

# Fisher FC Society Limited

## Annual General Meeting

Thursday 10 July 2025, 20.00

### Unconfirmed Minutes

#### Attendance

Present: Jim Maycock (Chair), Simon Shipperlee, Gavin Witt, Laura Witt (Secretary), David Warren (proxy), Mark Ripper, Angie Monid, John Cronin, Clive O'Sullivan, Molly Prentice, Steve Carroll, Paul Robinson, John Green, Ryan Green, Mike McAvoy, Scott Campbell  
Alex Baynham, Flora Death, Nick Mellish, Paul Darby, Ben Westmancott, Freya Westmancott

Quorum: 8 members

Jim Maycock opened the meeting as Chair and welcomed those in attendance. Apologies were received from Ian Murphy and Geoff Fisher. Proxy votes were received from David Warren and allocated to the Chair.

1. Minutes of the AGM held on 27 June 2024 (AGM.2025.01)
  - 3.1 The minutes were accepted without amendment.
2. Revised Society Rules (AGM.2025.02)
  - 2.1 Following the recommendations emerging from a governance review conducted by the Football Supporter's Association (FSA), the Board had reviewed the society's rules and revised these in accordance with the latest FSA model rules. The new rules more closely reflected the club's structure than the current version. As part of this process, the Board had reviewed and updated the society's objects to ensure that these remained current.
  - 2.2 The resolution was proposed by Scott Campbell and seconded by Paul Darby. Members voted to adopt the revised rules.
3. Standing Orders for General Meetings (AGM.2025.03)
  - 3.1 The Board had previously not adopted standing orders for general meetings, however this recommendation had also emerged from the FSA audit and would enable the society to formalise the conduct of meeting business. Members discussed the recommendations of the audit more broadly, noting that while most recommendations had been adopted by the Board, some points, such as the adoption of the FSA model election policy, would be difficult to implement within a club of Fisher's size. The Secretary was in the process of drafting side policies with the aim of presenting these to the Board in the autumn. An action plan was in place to monitor the progress of recommendations.

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- 3.2 The resolution was proposed by Angie Monid and seconded by Paul Darby. Members voted to adopt the standing orders.
4. Annual report from the Club Secretary
- 4.1 Jim Maycock provided members with a report on the 2024/25 season.
- 4.2 The club had finished 4th in the league (up 10 places from last season), qualifying for the promotion play-offs. Fisher won the semi-final on penalties but narrowly lost the final to VCD Athletic after a last-minute goal. There had been less success in cup competitions, with early exits due largely to tough draws or poor conditions. The only wins came in the League Challenge Cup and Kent Senior Trophy. A squad of 52 players had been used, with a more settled side than previous years, including 12 players each making more than 25 appearances. Discipline had improved significantly, with only one red card and no suspensions from accumulated bookings.
- 4.3 Average home attendance rose to 225, with high gates for key fixtures (including 423 vs Faversham Town). Matchday bar income increased, thanks to higher attendance and engagement with suppliers to extend the range of products on offer. The club continued to receive excellent support from volunteers and to work collaboratively with Millwall Community Trust, benefitting from pitch and changing room upgrades. The ground was accredited for step five standards.
- 4.4 The club was adapting to evolving FA regulations and preparing for the phased introduction of club licensing at step five and six. The society structure and rules had been refreshed accordingly. Looking ahead, retaining a top four position in a highly competitive league would be challenging and some player movement was expected, however the club celebrated the progression of its players, including Ade Olowu's move to Salford City (League Two).
- 4.5 Members discussed the additional boardroom requirements for accreditation at step 4, noting that part of the club house could be sectioned off, or an external office installed elsewhere in the ground. As toilet requirements had now been revised and downgraded, the ground was compliant in this respect.
- 4.6 A member asked whether recruiting and supporting young players to progress into higher leagues was a stated aim of the club. The Chair advised that the club's main aim was to play at the highest level possible but that the ground and resources were limiting factors. The club's aim to provide sporting activity for the people of Bermondsey was still at its heart and the ability to rehabilitate players was a source of pride. Growing the fan base and raising average match day attendance to around 300 would make a substantial difference in terms of funding the club.
5. Accounts for the 12-month period ending 31 May 2025 (AGM.2025.04a-c)
- 5.1 Simon Shipperlee summarised the club's accounts for the 2024-25 financial year. Cash income stood at £75,000, consistent with previous years, and held stock with

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a value of £3,500. The club was profitable for the eighth consecutive year , with an accounting profit of £10,000 for 2024/25. Matchday income had increased but there had been no reoccurring sponsorship income from ILLVZN. Membership numbers remained static and merchandise sales increased. Fines had decreased from the previous year. The only liability was £4,500 in corporation tax.

- 5.2 Sponsorship had been variable over the years and members were informed that shirt sponsorship from British Land would not be renewed for the coming season. A new shirt sponsor was sought. Members discussed possible new sponsors, noting that the level of sponsorship for the home kit had been £5,000. It was agreed that with increased gate numbers and social media coverage, sponsorship now offered greater exposure and could therefore be considered more valuable.
  - 5.3 It was confirmed that income remained below the £90K VAT registration threshold.
  - 5.4 The accounts showed a positive balance of £67,000 and the club was building up working capital for contingency and possible future investment in the ground.
  - 5.5 Nine members continued to contribute to the 12<sup>th</sup> man fund, which amounted to £3,000 for the playing budget.
  - 5.6 The resolution was proposed by Ben Westmancott and seconded by Molly Prentice. Members voted to adopt the accounts, noting that they would be reviewed by the club's accountant before filing with the FCA.
6. Audit of the accounts
- 6.1 Members resolved that, in accordance with section 84 of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, the Society be authorised not to undertake a full professional audit of the accounts for the period to 31 May 2025.
7. Appointment of directors
- 7.1. Members voted to reappoint the following directors for a period of two years: Bert Kite, Ian Murphy, Paul Robinson, Scott Campbell, Jim Maycock.
  - 7.2. Members noted the retirement of Chris Loudon and Chris Hiscock from the Society Board.
8. No other business was transacted. The meeting closed at 20.38.

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