



## BWFC Supporters' Trust

# MEETING NOTES

**Subject:** BWFC & BWFCST Quarterly Meeting No 2

**Venue:** University of Bolton Stadium

**Meeting Date:** 04 March 2022 @ 10.00am

**Present:**

BWFC: Neil Hart (NH), Phil Mason (PM)  
BWFCST: Ian Bridge (IB), Robin Fletcher (RF), Mike Smith (MS), Maggie Tetlow (MT)

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## MINUTES

### 1.0 Purpose of Meeting

The meeting is the second scheduled quarterly meeting between senior BWFC personnel and BWFCST board representatives as referenced in the joint Memorandum of Understanding signed by both parties in August 2021.

It was agreed that the quarterly meetings will be minuted with the purpose of making the notes available to trust affiliates and members once agreed between club and trust.

### 2.0 Matters Arising

- a) Minutes of first quarterly meeting held on 05 Nov '21 were approved and are now available on the trust website
- b) Format and structure of quarterly meetings were agreed ie minuted and made available to trust affiliates and members
- c) **Fan behaviour** – since last quarterly meeting, discussions have been held between club and trust in view of the level of unacceptable fan behaviour at both home and away games.

Discussions have included representatives from GMP and ongoing initiatives being developed by the club have been confirmed. These include updates on policing and stewarding policies and issuing of subsequent banning orders where appropriate.

The club are also trying to engage with those who have been subjected to a banning order with a view to addressing individual circumstances.

There is also a process underway to issue a charter to clarify the situation around banning order conditions.

The whole situation is being monitored, with the club looking to act proactively to improve safety and matchday experience.

- d) **'22/'23 Season Ticket sales** – currently progressing very successfully, with sales at date of meeting at 5,750, of which 1,200 are new season ticket holders. There is still approx. 3 weeks left for early bird period and club will continue to publicise the cost benefits of renewal before the end of March. Trust were asked to also assisting in messaging and agreed to do so. NH confirmed that club will provide associated graphics for trust use



e) **FanZone** was discussed with NH/PM updating on recent events.

- Alternative location now being developed that will give a better facility.
- Council generally supportive of new location and have indicated that they will look to assist wherever possible with necessary approvals.
- PM advised that Rapid Retail have indicated that they will produce layouts and images for the new area and will take to approval documentation stage without cost. There is a meeting to be held on 08 March '22 with Rapid Retail and the trust are invited to attend.

f) **Affiliates Questions** as discussed at previous meeting on 05 Nov '21 were further assessed and it was agreed that RF would contact Martin Parnell (MP) who collated the original list. It was agreed that many of the questions left unanswered at the time of the previous meeting had now been dealt with.

A dedicated meeting was held with BWSA and BWDSA representatives on 21 Feb '22 and was attended by NH and IB. Several of the concerns held by both groups were discussed and it was agreed that both groups were to consult with their members with a view as to how the club could assist. NH was keen to help where possible and it was suggested that both groups were invited to the next formal meeting to be held in May '22.

**Post meeting notes:**

RF has spoken with MP and agreed that all outstanding items have been addressed

RF has spoken with Gerard Howell (BWDSA) and emailed regarding arranging a further meeting

g) **Fan-Led Review (FLR)** Survey currently being run by trust is nearing completion. Trust will provide club with results when survey completed and results collated.

NH that club were generally supportive of the FLR and inclusion in the Fair Game project is still under discussion.

h) **Surveys** – NH advised that the club intend to carry out an extensive fans survey during April and would liaise with the trust regarding content as appropriate.

i) **BWFCST AGM** – held on 27 Jan '22 and included a Q&A with NH and the manager, Ian Evatt. The event was a great success and NH was thanked for his and IE's attendance. The Q&A video is available on the trust website.

j) **Potential future events** – the possibility of arranging some assistance for Bury FC on their return to Gigg Lane was raised. It was agreed that this would be discussed further in due course.

### 3.0 **Any Other Business**

No further items were discussed.

### 4.0 **Next quarterly meeting date**

To be held on Friday 06 May '22

