

Exeter City AFC Supporters Society Ltd

Trust Board Meeting Minutes Part A

Meeting held in Boardroom and on Zoom

Date: Monday 7 July 2025

Trustees present: Nick Hawker, Julen Beer, Steve Chown, Nick Edwards, Latoyah Egerton, Pete Ferlie, Clive Harrison, Pete Holding, Richard Knight,
On Zoom. Doug Gillard,

Apologies: Will Barrett, Debra Noble, Neil Le Milliere,

Officers Present: Dean Matthews (Secretary), Pete Cordwell (Minutes Taker), Steve Chudley (Finance Officer), Sarah Ford (Membership Secretary)

Apologies: Cameron Ward, (Trust Media and Communications Officer)

Trust members present, Elaine Davis, Elaine Grimsey, Greg Hill, Jack Bending, Lance Higgins, Spike, Josh Annettes + four U-18's

On Zoom: Mike Summers, George Martin, Pete Martin, Alistair Yates, Paul Diamond, Stuart James, Greg Tarr, Becky Strong, Adam Bright, Kevin

No conflicts of interest were declared

Approval of minutes from June 2025 meeting

Matters of Accuracy

None

Approval of Part A minutes for June 2025, proposed by CH, seconded by NE.

The minutes were approved: For nine, Against none, Absentions one

Matters Arising

None

Chair's Update

Proposed date of AGM is 8 November before Wigan home fixture.

Proposer NH

Passed unanimously.

This year, alternatives to the Phoenix are being considered. (Trust Sec)

Working Group Updates

Finance & Governance

The Trust board can confirm that an amount of £400,000 was loaned to the Club as a contingency, repayable in 12 months' time at an interest rate of CPI+5%. This is to cover a seasonal financial low point and is consistent with the same period last year.

A Trust member expressed concern that this followed loans of £650,000 with regard to OTR and Cliff Hill Training Ground. There was concern that Trust finances had fallen to £200,000 from £1million.

There were no questions.

Trust Accounts June 2025

Opening balance	223,2
	83.80

Receipts

	15,72
Subscriptions	1.64
Transfer from deposit a/c	400,0
	67.40
	300.0
Transfer from PayPal	0
	12,00
1931 fund donation	0.00
	428,0
Total	89.04

Payments

Contingency loan to Club	400,0
	00.00
	12,00
1931 fund donation	0.00
	8,333
Payment to club	.00
	3,670
Wages/Tax/Expenses	.13
	745.5
Refund to ECC	0
	504.0
Professional fees	0
	260.0
Badges	0
	240.0
Keyrings	0
	110.0
JG refunds	0
Fasthosts	74.35
Membership refunds	65.00

	Business cards	62.83
	Bank charges	38.50
	Zoom	15.59
		426,1
	Total	18.90
		24,68
Deposit account		4.12
PayPal		82.09
		250,0
Total		20.15

Owners & Members

The minutes of the last meeting are included in the meeting pack.

Our annual Club Charter consultation is nearing completion.

Two suggestions. Season ticket holders should be given gold priority status.

Supporters and staff should set a good example on behaviour. Staff and supporter conduct is already a section in the Club Charter

There was a discussion about bringing the Seniors' age in line with government retirement age. Conclusion – use bus pass age.

Wheelchair spaces have been amended.

Total number of valid Trust Members is 5189 (including 36 Corporate members and members in their grace renewal period.) Total excludes Junior Grecians.

Party in the Park was another success with a huge vote of thanks to Clive Harrison. Also to everyone who helped or attended the event.

A new "Semper Fidelis" badge is available from the Trust. Thank you to Neil Le Milliere and Elaine Davis for organising this.

Volunteers Thank You Event (26 June) was attended by Craig Bratt, Gary Caldwell, Pierce Sweeney and Josh Magennis.

"Ginger Cat Deli" are replacing Chunk. Their wares were trialled successfully at a recent Round Table. They are confirmed as Match Day hot food supplier.

Away End Free teas sponsorship very kindly offered by a Trust Member has been accepted by the Club. Thank you to Justin Dillon for your kind sponsorship.

Fans' Forum delayed with change of host. Next Grecian Groups' Forum was on 16 July 2025 (clashed with NDG). Now arranged for 17 July 2025

Ongoing thanks are offered to the Trust Membership Secretary for work (with a volunteer) on converting standing orders to Very Connect. Contact by phone produced a number of positive comments.

Corporate Membership Annual 7-a-side tournament has been cancelled - no organiser found. A volunteer is needed for Summer 2026.

Two match day birthdays plus guest each in hospitality is to continue. The Heritage spaces (2 per match) to Corporate members are to continue.

Director of the Day to continue.

Real Ale festival organised by Club was a great event for those who attended. Friday and Sunday were not well supported.

Real Ale bar will become a mobile bar in the Centre Spot revamp.

A clear cut off date for joining the Trust to access Plymouth tickets is needed. Decision. **1 September**

Communications & Engagement

Pleased to report that there has been a steady rise in engagement online. CW is to create more long video content. e.g. Youtube

Work on a new membership app has started.

We'll continue on work to make the website better for the 75% who use it on a mobile phone.

Community

There hasn't been a meeting. SC met with SMq. with regard to offering our charity partners exposure on matchdays.

DG/RK went to Plainmoor to meet counterparts from Torquay and Plymouth.

AFC Wimbledon have reposted Northampton Town's petition regarding the "Fair Game" movement.

Any Other Business

JA asked about the rebranding process. A video is being produced, it was thought. NH will report at the next meeting.

Question about the refurbishment of the Centre Spot. It is being decorated to make it more comfortable for supporters. The Real Ale bar is to become mobile. Centre Spot should then be more attractive for outside events. Concern was expressed that Trust Members didn't know it was happening.

Trust member asked why the Trust had reduced the money they held to cover staff wages from three months to two months. This will be put to the Club Board for consideration.

ED spoke about the turmoil the Club finds itself in. Suggested we may be overstretching ourselves with the number of appointments made recently. Felt there were too many changes which we could do without. Asked us to remember that we should be protecting the future of the Club. Urged prudence. (applause)

Trust member asked about the cost of the La Manga trip and whether it broke the barrier of £50k after which the Club must seek the agreement of the Trust.

AY (Trust member) commented that we were losing our roots. Only forty minutes before the meeting had the contingency loan been discovered. This member had sent some comments made on LinkedIn and Youtube to the Trust because they aroused suspicion. Felt a divide had been created. Appealed for more transparency and honesty. Also felt that meetings should not be chopped around and should be held as planned.

MH and GM offered thanks to trustees for their hard work.

Mike Summers offered to take responsibility for under 18's at the SJP Work Party.

Meeting closed. 18.45

Date of next Meeting: Monday 11 August

Future meetings

8 September

13 October

10 November

8 December