



**Stockport County**

**Supporters' Co-operative**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**Date:** 12th November 2025

**Location:** Google Meet

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**1. Attendance and Apologies**

**In Attendance:**

- John Giles
- John Bilsbury
- Dave Marchbank
- Paul Dawson
- Cath Shanley

**Apologies:**

- Terry Arnold
- Paul Thompson

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**2. Approval of Previous Minutes**

- Minutes of the previous meeting on 17th September 2025 were approved by the board.
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## **Actions brought forward**

- Calendar profit, **JG** confirmed that the total profit made was £1652, with a donation of £826 made to Walthew House.
- **DM** to make contact to arrange to visit Walthew House in person to have an official photo taken.
- Credit Union, **DM** to make contact with the union now that a successor has been appointed. Michelle Clegg is the new contact. **JG** will forward the email details to **DM**.
- Webcollect - decision to stay with Webcollect rather than migrate to a new system is agreed, on the basis that improvements are made to the current platform.
- **JG** will follow up on a recent reminder sent to Gillian at Webcollect on the progress of improvements and explain that with a new co-operative website in the near future that we need to see the improvements to offer a customer friendly interface to maintain the relationship with Webcollect. A Q1 2026 date for improvement delivery is needed.
- Working account healthy balance -**PT** and **DM** have not had opportunity to discuss yet, **DM** suggested a balance of between £4000/£4500 could be put forward. **PT** is working on some calculations on expenditure which will give a clear idea, c/fwd to the next meeting for final agreement.

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## **4. Matters Arising**

### **a) Board Matters & Recruitment (DM)**

- Discussed during AGM finalisation

### **b) Coach Travel Update (PD)**

- 10 away games to date, 195 travelled via ECCC, 183 adults, 12 under 14's, average of 21% were co-op members.

### **c) Walking Football Team - request for sponsorship (DM)**

- **DM** to contact Paul McIntyre, team manager to find out exactly how much sponsorship he is looking to raise for the team kit. **CS** to resend his email.
- Discussed potentially putting them forward as a candidate for charity of the year 2026 , need to be a registered charity (*post meeting note, they do come under the Stockport County Community Trust who are a registered charity but not individually* )

### **d) AGM finalisation (DM)**

- Membership extract - **CS** to send over to Neil le Milliere before the end of the week for AGM board nomination reconciliation.
- **PD** needs to complete his board nomination form, **CS** emailed over during the meeting and offered a proposer or seconder if needed, date confirmed for submission (19.11.25)
- Board nominations - expecting 3 , Adele Cooke, Tim Audas and Paul D, leaving 4 vacancies
- Quorum for the meeting was confirmed as 20 people or 5% of the membership database, which stands at 276 , so 20 people needed. Push on attendance via coach whatsapp group and TSBW podcast, **JG** to push through email and socials . **CS** re-iterated the need for the accounts to be agreed at the meeting to file them with the FCA by end of January 2026. **CS** suggested a free raffle for all attendees to encourage attendance.
- AGM broadcast - **JG** emailing Damien to manage the online attendees
- Agenda - **DM** to give the agenda a final review

### **e) Creation of new Paypal account as organisation (JG)**

- **JG** will liaise with Paul T to set up a new account to give members this option - linked to the agenda item below.

### **f) Recovering money from frozen PayPal account (JG)**

- Potential revenue locked into a frozen PayPal account , login details not known, including the email address needed to unlock the account. **JG** has removed the account as an option to pay for membership
- **PD** offered to work with **PT** on how to recover the account
- **CS** offered to review meeting minutes for any account details , however minutes only go back as far as 2019 , **JG** is sure the account has been active since around 2015. **CS** will also contact Caz Burt to see if she has any recollections.

