



**Summary Minutes of the Lewes FC Supporters Club Meeting,
held at the Elephant & Castle on Tuesday 25th November 2025.**

1. Apologies

- Terry Parris
- Terry Morton

2. Finance (Alan Sayers)

- Balance - £10,300
- For the year to date:
 - £17,745 donated to club for various projects
 - £4,358 Men's matches / £776 Women's matches generated from the raffle
 - £3,167 Men's matches / £760 Women's matches generated from Golden Goal
 - £3,601 profit from Pan for Gold

3. Maintenance (Terry Morton)

- TM reports all ok
- SF investigating installing a new "NEXT FIXTURE AGAINST" board and has got a quote

4. Membership (Jeff Sheldon)

- Facebook: End of Q3 2,172, now 2,230 = +58
- X: End of Q3 1,370, now 1,366 = -4
- Bluesky: End of Q3 189, now 198 = +9
- Mailchimp: End of Q3 390, now 391 = +1

5. Other updates (Barry Collins)

- Elections to the committee will take place in January. There is still a vacancy for the Fundraising Manager on the committee.
- £1 cup deposit return scheme wasn't a huge success, so the club has taken the £1 deposit off the cups instead. The club is going to encourage people to return the cups.
- Volunteer Christmas party is taking place in the Rook Inn after the Dartford match on the 6th December.
- MK asks if LFCF can get involved with the Christmas party.

6. Q&A with Jim Cheek from the LFC Board

- SW: Where is the money coming from at the moment to pay players and staff? Is the club borrowing additional funds?
- BH: A similar question was asked at the recent meet the manager/board session.
- JC: The club had anticipated running out of cash in November. Several things have happened in the meantime to improve the situation – the men’s playing budget has been reduced to bring it back in line with the women’s playing budget; the club has taken a loan from an external party/parties which will not be repaid if the club cannot afford to do so. The board are still speaking to potential investors and have rejected some approaches from investors the board have deemed do not have values that align with the club’s.
- SW: The club has taken over 2 years to find investors and in his view, the club and the board has spent too much time pursuing this.
- JC: This process can’t keep going forever. Conversations with potential investors take a long time and require a lot of due diligence. The board has struggled in recent months due to the reduced numbers on the board after several resignations.
- MK: Have the board has got a cut-off date in mind should the takeover of the Women’s team not be completed? What would be the plan should this not happen?
- MK: Is the club looking to reconnect with local businesses?
- JC: The club is looking to restart the “Support and Save” scheme with businesses in the town and looking at a scheme that will allow ownership cards to be added to Apple Pay / Google Wallet etc.
- JC: There is a new initiative called “Lewes United” which is looking to encourage local businesses to sponsor the club with advertising hoardings, match sponsorships and similar.
- IS: Has encouraged the club to do more promotion around the town. Do we want to have more people locally to engage with the club?
- JC: Has replied to IS’s email. This is very much something the club wants to do but it is subject to time available. IS volunteered to help.
- MK: Is there still a plan for a flyer to go out to households in Lewes?
- JC: This has been done, Shrey and some of the women’s squad deliver these.
- JG: Could there be some physical benefits to volunteering at the club?
- Simon: Will the accounts be published ahead of the AGM?
- JC: Yes, “some version” of the accounts will be published. The full accounts are still with the accountants. LFC are in the process changing accountants.
- RM: Can we bring back cups we already have at home?
- BC: Yes, but you can’t now get the £1 deposit back.
- JC: The club bought 2,000 cups 2 years ago, 400 are still with the club. The cups cost around £0.66 each.

7. AOB (all)

- MW: If you’re going to Dulwich away, strong recommendation to [buy tickets in advance](#).
- MW: DT and I are planning to walk to Whitehawk on the 27th December, weather permitting! All welcome to join, we’re going to go over the hills so it might be a bit muddy in places.
- JG: Billericay Home has dropped off the tickets on the website for some reason.
- JC: is happy for people to contact him directly on jim@lewesfc.com
- MW: can we limit number of U16s per transaction to 4? There were issues on Saturday with a large group of U16s from Chatham.