



## **Newcastle United Supporters Trust**

### **Minutes of Annual General Meeting, 7pm 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025, Tyneside Irish Centre, Gallowgate, Newcastle Upon Tyne**

*Board Members Present:* Paul Karter (PK)(Chair,) Cliff Culley (CC,) Pete Davey (PD,) Lisa Mole (LM, ) Kevin Patterson (KP,) Adam Stoker (AS,) Olivia Thomson (OT,) Felicity Thow (FT.)

*Secretary:* Colin Whittle (CW)

#### **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from 8 NUST members who were unable to attend in person.

#### **2. Welcome and Introductions**

CW welcomed members to the NUST AGM and thanked everyone for attending. Tyneside Irish Centre were also thanked for agreeing to host the meeting.

#### **3. Chairs Update**

PK took members through the Chairs statement <https://www.nufctrust.co.uk/files/pdf/nust-chair-report.pdf> and highlighted several areas of NUST activities during the year. In particular in relation to the challenges relating to ticketing, the establishment of the FAB, which includes representation from NUST (PK and AS,) the community work involving NUST (incl Alan Shearer Foundation, NUFC Foundation, the Bubble Foundation, Bobby Robson Foundation, and the Newcastle Foodbank,) member engagement, the Stop Exploiting Loyalty Campaign, correspondence with the club around ticket pricing, and attendance at structured dialogue meetings with the Premier League. Representatives from both the FSA and NUFC Fans Foodbank addressed the meeting in relation to their areas of involvement.

#### **4. Treasurers Report**

CC presented a resolution to disapply the statutory audit requirements and explained to members that NUST auditors had advised that a full audit of accounts was no longer necessary given the level of funds in the NUST accounts. Full accounts would still be produced by independent accountants, but this process would result in a saving on external fees. Members agreed unanimously to approve the resolution. CC then presented the accounts which had been prepared by 48 Consult Limited, 48 Moor Crescent, Newcastle Upon Tyne, taking members through the main points contained therein. The accounts were approved unanimously. You can find the accounts to August 2024 here -

[https://www.nufctrust.co.uk/files/pdf/annual-accounts-to-year-end-august-2024-with-resolutions-1\(1\).pdf](https://www.nufctrust.co.uk/files/pdf/annual-accounts-to-year-end-august-2024-with-resolutions-1(1).pdf)

## **5. NUST election results**

PK explained to members the NUST election process and confirmed that the election process had had taken place in November 2024. Ashley Brown from the Football Supporters Association had been appointed to be the Independent Chair of the Election Committee to oversee the process. CW as a current NUST member (but not a Board member) served as an additional member of the election committee. Two Board vacancies were available, and the successful candidates were Richard Barnsdall and Karl Williamson, who were both in attendance. Members voted unanimously to approve the appointments.

## **6. Members Resolutions**

There were no member resolutions submitted to the meeting.

## **7. Any Other Business**

There was no specific AOB issues raised, although number of areas were discussed by members including ticketing, fan engagement, FAB, atmosphere at matches, the Magpie Mover ticket, members survey and ground relocation. Members were thanked for their contributions and the meeting concluded at 20:10.

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