



SWANSEA CITY SUPPORTERS' TRUST

BOARD MEETING MINUTES 3rd AUGUST 2026 @ 4pm BST

Trust Board Member	Present Y/N	In person/MS Teams
Dave Dalton (DD)	Y	In person
Paul Meller (PM)	Y	In person
Diane Hughes (DH)	Y	MS Teams
Howell Williams (HW)	Y	In person
Roger Goodwin (RG)	Y	In person
Peter Thomas (PeT)	Y	In person
Tony Sharpe (TS)	Y	In person
Teo Angheben (TA)	Y	In person
Rupert Thomas (RT)	Y	MS Teams
Terry Rice (TR)	Y	In person

No apologies received

1. TRUST BOARD 2026/2027

a. Main Roles Appointments

DD advised that one application had been received for each of the officer posts. The following TBMs are therefore elected unopposed for 2026/27:

- Chair – Dave Dalton
- Vice chair – Rupert Thomas
- Supporter Director – Paul Meller
- Associate Director – Di Hughes
- Treasurer – Howell Williams

There is still a vacancy for a secretary.

b. Co-opted Appointments

Five additional places are available on the board and five applications have been received, which had been circulated to TBMs in advance of this meeting and the unanimous decision was to offer all candidates a seat on the Board. Each person was also allocated a mentor.



- Wayne Jenkins (WJ)
- Brian Hoskins (BH)
- David Allchurch (DA)
- Joel Matthews (JM)
- Liam Smith (LS)

c. Affiliated & Advisory Appointments

- Gary Hubschmid (GH) re-appointed as International Affiliate
- Cath Dyer (CD) re-appointed as DSA Affiliate
- Chris Golledge (CG) appointed as Finance Affiliate
- Paul Thomas (PaT) appointed as IT/social media advisor in the short term

d. Proposed Sub-Groups Structure & Appointments

DD to provide details of Sub-Groups to the new co-optees to ascertain their preferences.

2. JULY MINUTES, ACTIONS & MATTERS ARISING

July minutes approved; proposed by PM, seconded by PeT.

Outstanding action points not covered elsewhere in the meeting

- DD to write to each co-opted applicant offering them positions on the Board and provide details of sub-groups to ascertain their preferences before finalizing with remainder of Trust Board.
- New TBMs to complete safeguarding training

3. FINANCE & ACCOUNTS:

a. Trust Related – HW had circulated details of latest financial position – **Appendix 1** - and Flagstone update from CG

b. Club Related

The Trust's latest shareholding is 6.44% following recent investments; this can never fall below our protected shareholding of 5%. The club will lodge relevant documents with Companies House.



4. LEGAL & SHAREHOLDING

NTR

5. GOVERNANCE & SAFEGUARDING

PeT – the new co-opted TBMs and TR will need to complete the safeguarding training.

6. SD / AD Update – inc Officer Comms with Club Reps

Reference should be made to SD/AD Update **Appendix 2**

7. GENERAL MATTERS

a. PR / Comms / Social Media

PaT & DD are currently evaluating how best to cover our social media platforms and will provide a more detailed update to the full board as soon as possible. working with her to get her up to speed with our various social media accounts.

b. Website / Thrive4 Members Database

Website will require some work to update it early on the new season and DD is currently in discussions with our website host provider on how best to get this done.

c. Fan Advisory Board

Reference should be made to the Update **Appendix 3**

d. Trust Kiosk / Match Day

HW stated that Dave Brayley will write some programme notes this season

HW to circulate kiosk and programme notes duty rota to full board.

