



**STOCKPORT COUNTY SUPPORTERS' CO-OPERATIVE LTD
(REGISTRATION NUMBER 29273R)**

**MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**THE SPINNING TOP, WELLINGTON ROAD SOUTH , 7pm
MONDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2025**

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Dave Marchbank, John Giles, John Bilsbury, Cath Shanley, Ian Shanley, Roy Gatley, Graham Privett, Ian Watts, Damien Beaumont, Tim Audas, Dave Connelly, Mike Swann , Adele Cooke, Nick Cooke, Keith Mills

Over Google Meet

Paul Dawson, Dave Wetters, Caz Burt , Ed Keane, Jason Ward, Mike Brown, Simon Bergara, Rachel Cooper, Tim Rowson, Joe Ward , Al Howarth , James Power

1. Welcome, Apologies and confirmation of Quorum

Apologies: Paul Thompson, Laurence Cross,

DM thanked everyone for their attendance and confirmed the meeting was quorate under co-operative rules.

2. 2025 Election Results.

DM confirmed that Adele Cooke, Tim Rowson, Tim Audas and Paul Dawson had been successfully nominated , and invited the meeting to approve their addition to the Supporters Cooperative Board which was carried unanimously and **DM** welcomed them all to the board and thanked them for standing.



3. Minutes of November 2024 AGM.

DM asked that the Minutes be approved . This was moved by **Damien Beaumont** seconded by **Tim Audas** and carried unanimously.

4. Chairman`s Report.

Good progress was made with key objectives growing membership and the board with 7 on the board following a successful election. **DM** placed his gratitude on record to those who stood and welcomed the 4 new members to the board.

DM also placed on record his gratitude to those standing down, Terry Arnold, who was a big help, particularly with the Hatters Half, Dave Wetters for his help with membership and Paul Thompson, current treasurer. Paul will stay around to provide a detailed handover. A round of applause was given to Paul. **DM** has a gift for him which will be passed on in due course.

The relationship with Edgeley Con Club coaches has benefitted members travelling to away matches and has helped drive up membership. The success of this initiative means that the discounted travel will continue. **DM** gave his thanks to both Steve Cunningham and Paul Dawson for considerable time and efforts.

Next event is on Wednesday and in conjunction with TSBW podcast- Antoni Sarcevic, where both co-op members and TSBW patreons enjoy 50% discount

The co-op are once again proud sponsors of the flag bearer scheme this season.

An amazing donation of £826.74 was given to Walthew House, local charity, following successful Co-op calendar sales this season. Thanks to Graham Privett for his considerable efforts in helping this happen. If you take any pictures this season which you would like to be considered for inclusion in next years calendar you can email them to graham.privett@phonecoop.coop

The co-op supported the club with the planning application for Edgeley Park with the council noting in their minutes the professionalism and respect demonstrated by both the co-op and the Edgeley Wildlife Trust , the expansion will provide a big boost for the local economy whilst helping the club to expand the fanbase.



The board met with Martyn Henderson, the newly appointed interim Independent Football Regulator recently. The IFR amongst other things will ensure that clubs take supporters' issues and views into consideration when making key changes.

DM thanked members and supporters who contributed to purchase tickets to be distributed to junior football clubs, this supports expanding the fan base. 48 pairs of tickets will be given out for the FA cup second round match v Cambridge United on 6th December.

The board recently backed a proposal to upgrade the current website and work on the first phase is due to commence. This will give us a more up to date, user friendly platform, including giving a better experience on a mobile. We are hopeful of a February 2026 launch.

The board are looking to resurface their presence at Edgeley Park on match days, the first planned presence will be handing out an updated brochure which will include a survey link so we can further understand what supporters want from our organisation.

Guardian account interest - the board still seeks to attract more interest for account funds and has a meeting planned with the Stockport Credit Union as one of the options to increase interest.

Damien Beaumont asked a question on the guardian account, and the security of it if we change the banking arrangements. DM reassured Damien that the current security levels will remain in place with any account changes.

The board's next meeting with the club is on Monday 8th December at Edgeley Park, where amongst other topics we will be looking for updates on the ground redevelopment and loyalty scheme. If members do have any questions please approach one of the board or send via email.

