



**Minutes of the Lewes FC Supporters Club Meeting, held at The Elephant & Castle, Lewes  
on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025.**

1. Apologies
  - Terry Parris, Richard Irving
2. Maintenance [Terry Morton]
  - Stuart has been fitting door closers to the new Women's toilets
  - Damien has resurfaced the top path
  - Gaz has been cleaning the dugouts
  - Thursday volunteers have fitted a handrail on the slope down to the disabled toilet in the Philcox, at Susie Arlett's request
  - Southern Water have started work to connect the 3G facilities to a water supply
3. Finance [Alan Sayers]
  - Paid £2,100 for the resurfacing
  - Paid £2,600 for the new windows for the coffee hut
  - Account currently has £11,000
  - The club has asked for £500 for clearing the drains by the kitchens – no objections from anyone in the room
  - Karen Dobres has asked if the SC would be willing to pay for the free sanitary products for the women's toilets – Miranda suggested that a sponsor of the LFC Juniors may be able to provide these
  - Pin badges for the club shop – BC to catch up with Brian Ashdown
  - TM asked if the SC could provide some funding to provide plants for Louise's garden by the players steps – this was agreed
4. Supporters Club Membership Drive [Barry Collins]
  - BC suggested the double header weekend 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> March [Men vs Cray Valley PM, Women vs Billericay Town] would be a good opportunity to promote SC membership
  - BC is aiming to provide some items to give away e.g. beer mats, pens
5. Membership [Jeff Sheldon]
  - The SC Facebook group has 1,991 members
  - The SC Twitter/X page has 1,386 followers, albeit we are now moving most of our matchday coverage to Bluesky
  - The new SC account on Bluesky has 134 followers
  - The SC has 332 subscribers on Mailchimp

## 6. Foundation Update [Miranda Kemp]

- LFCF is now in partnership with Lewes Town Council
- LFCF is in transition from “charitable company” to full charity status
- LFCF is now running some new groups: Saturday rooks, walking football, girls football for new U14 players
- Pitch replacement fund – the club should’ve been putting money aside to fund replacement works for the 3G, LFCF is liaising with the club to ensure this money is ringfenced
- Estimated cost of £1,000,000 to replace the pitch†
- LFCF now has an agreement with Priory School to use the school pitches on weekends
- Planning permission for a “pavilion” structure between the 3G and Priory fields is being sought – a big fundraising drive is required
- A local resident has made a substantial contribution to start off the funding for the pavilion
- The East Sussex College Facility on Ham Lane is due to be mothballed, pending redevelopment – the club use part of the site as a gym, LFCF is working on an alternative
- There should be no on-site parking at the 3G and the surrounding roads are unsuitable for parking – the designated car park for the 3G is the Mountfield Road car park next to the ground but the lighting of the path connecting the two will need to be reinstalled as the previous lights were vandalised, Stuart Finegan offered to help with this
- A second 3G pitch in Lewes is a long term goal, the existing 3G pitch is now at 95% utilisation
- LFCF have applied to the Football Foundation for a grant to cover 75% of the cost of a new tractor, which would be used by both the foundation and the main club

† update post meeting: the £1m figure is believed to refer to replacement of the whole facility, not solely the replacement of the pitch, which is what is required. A quote to replace the pitch was received around 2 years ago for £300,000. It was also noted in the meeting that the 3G pitch is in a good condition at present – in no small part due to the excellent maintenance done by Terry.

## 7. Club update [Steve Watts]

- Board elections are imminent, nominations have opened today
- The club is re-opening player sponsorships and looking for advertisers for the pitch-side hoardings
- BH asked if the SC was going to take over running of player sponsorships – this was discussed at the AGM after being raised by Stuart Fuller but no conclusion has been reached

## 8. Volunteer Legends [Barry Collins]

- BC has received several suggestions for “volunteer legends”
- Should ex-board members be eligible for this or should they be a separate category? – for further discussion

## 9. AOB

- SW asked the room if anyone had a preference between Lewes FC Men competing in the Fenix trophy again or the Sussex Senior Cup next season. The club’s view is that it will not be possible to do both in the same season – BC suggested the club put it to a vote of owners
- The Bonfire cup has been arranged for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May and there is a football festival at the Dripping Pan on the 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> May
- Tony Kalume asked if printed programmes could return – BC suggested it would be unlikely due to the cost
- Tony also raised there is a crack in the flint wall next to the community garden – TM to investigate