8. MEMBERSHIP, EVENTS PLANNING & 25th ANNIVERSARY SEASON

Reference should be made to the Membership Report at **Appendix 4**

9. HERITAGE

Reference should be made to the Heritage Group Update at **Appendix 5**



10. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENTS

a. DSA

HW referred TBMs to the latest DSA Newsletter

b. Football Supporters Association (FSA) & Fair Game

Reference should be made to the FSA and Fair Game Update at **Appendix 6**

c. Former Players Association (FPA)

Reference should be made to the FPA report at **Appendix 7**

d. Faith in Families / Swansea Veterans (SVH) / Charities / Fund Raising

Reference should be made to the note of DH visit to SVH at **Appendix 8** and Membership Report at **Appendix 4**

e. Her Game Too - NTR

11. SCHOOLS & COLLEGES PROGRAMME

NTR

12. SWANS FOUNDATION & ASSOCIATED PROJECTS

NTR

13. GLOBAL JACKS (GJ) & SUPPORTER GROUPS

The GJ Facebook page has reached 1,000 members. A competition will be run to acknowledge this achievement with prizes donated by the Club and DD.

14. AOB

DD

- Referred to vacant secretary position and an advert will go out to members and our website shortly.

PeT

- Asked for update on stadium purchase. Price agreed with Council; legal process to purchase is ongoing.
- Matchday team sheets – to be collected from press room for this season approx. 1 hour before scheduled KO.
- Commented that 7 new rule changes may slow down matches

The meeting ended at 7.10pm



APPENDICES

Appendix 1

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Summary of Accounts to 31st July:

Current and Deposit Accounts = £119.6k

Flagstone Investment Portfolio = £650.2k

Appendix 2

SD/AD SUMMARY

There have been no meetings with TG this month who has mainly been travelling or on holiday abroad. The next catch up is scheduled for 5th August prior to the Fan Forum.

Matters dealt with by officers this month include:

- Enquiries/applications for the coopted vacancies to serve on the Trust Board
- Updating the member database and categories ready for renewals on 1st August
- Preparing for an overhaul of the Trust website and reviewing how to continue to cover social media platforms
- Attendance at various meetings including Swansea Vets, FAB, Membership sub-group and Fair Game
- Liaising with the club over ticket pricing, the latest version of the fan engagement plan, club shop reopening, shirt sponsorship and kit launch

Further details to be included in relevant board reports

Appendix 3

FAN ADVISORY BOARD

I have attended 2 meetings with Hayley Ford and the FAB working group. Documents are under preparation, overseen by the FSA and it is anticipated that invitations for supporters' groups and individual fans to apply will be advertised during August. The official name for the FAB is expected to be the Swansea City Supporters Advisory Board (SAB). The Trust and DSA will be founding group members of this board.

The purpose of the SAB will be to give fans the opportunity to openly discuss issues with Club representatives, including the CEO and the minutes will be posted on the Club website within 10 working days.



Appendix 4

MEMBERSHIP & EVENTS FUNDRAISING TUESDAY 28TH JULY 2026 AT 18.00

PRESENT – HW – DH – RG – TS
APOLOGIES – GH

1. **FOOTGOLF** – following the recent Board discussions it was felt that we needed to have a further look at the implications of going ahead with the event. HW reported that he had been in touch with Footgolf and confirmed that the 13th September was available.

It was generally felt that the car parking charges £6.50 for 4 hours, when considering that the time needed at the car park might well exceed the 4 hours and double this cost. This would be a big drawback for people wanting to enter.

Given that we also have a home game the day before, it could prove to be to an expensive a week-end, also remembering that the junior football league would be up and running in September.

Taking everything into consideration we decided to defer the event to nearer the end of the season and try to resolve the issues that have been noted.

2. **FURTHER POSSIBLE EVENTS IN 25TH YEAR** – We went on to discuss some of the suggestions for the remainder of the year and attempt to produce a calendar of events in advance to publish to members.
 - a) We felt it was important to push ahead 'The Murals' idea for the Railway, TS was asked to make another attempt to speak to the owner/manager to try and progress the idea. With our present weather conditions, it would be a perfect time to paint the murals and arrange an unveiling day/evening.
 - b) We were happy to organise another Bowling night as these have proved popular previously. HW to research the 2 bowling venues in Swansea. The success of the last bowling night was put down to the attendance of the playing staff. DH to find out from HF if the club has re-established links with the new management at the venues. Propose initial evening with the men's team and a second event with women's team.
 - c) HW suggested that another possible excellent fun night and superb fundraiser would be a Race Night towards the end of the season.
 - d) it was suggested that we should consider another event towards the end of the season? Possibly a hog roast (with veg options) at Penderyn to coincide with an international break.
 - e) Copper Jack trip – to maybe combine with GJ event if that option goes ahead?

