



Minutes of Newcastle United Supporters Trust AGM 2026

Held at Tyneside Irish Centre Monday 12th January 26, 7pm

Board Members Present: Lisa Mole (LM) (Chair), Cliff Culley (CC) (Treasurer), Kevin Patterson (KP), Felicity Thow (FT).

Online: Paul Karter (PK), Pete Davey (PD), Olivia Thomson (OT), Karl Williamson (KW)

1. Welcome to all and introduction- Welcome to all and a big thanks to Bill Corcoran for allowing us to use Tyneside Irish Centre for our AGM.

18 in attendance in person, 4 online.

2. Apologies - Colin Whittle (CW) (Secretary)

3. Chair's update - LM took members through the Chair's [Statement](#) and highlighted several areas of NUST activities through the year including building a strong relationship with new CEO David Hopkinson, which will hopefully increase influence in decision making. The disclosure of ticketing numbers that day by the club was a good sign of that influence going forward.

LM discussed our engagement with community and membership including annual survey. Highlighted support of FSA and involvement with Stop Exploiting Loyalty Campaign and meeting with Independent Football Regulator.

LM was looking forward to building on successes of the year gone and trying to ensure that fan engagement was at the heart of the club's decision making. She was then asked by member from the audience about witnessing the club's Mags Member ballot system in action and advised she was scheduled to do so and would report back afterwards.

4. Election results confirmation - CC explained process which had Ashley Brown from the Football Supporters Association as Independent Chair of election committee and Paul Karter as exiting Board member. Three board vacancies were available but four applications were received and they were thought to be of such a good quality they were all accepted. The election of Tom Rutherford, Justin Robert, David Stonehouse and Steve Henderson were approved unanimously.

5. Resolution to disapply statutory audit requirements - Moved by CC

One member said we couldn't consider resolution as accounts were not agreed.

However after discussion and full explanation re reasons for disapplication, the resolution was unanimously agreed by all those present.

6. Treasurer's report - CC

Was dealt with before Agenda item number 5 as requested by a member.

The member asked why admin expenses nearly doubled - explained costs re extra software, survey fees and AI to help with communication and surveys with fans and also an increase in subscription collection fees (via LoveAdmin). Advised Trust was undertaking a full review of membership data and subscription collection.

Then the member pointed out typographical errors on accounts so that it would not be possible to agree accounts at the AGM. Accounts will have to be rectified with accountant and the accounts could not be approved due to the error. The AGM will be reconvened online in order to approve the corrected accounts.

7. Any member resolutions -

None

8. Any other business -

There were no specific AOB issues raised although a number of areas were discussed by members including Mags members' success rates, season ticket transfers, cost of Trust membership and if extra funds could help functionality of Trust. Discussed member database and that membership fees would be reviewed although extra funding not needed at this time. Timing and scheduling of matches also discussed with disquiet expressed regarding their impact on match going fans. Explained the Stop Exploiting Loyalty campaign by FSA and our full support of that.

Members were thanked for their contributions and attendance. Meeting was then adjourned – to be concluded with corrected accounts.