponsorship 2025-26**

- The Supporters Club will include the following sponsorship for the 2025-26 season, funds permitting:
  - Chris Bolder
  - Programme and team sheets
  - Awards Evening
  - New sponsorship for the Villagers' new jersey

## **11. Events and Fund-Raising – Proposed Plans**

- The club will support the following activities for the new season, and these will feature in the new membership pack:
  - League Ladders
  - Fans Forum
  - Pitch Squares
  - Evening with the Players

- Murder Mystery in the Clubhouse
- Annual Quiz Night
- Crossbar Challenge (Non-League Day)
- Goals and Shutouts
- Grand National Sweepstake

## **12. Away Coach Travel**

- Eleven away coach journeys were arranged during the previous season, and seats were sold out for each trip.
- At £10 return, all agreed that the away coach travel through the football club represents fantastic value, and comparisons were made with other clubs which charge double the amount or more.
- Discussion followed regarding the price, and it was agreed to await feedback from the football club regarding the cost of next season's trips. Mark Leighton passed on thanks to Les Hare for offering exclusive travel for supporters and to those who travelled during the season.

## **13. Matchday Resources**

- Mark Leighton said that the supporters club volunteer matchday resources are critical for the football club to ensure the ground remains organised and shipshape.
- Supporters are proud of the stadium and are always willing to help, which is immensely valued and appreciated by the football club chairman.
- Tom Rickwood will update the matchday litter collection rota, and Mark Leighton will update the raffle ticket seller list.
- Mark Leighton passed on thanks to Beth Tyler, Oliver Fellows, and Matthew Kempson, who agreed to be added to the raffle sellers' rota.

## **14. Constitution Updates**

- The following update will be included in the Constitution:
  - Committee membership.
  - Revised membership rates.

## **15. Any Other Business**

### **15.1 Gill Hare**

- The Supporters Club passed on best wishes to Gill Hare, who has not been feeling well and has had to spend some time in hospital recently. Thankfully, Gill is home now and recovering.

### **15.2 Mike Dixon's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

- Mark Leighton said the Supporters Club passed on best wishes to Mike Dixon on his 90th birthday next week and said a special message had been included in the Supporters Club page for the Villagers v Ossett Programme. All at the meeting wished Mike a super day.

### **15.3 Ferriby Festival**

- The festival is going ahead on 24 May and any supporters who may be available on Thursday 22 (to help with erecting the bar and other structures for the festival); on the day of the festival to help with car parking and festival duties; and on the Sunday morning after the festival, were asked to contact Les Hare via [les@northferribyfc.co.uk](mailto:les@northferribyfc.co.uk)

### **15.4 Early Bird Season Passes**

- Season passes will be on sale at last season's prices until 31.05.25. Mark Leighton said it was inevitable that the prices of passes would increase next season, and the Chairman has agreed to offer an early bird benefit to those who want to order before the end of the month.

### **15.5 Football Supporters Association (FSA)**

- Matthew Kempson reported that the FSA's AGM is taking place at the Manchester Metropolitan University on 14.06.25. More details here <https://thefsa.org.uk/news/fsa-agm-2025-register-now/>

### **15.6 VFTAE Fanzine**

- Matthew Kempson reported on the fanzine:
  - The latest copy included a staggering 27k words, and Matthew thanked all contributors.
  - Sales go towards the sponsorship of the team's shorts for the coming season
  - The Fanzines Player of the Season was identical to that of the Supporters Club (Ben Bottomley).
  - Leeds Central Library is holding a free Exhibition of Fanzines until 18.05.25
  - NFU lost years – there are few photos from the Conference years, etc.

## **16. Date of Next Meeting**

- August – date tbc.

## **Apologies**

Malcolm Dale  
Anthony Wood  
Mike Tyler  
Mike Ripton  
Geoff Tuplin  
Christine Henderson-Begg  
Neil Henderson-Begg  
Susan Stevens-Read  
David Jones  
Steve Himsworth  
Dave Galloway  
Simon Lunt  
Neil Halder  
Wendy Leighton  
Tony King  
James Dick  
Jeff Gill  
Charlotte Rickwood  
Martin Lauer  
Nicky Lauer  
Mike Clemson  
Lindi Brown  
Bob Hare  
Les Hare  
Gill Hare  
David Neal  
Lee Walker  
Kenneth Hare  
Paul Sleight  
Paul Bowes  
Devon Bowes  
Gary Hammond  
Michael Betts  
James Worrell  
David Lovell  
Nick Quantrill

Darren Norton  
Clive Musson  
Glenn Smith  
Adam Rickwood  
Andrew Tyler  
Aaron Coneyworth  
Paul Johnson  
Henry Smallpeice  
Geoffrey Smallpeice  
Ian Puckering  
Mike Tyler  
Neil Baxter  
Matthew Baxter  
Geoff Golliker  
Colin Daniel  
Dave Plowright  
Alan Daniels  
Kayden Wells  
Phineas Anthony Hoffman  
John Wheatcroft  
Julian Wild  
Paul Herrieven  
Toby Herrieven  
Rafa Gomez  
Robert Frost  
Tim Emmerson  
Martyn Russell  
Chris Greasby

## Appendix 1

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT APRIL 2025

#### INCOME

Membership  
League Ladders  
Goals & Shut Out  
Remembrance Poppy Badge  
Quiz Night  
Grand National Sweepstake  
Bank Interest  
Sponsored Walk  
Donations  
Pitch Squares

#### EXPENDITURE

1832.00 New Sign  
148.00 Key Chains  
739.30 Sponsorship C. Bolder  
205.00 Ball Sponsorships  
84.00 Programme Sponsorship  
102.00 Christmas Raffle  
79.59 League Ladders  
725.69 Ground Maintenance  
40.00 Shop Discounts  
1,000.00 British Legion  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Programme  
Prizes Christmas Draw  
Award Night Sponsorship  
Quiz Prizes  
Grand National Prizes

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### BALANCE SHEET APRIL 2024

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