

Minutes of the North Ferriby FC Supporters Club Meeting
The Boardroom, Versa Sportswear Stadium
15 February 2026 – 11:00 am

Attending: Mike Birney, Paul Sleight, Ian Buffey, Martin Wood, Matthew Kempson, Jill Thornton, Mark Leighton, Steve Dale, Tom Rickwood.

1. Welcome and Committee Introductions

- Mark Leighton – Chair
- Stephen Dale – Treasurer
- Tom Rickwood – Secretary (mins)
- Jill Thornton – Committee Member
- Mike Birney – Committee Member
- Rod Chambers – Committee Member

2. Apologies

- See below.

3. Agreement of Previous Minutes (16.11.25)

- Approved with no matters arising.

4. Communications

- Facebook – now at 862 followers.
- Twitter/X – 339 followers.
- WhatsApp – increased activity and updates shared regularly
- Discussion around expanding into additional platforms such as TikTok and Instagram to reach a wider audience: agreement in principle, subject to future resourcing.

4.1 Future Communication

- Potential use of the North Ferriby and Swanland Facebook groups to promote fixtures and activities.
- Focus on increasing engagement across Facebook and X, exploring Instagram, and strengthening links with local schools to support attendance and membership growth.
- Further conversations required with the football club regarding school liaison and communication.

5. Bank Balance

- Current balance: **£2,646.47.**

6. Supporters Club Sponsorship in 2025–26

- The outstanding support from members has enabled the following contributions to the football club over the past 12 months:
 - £1,500 – Home & away shirts, team sheet, and programme.
 - £700 – Refurbishment of the beer garden and furniture.
 - £500 – End of Season awards ceremony and trophies.
 - £1,500 – Pitch work and infrastructure improvements.
 - £1,500 – Pitch maintenance equipment and materials.
 - £150 – Match ball sponsorship (Grimsby Borough, April 2026).
 - £700 – Match Ball Podium Sponsorship.
 - £120 - Framed commemorative player prints.

7. Goals and Shut Outs

- Mike Birney reported that the initiative has generated over £500 to date – sincere thanks to all for an excellent achievement.
- Further discussion planned regarding enabling contributions for Goal and Shut Outs via the club shop.

8. Upcoming Supporters Club Activity

- Quiz Night – 18 February 2026.
- Football Shirt Design Competition – winner to be announced at a future home game.
- Away Coach Travel – Newton (28.02.26); Blyth Spartans (14.03.26); Heaton Stannington (04.04.26).
- Ball Sponsorship – includes 2 x hospitality places as part of the prize draw (communications around the Consett game – 21.03.26).
- Grand National Sweepstake – activity leading up to Race Day on 11 April 2026.

9. Future Sponsorship and Funding Proposals

- Pitch Squares – potential to begin the renewal process before season end; further communications to follow.
- Welcome Pack – currently in development, with the aim of launching before the end of the 2026–27 season.

10. Ideas for Increasing Attendance at Home Games

- A range of ideas were discussed for future implementation.
- Special thanks to Ian Buffey for presenting an initiative aimed at increasing attendance and boosting membership through closer links with the youth setup.
- Discussion included integrating the Supporters Club membership with the club's youth team package.
- Thanks also to Tom Rickwood for additional suggestions – further detail to be developed.

11. Club and Committee Membership

- Current membership stands at 271.
- Discussion around broadening the committee to reflect a wider cross-section of supporters.

12. Matchday Supporters Club Resources

12.1 Raffle Tickets

- Huge thanks to all raffle ticket volunteers. Special mention to Matthew Kempson's daughter, Anwyn, for her excellent work with recent sales.
- Additional volunteers always welcome – please contact Mark Leighton.

12.2 Litter Collection

- Thanks to the fantastic team who support litter collection on matchdays. More volunteers would be appreciated – please contact Tom Rickwood if interested.

13. Constitution Updates

- No updates at this stage.

14. Date of Next Meeting

- AGM – April/May 2026.

Apologies

Jason Stevens-Read (Vice chair)

Susan Stevens-Read

James Chestney (Committee member)

Anthony Wood

Mike Clemson

Richard Bell

Peter Bacon

James Dick

Paul Bowes

Devon Bowes

Jon Brooke

Nick Lamb

Beth Tyler

Joan Butler

Brian Butler

Sara Cracknell

Oliver Fellows

Mike Tyler

Simon Lunt

Wendy Leighton

Tony King
Christine Henderson-Begg
Neil Henderson-Begg
Brian Sugarman
Tony King
Steve Himsworth
Clive Musson
Clare Russell
Steve Russell
Dave Worrell
James Worrell
Les Hare
Gill Hare
Martin Lauer
Nicky Lauer
Nick Quantrill
Darren Norton
Glenn Smith
Tim Emmerson
Richard Lee