



Stockport County Supporters' Co-operative Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 28th April 2026 @ 17:00

Location: Heaton Norris Room, Edgeley Park

1. Attendance and Apologies

In Attendance:

John Giles, Adele Cooke, Cath Shanley, Tim Rowson, Tim Audas, Dave Marchbank, Paul Dawson, Paul Thompson

Apologies:

John Bilsbury

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th March 2026 were reviewed by the board and formally approved.

3. Actions Brought Forward

Several actions from the previous meeting were reviewed. Completed actions were noted and removed from the log. The following items remain ongoing:

- **PD** – Finalise and issue outstanding coach invoices from previous months.
- **DM & JG** – Continue discussions regarding potential Credit Union sponsorship and provide an update.
- **JG** – Circulate the previous supporters survey to the board and gather ideas for a future consultation (carried forward).

Matters Arising

Coach Travel Update (PD):

Paul Dawson provided an update on recent coach travel arrangements. A total of 13 coaches were successfully organised for the Wembley Vertu Trophy fixture. The board expressed its thanks to the Edgeley Community Coaches (ECC) for their significant efforts in delivering this operation. Additionally, four coaches have been arranged for the upcoming Barnsley away fixture.

There remains approximately £300 in outstanding invoices relating to previous trips. Due to increased workload in a new professional role, these invoices have not yet been finalised. PD also confirmed that outstanding balances relating to the Wembley trip will be waived as a goodwill gesture from ECC.

A follow-up survey will be issued to supporters who travelled to Wembley. JG requested that a question relating to potential co-op member discounts be included.

Guardian Account Progress (AC):

The board discussed progress on the new guardian account arrangements. It was agreed that the account will operate with two signatories, specifically the Chair and Vice Chair. In accordance with governance requirements, any withdrawal of funds will require approval via a Special General Meeting (SGM).

The board approved moving forward with Hampshire Trust Bank, with funds split between an easy-access account and a notice account. Adele Cooke will proceed with opening the accounts.

Reform Imagery (JB):

The board noted recent concerns regarding the use of club-related imagery within Reform campaign materials. It was confirmed that the football club has already issued a statement condemning this usage, and the co-operative board fully supports and aligns with this position.

Junior Football Club Tickets (JG):

The club has invited the co-operative to attend a meeting at the end of the season to discuss initiatives relating to junior football ticketing. The board reflected on the success of previous schemes and its role in promoting them to local grassroots clubs.

Membership Updates (JG):

JG provided an update on work undertaken with Webcollect, including improved understanding of bank statement coding and reconciliation processes. It was agreed that Tim Rowson will assist with database updates. A joint Teams session will be arranged to progress this work collaboratively.

Player Events (JG):

It was agreed that supporter/player engagement events will be discussed further at the next meeting, with input from club representatives including Gavin. All board members will be invited to participate in the discussion.

Routine Business**Membership:**

Current membership stands at 254 members. Continued efforts are required to ensure records remain accurate and up to date.

Finance:

Working Account Balance **£6062.22**

Other account balances not available

Communications and Media:

The board reviewed website performance metrics, noting 6,600 visitors and 19,300 page views since launch.

A proposal was discussed to develop a historical photo gallery using images from Stockport Heritage Library. The estimated cost for sourcing and preparing these materials is £75 (John Robinson). Marcus Heap has been identified as a potential contributor for accompanying written content.

Any Other Business**Stockport Credit Union:**

A contribution of £1,000 has been agreed in principle, alongside promotional support via the website and board communications.

Work Experience Placement:

A student recently completed a one-week placement at the club. DM will invite them to produce a written article reflecting on their experience.

Wellspring:

DM confirmed that contact will be made with Janet Parrish regarding ongoing engagement.

Meeting concluded at 18:16

Next Meeting: To be confirmed

Action Points Table

Owner	Action	Notes	Status
PD	Complete outstanding coach invoices	Approx £300 outstanding	In Progress
JG	Circulate supporters survey and gather ideas	Carried forward	Open
AC	Open HTB accounts	Two-account structure agreed	In Progress
JG	Coordinate junior ticket initiative meeting	End-of-season discussion	Open
JG/TR	Update membership database	Teams session to be arranged	Open
Board	Plan player engagement event	To be discussed next meeting	Planned
DM	Contact Wellspring representative	Janet Parrish	Open