## **g) Website Design Proposal (JG)**

- **DM** and **JG** met up with John Robinson, local website designer who has quoted £2500, more affordable than Platform 81 who quoted £4500 a few years back. Additional £120 annual fee and £40 monthly fee for updates. This gives us a website which will remain relevant
  - Antoni Sarcevic event is estimated to raise £850 from tickets and a further £500 from raffle, JG is hopeful of raising £1500 to £1600
  - An additional event with Anthony Pilkington could raise additional funds.
  - **CS** suggested sponsorship via one or more of our calendar sponsors. **DM** agreed to contact Graham Privett.
  - The board voted in favour of not renewing the Wix contract in February and using funds raised from events towards a new website.
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## **4. Routine Business**

### **Membership**

Current number is 276 , driven up by ECCC initiative

### **Finance**

Post meeting update from PT, working account balance £4416.04, no outstanding expenditure.

### **Comms & Media**

**JB** continues to submit columns for the programme and Stockport Express and has recently worked on reviewing the co-operative brochure

**JG** and **JB** agreed to meet to discuss the new website content in the coming weeks.

### **Fundraising and Events**

- **CS, PD and DM** agreed to help with the Antoni Sarcevic event at Fitzpatricks, Cath to help with laptop, Dave and Paul helping with raffle ticket sales and monitoring access on the door is by ticket only, or payment on the door. A card machine will be available.
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### **13. Any Other Business (AOB)**

**Co-operative main objective - PD** expressed his view that the main objective of the co-operative should move towards being a community asset rather than to protect the club. He fully understands that's why the trust exists however that's not where the mindset of fans is currently . **PD** has done some work around this which he'll email to the board which looks at being attractive to join from a community perspective

**Board/Club engagement - PD** would like to explore what Gavin Bailey thinks good engagement looks like from his perspective and what they expect of us as a co-operative.

**Board priorities - PD** wants to encourage the board to focus on increasing membership, fan engagement and club engagement

**Club Meetings - PD** would like a pre meeting for the board to be able to present themselves as a united front, a win would be for the loyalty scheme to be developed season on season . Meaningful engagement enables the board to have robust engagement when needed. Not all questions need to be presented to the board, this needs agreement before the meeting.

**Guardian account - PD** will work on options for a 1 year fixed rate which will bring in interest whilst maintaining the current withdrawal security levels on the account, he'll bring this to the next meeting.

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 **Next Meeting: TBC**

### Summary of Action Points

Action Item	Responsible Person(s)	Deadline / Timing	Notes / Details
Visit Walthew House for official photo	DM	Next visit arranged	Following calendar profit donation
Contact Credit Union (Michelle Clegg, new contact)	DM	—	John Giles (JG) to forward contact details
Follow up with Gillian at Webcollect re: improvements	JG	Q1 2026	Explain importance of improved customer interface before new website launch
Discuss working account balance and agree amount	PT, DM	Next meeting	Suggested balance £4000–£4500
Contact Paul McIntyre re: walking football sponsorship	DM	—	Clarify sponsorship amount
Resend Paul McIntyre's email	CS	—	—
Send membership extract to Neil le Milliere	CS	Before end of week	For AGM board nomination reconciliation
Complete board nomination form	PD	By 19 Nov 2025	CS to provide proposer/seconders if needed

Push AGM attendance via email and socials	JG	Before AGM	Promote through coach WhatsApp and TSBW podcast
File AGM-approved accounts with FCA	CS	By end of Jan 2026	—
Email Damien to manage AGM online broadcast	JG	—	—
Final review of AGM agenda	DM	Before AGM	—
Set up new organisational PayPal account	JG, PT	—	Linked to membership payment options
Recover frozen PayPal account funds	PD, PT	—	JG removed old account; CS to check old minutes and contact Caz Burt
Contact Graham Privett re: sponsorship for website	DM	—	Possible from calendar sponsors
Meet to discuss new website content	JG, JB	Coming weeks	—
Help run Antoni Sarcevic fundraising event	CS, PD, DM	Event date 26.11.26	CS: laptop; DM & PD: raffle sales and door access
Email board work on community focus	PD	—	Shifting focus to community engagement

Explore Gavin Bailey's view on engagement	Board	—	Understand expectations for board/club engagement
Develop pre-meeting strategy for club meetings	PD, Board	Before next club meeting	Present united front, agree key discussion points
Research 1-year fixed rate for Guardian account	PD	Next meeting	Bring proposal for review