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BWFCST AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

Bolton Wanderers FC Supporters Trust & (Affiliate Name)

COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

MAY 2021



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1.0 **Parties**

The parties to this Collaboration Agreement (“CA”) are:



Bolton Wanderers Supporters' Trust

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2.0 **Statement of Intent**

This document represents a statement of intent to adopt the principles that the Trust and the Affiliate Member share and agree to adhere to in the process of creating an effective, mutually beneficial, structured communication channel to represent the views and opinions of all Bolton Wanderers supporters. At all times the Affiliate Member will retain independence in structure and governance whilst working with the Trust to promote the name of Bolton Wanderers FC and represent the interests of all BWFC supporters in any relationship with the Club.

3.0 **Introduction & Background**

- a) As part of the BWFCST’s intentions to widen the representation of supporters of Bolton Wanderers Football Club (“the Club”), the Trust is establishing Affiliate Membership connections with the various BWFC supporters’ groups both in the UK and internationally.
- b) Under EFL Regulations, it is a requirement for all EFL clubs to meet structured dialogue commitments with supporters by establishing formal meetings with the club’s Supporters’ Trust.
- c) The minimum level of commitment for such meetings under EFL Regulations is for senior Club representatives (owners, directors, senior executive management) to meet with a representative group of supporters, that must include the Supporters’ Trust, at least twice a year.
- d) The matters for discussion during such meetings will often be of a strategic nature and could include detail relating to the management and day to day running of the Club which may be classed as confidential in content.
- e) In order to ensure that the views and opinions of BWFC supporters are represented and presented to senior Club representatives, the Trust will consult with Affiliate Members in advance of such meetings with the Club to record and schedule relevant views and opinions and will ensure that that they are included in meeting agendas.



4.0 **The BWFCST will:**

1. Be properly incorporated and constituted with a democratic 'one member one vote' governance structure, filing annual returns with the FCA, and offering an open and affordable membership to any supporter of the Club.
2. Consult with its Affiliate membership and individual members regularly on issues of importance particularly ahead of structured dialogue meetings with the Club.
3. Liaise with other supporters' groups and stakeholders on suitable topics for discussion ahead of structured dialogue meetings, respecting other existing communication and supporter dialogue structures that exist between supporters and the Club.
4. Put forward suitable non-conflicted people to attend structured dialogue meetings with the Club who understand their role as representatives for supporters, not just to voice their own views.

5.0 **The Affiliate Member will:**

1. Provide input to the Trust ahead of any structured dialogue meetings with the Club after consultation with the Affiliate members group. This Affiliate member input will be utilised by the Trust ahead of meetings with the Club to agree an agenda for discussion with the Club.
2. Use best endeavours to encourage individual Affiliate members to become subscribing members of the Trust.
3. Use the meetings to discuss wider league/national consultation that will affect supporters.
4. Discuss with the Trust any future opportunities that arise for supporters to invest in the Club and to assist in directing any potential investors they may be aware of towards the Trust to explore possibilities of becoming involved in any supporter and community-based initiatives associated with acquisition of a stakeholding in the Club.
5. Not exclude individuals without good reason.

6.0 **Both parties will:**

1. Agree items for inclusion in any agenda ahead of meetings with the Club in a timely manner, circulating any necessary supporting information to be read ahead of any meeting.
2. Respect that some items discussed between the Trust and the Club may be sensitive and deemed confidential under the terms of any MoU in place between the Club and the Trust. In such circumstances, the Trust will agreed with the Club an agreed protocol to enable reporting back to all Trust members in as much detail as allowed under the confidentiality agreement. Minutes of any such meetings as agreed by the Trust and the Club will be published to Affiliate Members as soon as available.
3. Share key contact information including roles and decision-making powers.
4. Ensure the meeting is 'structured' so that any topics that either party wants to discuss can be done so in an appropriate environment.



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Each party hereby confirms its agreement to the terms
contained in this collaboration agreement

Signed on behalf of the BWFCST:

Signed on behalf of the Affiliate Member:

Name:

Name:

Position:

Position:

Date:

Date:

