

Stockport County Supporters' Co-operative

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 18th August 2025

Location: Zoom

1. Attendance and Apologies

In Attendance:

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

Apologies:

- Terry Arnold
- Dave Wetters

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

- Minutes of the previous meeting on 23rd July 2025 were approved by the board.

3. Actions Brought Forward

Action	Owner	Status/Update
Follow up with John Gaskin re: supporter ticket scheme	Dave M	Made contact but no names yet; carried forward

Contact Malcolm Cook / alternatives re: sponsorship	John G	Contact made (incl. Noel Whelan), no replies; exploring new approach (Simon Dawson next)
Finalise matchday base setup	Dave W	Ongoing – car park position not yet secured
Expired members email campaign (with Platform 81)	John G	Pricing needed; 600 members contacted; 8 renewals from planning article
Contact Stockport Credit Union / identify successor	Dave M	Graham Privett monitoring; update expected next meeting
Audit membership system vs. bank statements	Dave W	Bank statements received; training to be arranged with Damien Beaumont
Finalise Co-op brochure	John G	In progress; John G & John B working on content/design
Update on local college initiative	Dave M	Principals of Stockport & Aquinas contacted; follow-up calls after summer
Approach HTH for £200 donation (cup tickets crowdfunding)	John G	Asked, no response
Ask Ian Brown to add world zones to postage for calendars	Cath	New

4. Matters Arising

a) Board Matters & Recruitment

- Dave M has a TSBW podcast slot to promote the board.
- No SK3 TV date yet; being chased via Dave W.

b) Supporters' Calendar

- Dave M to work with Graham Privett on 2026 sign-off.
- Club to be given visibility of photos before publication.

- Sales to date: 106; all sponsors have paid.

c) Independent Regulator Meeting

- Scheduled for 17th September with Martyn Henderson.
- Dave M to manage member communication; Martyn's office has agreed.
- Draft notes to be shared with Martyn before publication.

d) Charity Budget Proposal

- Proposed by Dave W: support Co-op members and causes (e.g. Keith Mills / Forever Friends of Uganda).
- £300 annual budget agreed (aligned to financial year).
- £30 donation approved; board can approve increases in special cases.
- Potential fundraiser: "An Evening with Brendan Elwood" – John G to progress.

e) AGM Date

- Provisional: 24th November 2025 at *The Spinning Top* (venue TBC).
- Cath to prepare a schedule for board agreement.

f) Cup Game Tickets

- £1,555 raised via JustGiving (minus 3% fee).
- Tickets priced: Adult £10 / Child £5.
- 70 tickets were distributed for the Crewe cup game

g) Ticketing System

- Away game seats cannot be selected individually.
- John B contacted the club with no response.
- Cath to email Gavin Bailey re: system issues.

9. Routine Business

Membership

- 260 members live on the WebCollect system.

Finance

- £3,535.38 in working account.
- £1,250 bill due to Sedulo (accounts).

- £100 owed for sponsorship.
- Balance includes calendar sales; monies due to Walthew House and HB Print.
- £85,647.87 in Guardian Account.
- 2024/25 accounts submitted for sign-off.

Comms & Media

- John B continues to provide articles for the match day programme and *Stockport Express*.
- Social media approach changed – shorter, punchier messages showing better engagement.

13. Any Other Business (AOB)

- Dan Levy (former Trust board member and County director) to be invited to the next meeting.
- Board members to submit availability for a late-September meeting.

Action Tracker – 18th August 2025

Action	Owner	Deadline / Update
Follow up with John Gaskin re: supporter ticket scheme	Dave M	Next meeting
Explore sponsorship via Simon Dawson (after no reply from others)	John G	Next meeting
Finalise matchday base setup (incl. car park position)	Dave W	Ongoing
Get pricing from Platform 81 for expired members email campaign	John G	Next meeting
Monitor Credit Union successor and advise board	Dave M (via Graham Privett)	Next meeting

Arrange training with Damien Beaumont (audit membership system vs bank statements)	John G & Dave W	Next meeting
Draft & finalise Co-op brochure	John G & John B	Ongoing
Contact Stockport & Aquinas principals re: college initiative (post-summer holidays)	Dave M	September 2025
Approach HTH for £200 donation (cup tickets crowdfunding)	John G	Ongoing
Add world zones to calendar postage	Cath	Next meeting
Secure SK3 TV date (via Dave W)	Dave M	Ongoing
Work with Graham Privett on 2026 calendar sign-off	Dave M	Next calendar cycle
Manage comms for Independent Regulator meeting (17th Sept)	Dave M	September 2025
Draft notes from Regulator meeting for Martyn Henderson approval	All (led by Dave M)	After 17th Sept
Progress "Evening with Brendan Elwood" fundraiser	John G	Ongoing
Confirm AGM venue & publish schedule	Cath	Before Sept board meeting
Email Gavin Bailey re: ticketing system issues	Cath	Next meeting
Invite Dan Levy to next board meeting	John G	September 2025
Submit availability for September board meeting	All	ASAP

 **Next Meeting:** 17th September following the meeting with Martyn Henderson