



Minutes of the North Ferriby FC Supporters Club Meeting
The Boardroom, Versa Sportswear Stadium,
16th November 2025 at 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Attendees:

Martin Wood, Matthew Kempson, Steve Dale, Julian Wild, Ian Buffey, Rod Chambers, Wendy Leighton, Jill Thornton, Mike Birney, Beth Tyler, Oliver Fellows, Tom Rickwood (notes), Mark Leighton

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Mark Leighton welcomed attendees and introduced the Committee members.

2. Apologies

- Apologies noted (see below).

3. Agreement of Previous Minutes (03.08.25)

- Minutes were agreed.

4. Communications

- Discussion on increasing followers on Facebook and X. Email and WhatsApp remain in use.
- A Fans Forum has been set up independently on Facebook (not linked to the Supporters Club).
- Concerns raised about the lack of communication when, for instance, players leave or retire (e.g., Tom Corner's departure without acknowledgement).

5. Bank Balance and Updates

- Steve Dale confirmed a balance of £3,500, comprising memberships, Pitch Squares, Goals and Shutouts, plus £140 generated from the Murder Mystery Evening.
- Steve Dale thanked all members for their fantastic generosity and commitment to the supporters club and confirmed that in the last twelve months, this has enabled the club to fund over £6,000 in sponsorship, which has included:
 - ✓ £1,500 - Home and away shirt, team sheet, and programme

- ✓ £700 – Refurbishment of the beer garden and furniture
- ✓ £500 – End of Season awards ceremony and trophies
- ✓ £1,500 – Work to the pitch and new infrastructure to alleviate pitch flooding
- ✓ £1,500 – Pitch maintenance equipment and materials
- ✓ £150 Match ball sponsorship (Grimsby Borough) April 2026
- Mike Birney reported £200+ raised this season via Goals & Shutouts, with thanks to John Lawson for his £20 contribution.

6. Supporters Club Activity

- **Murder Mystery (10.10.25)** – successfully held.
- **Nick Tudor/Bea Harris Concert (17.10.25)** – ditto.
- **Poppy Badges 2025** – £160 raised for the British Legion.
- **Evening with the Players (26.11.25)** – Nick Quantrill hosting conversation with Ben Bottomley, Jordan Douglas, and Dom Roma. Supporters encouraged to attend.
- **Christmas Draw (22.12.25)** – raffle ticket preparation arranged for 17.11.25.
- **Supporters' Shirt Design Competition (Versa Sportswear)** – planned for the New Year in conjunction with the new kit maker, Versa Sportswear.
- **Quiz Night** – planned for the New Year.

7. Sponsorship and Funding Proposals

7.1 Super Draw

- Proposal to promote the football club's Super Draw.
- Discussion ensued regarding the Supporters Club providing discounts to members when joining the draw.
- **Agreed:** Supporters Club will provide non-financial support and will ensure further communication to members, including leaflets in the 2026–27 Welcome Pack.

7.2 New Match Ball Podium

- Proposal for Supporters Club to lead on implementing a match ball podium.
- General support expressed, with recognition that external sponsorship may take time.
- Suggestion: Supporters Club to provide initial sponsorship for the remainder of this season and next.

- The podium would present photo opportunities for people and, in the future, may be linked to match ball sponsorship.

7.3 Veo Camera - Maintenance Costs

- Request from the football club to cover maintenance costs (£700).
- The camera is used for all matches and has been invaluable with footage supporting the rescinding of recent red cards.
- Discussion followed regarding offsetting the Veo cost with the match ball podium and subsequent sponsorship.
- **Agreed:** the supporters club would implement and sponsor the match ball podium for 18 months for £850.

8. Away Coach Travel

- Excellent response: all coach seats to date have been fully booked by club members.

9. Matchday Resources

- Raffle ticket sales and litter collection continue to be managed by the Supporters Club. The meeting thanked all club members involved.

10. Consultation with Members

- Quarterly meetings confirmed as effective for updates and member engagement.

11. Any Other Business

- Proposal for a Race Night event to be arranged via the football club.
- At the start of the season, Jon Brooke and Henry Smallpeice each won two passes. One pass was included in the team sheet and programme sponsorship, while club member Graham Lee generously donated the other. As these passes expire after the Silsden game, a draw will be held on the evening of 26.01.25. Two additional club members will then be selected to receive passes for the second half of the season.

12. Date of Next Meeting

- February 2026

Apologies:

John Wheatcroft
Jason Stevens-Read
Brain Sugarman
James Chestney
Anthony Wood
Devon Bowes
Paul Bowes
Peter Bacon
John Wilding
Wayne Stark
Malcolm Dale
Mike Deane
John Lawson
Jon Moorhouse
Richard Bell
Lee Walker
Ellie Crosby
Jeff Gill
Steve Himsworth
Dave Kenwery
Joan Butler
Brian Butler
Charles Lewis
Melvyn Marriott
Andrew Frankland Barber
Bob Hare
Clare Russell
Jon Brooke
Henry Smallpeice
Les Hare
Gill Hare
Geoffrey Smallpeice
Steve Russell