

BLUES TRUST

Vision : To be an independent, democratic, representative and influential voice for all supporters of Birmingham City Football Club.

Minutes of the meeting of the Blues Trust Board held at 7.00pm on Thursday 13 November 2025 via Zoom video conference.

In attendance: Neil Cottrell (NC) (Chair), Pete Bull (PB)(part), Richard Docker (RD), Fred Greaves (FG), Bruce Kyte (BK), Linda Magner (LM) and Richard Stanley (RS) (Board Members).

Agenda Items

1. Welcome and Introductions

NC welcomed all present to the meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence

Karim Adab (KA), Luke John Davies (LD) and Cliff Horrocks (CH).

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 September 2025 were noted and approved. In terms of matters arising, it was agreed not to lose sight of the good practice fan engagement model developed by Board members in August. And it was agreed to contact [REDACTED] with a view to inviting him to attend a board meeting early in 2026.

4. AGM Preparations

RD introduced this item and confirmed that all arrangements were on track for the AGM the following week. At the moment, approximately 20 members had confirmed their attendance. It was agreed to send a further reminder in the days ahead and to use the members WhatsApp group. It was noted that Mike Wiseman had kindly agreed to speak at the meeting after the formalities had concluded.

5. IFR Consultation

NC introduced this item and confirmed the deadline of 5 December for submission of a response to the IFR consultation document on fan engagement. It was agreed that the Trust should submit a response and NC, RS and RD were tasked with doing so. RS agreed to get things started by circulating an initial response to Section 5 of the document which would form the basis of discussion via a zoom conference call.

6. Club Updates

It was noted that [REDACTED] has removed any reference to the OSC from its website. It was also noted that [REDACTED], had raised concerns about the governance of OSC's [REDACTED]. These issues reaffirmed previously expressed concerns about the overall management of the OSC's. NC confirmed that he would make contact with [REDACTED] to discuss the situation.

7. Financial Report

The Financial Report circulated prior to the meeting by PB was noted. PB explained that the format of the annual accounts is slightly different this year given the change of auditor. The overall financial position remains good. The annual accounts have been agreed and were ready for presentation to the AGM.

PB confirmed that the bank account for Fan Rescue Ltd had been closed following the dissolution of the company.

PB explained that the website is currently running well although expected data base updates may impact on the site for a short period in the near future. It was noted that the number of emails stored on the Blues Trust server needed to be reduced. All to action.

8. Agreed Priorities

The schedule of Agreed Priorities for 2025 was noted and reviewed. It was agreed that attention should soon turn to the identification of priorities for 2026. In discussion it was agreed that consideration should be given to asking the members to help identify the key priorities. It was agreed to undertake a consultation exercise early in 2026. FG agreed to lead preparation for the task in conjunction with RD.

9. Any Other Business

- (i) AGM - it was agreed that board members should be present from 6.30pm, with Mike Wiseman being asked to join the conference call with members at 7.00pm.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is to be agreed after the AGM (subsequently confirmed for Thursday 29 January 2026 at 7.00pm).

The meeting finished at 8.32pm.