DM concluded his report, thanking everyone for attending both in person and online.

5. Treasurers Report.

DM delivered the report in Paul Thompson's absence. **DM** explained why a second set of accounts were issued. There was a mistake made where a donation to Friends of Uganda was actually itemised under bank charges by mistake.



Sedulo rectified the error and re-issued the accounts which were sent out to members for review before the AGM.

DM explained that the new board would be voting on an amount that constitutes a healthy balance for the working account in the future.

Question asked on the amount of bank charges and whether it is correct, seems low. The account isn't a business account so doesn't attract charges for online transactions.

Question on what the guardian account balance was this time last year. Not known in Paul's absence,

Vote on accounts 2024/2025 passed unanimously. Accounts will now be signed and filed with the Financial Conduct Authority.

6. Approval of the 2024/25 accounts to be independently verified rather than audited.

Approval was carried unanimously .

7. Appointment of inspectors of accounts (if item 6 approved) or re-election of auditors.

Approval was carried with 24 positive votes and two abstentions, Sedulo will continue to inspect annual accounts.

8. Membership Report

John Giles delivered the membership report.

218 members at last year's AGM. 212 adults, 5 16-18 and 1 under 16

288 members this year, increase of 70, 267 adults, 7 16-18, 14 under 16

This increase challenged the narrative on not being able to grow membership whilst the club is in a successful phase on the pitch

Edgeley Con Club Coaches has been a successful initiative, proving popular with fans travelling to away matches whilst growing the membership.



Development of EP has increased co-operative coverage, particularly with local media including the BBC news website, MEN and ITV. We lobbied cabinet members on the Highways committee and spoke at area committee to articulate supporters backing for ground redevelopment. Cllr Steve Gribbon praised our conduct, professionalism and constructive approach.

We used our social media channels to promote our success focusing on lapsed co-op members, this resulted in a noticeable upturn in renewals and sign ups. 20 members returned to the co-op.

607 lapsed members currently on the database, this remains a key area for growth in 2026.

Apologies went out to any members who received emails asking them to check their own membership, Web Collect isn't the easiest system to use, a focus has been made on working on the data which gives a clearer picture of membership now.

Improvements are in the pipeline for a new more mobile friendly interface in Web Collect, we are hopeful of a January 2026 delivery.

John Robinson design will be working on our new website which will highlight the board's work in safeguarding the club's future, commitment to increasing membership, community and charity work undertaken and the personal benefits of having membership.

A new membership brochure is in the pipeline, which will include a consultation exercise, the previous survey resulted in 40 new members

Membership continues to be a focus in 2026 following a successful 2025.

9. Fund Raising

John Giles delivered the fundraising report.

Forever Friends of Uganda fundraising event with Fraser Horsfall and Lewis Bate, great success, raised over 3k which exceeded Keith Mills expectations

Andy Preece event held with Nic Lee and Hannah Brown of SK3 TV

Antoni Sarcevic event at Fitzpatricks on 26th November with great raffle prizes, still tickets available. Under 18's are welcome.



Other events in the pipeline for the new year to raise more funds for the co-op and charity partners.

10. Comms /Media Report

JB

Main responsibilities continue to lie with submitting articles to Stockport Express and the match programmes.

JB Thanked Ian Brown for his help when he handed the role over , a big help to John in his new role.

JB represented the co-op at the Town Hall planning meeting , which were fully represented in his following articles.

Graham Privett commented on how well John presented himself and represented the co-op at the Town Hall planning meeting.

11. Charity of the year 2026

Wellspring Kitchen will continue to be our nominated charity for 2026, after a unanimous vote.

A bucket collection is planned for the Stevenage match on the 13th December at Edgeley Park.

12. AOB

Questions raised online will be taken away and responded to in due course, and responses included in the minutes of this meeting.

A Raffle was drawn for attending the meeting, including those attending over Google Meet. Jason Ward and Ed Keane won prizes with one unknown winner.

New board members Adele Cook and Tim Audas came onto the stage to say a few words.

Alan Howarth asked questions via Google Meet chat, Cath Shanley to follow up with Alan to clarify and ensure a response is sent in due course.



Meeting closed