FiF QUIZ NIGHT – we are looking at a date in middle/late November before the Christmas Festivities begin. HW reported that he had contacted Morgan at The Penderyn, and informed that they had applied for a change of use, enabling them to hire out their facility. He will inform us once he has confirmation. If Penderyn is unavailable or there is sufficient interest for a bigger venue we will look elsewhere. TS suggested 2 x possible facilities, in Swansea High Street and in Morriston which he was going to research.



ON LINE RAFFLE – GH has set up the online platform and is confident we can make this a success. DH has previously circulated a letter which TMs can use if seeking raffle prizes. Swansea Vets are actively seeking prizes from MPs, Senate members and local businesses.

Meeting ended at 8.10pm

Howell R. Williams

Appendix 5

HERITAGE WORKING GROUP UPDATE

International Wall

A couple of slightly amended plaques are due to go back up in the next few days.

Swans Women Internationals

The club have identified six players who played for the Swans whilst representing Wales, but records are inconclusive whether there are any more. Next step to discuss with the club the possibility of a website/social media article calling out to former players

Robbie James Wall of Fame

Once the plaques are finalised for the backing board, the wall will be relocated and unveiled outside stadium reception early in the new season. Progress will then be made on the next batch of 20 names to be added to the wall with the help of the FPA committee.

Swansea Town and City A-Z

PM and DB met with Niall O'Brien on 23/7 and discussed the final proof of his book which has now been submitted to the publishers. The Trust are acknowledged in the book, Leon Britton has written the foreword with assistance from DD, and PM and DB have provided book quotes including from Alan Curtis and Lee Trundle. A book launch is anticipated late October (on a Sunday, date tbc) at the Swansea Jack to which Trust members will be invited.

Swans Player Legacy Numbering

This exercise has been completed and will be cross checked against Niall's book once published before releasing on the Trust website.

Railway Inn Mural

Still waiting to hear whether the wall proposed for the mural is sound. TS to confirm details of Railway Inn ownership and that offer of financial support has been put in writing as well as contact details for the mural artist



Book Projects

1. The Trust have been approached by Pierre Elsdén - a psychology lecturer at Université Paris-Saclay in France, who is currently working on a couple of book projects connected to football, identity and the emotional power of clubs in people's lives. Swansea is his city of birth, and he wants to include our club in his work. He will be visiting Swansea this season and would like to speak with people connected with the club. DD has agreed to facilitate what we can and extended an invite to attend the Global Jacks weekend.

2. The Trust were provided with an advance copy of Luke James' book 'Without Robbie'. Reference has been included in email to members and Andrew Gwilym and Hayley Ford have also agreed for Luke James to reach out to them

Badge Consultation

Following discussions with the Trust over the past few months regarding proposed minor badge changes, HF approached the Trust on 23/7 for engagement with wider Trust membership over the proposals. An online survey ended 30/7 which received a very mixed response.

Next Working Group Meeting

No date has yet been arranged but once season commences, we will push for a date to be confirmed before the end of September to help with all of the above plus a progress report on replacing Ospreys related material inside the stadium with more Swans themed ideas/images etc

PDM 29.7.26

Appendix 6

FSA & FAIR GAME UPDATE

FAIR GAME - I attended a webinar arranged by Fair Game with the law firm Bates Wells. It was an excellent refresh session on the Independent Financial Regulator requirements and a summary of the session can be accessed here.

https://bateswells.co.uk/updates/getting-your-club-ready-for-the-ifr-licensing-regime-key-takeaways-and-next-steps/?utm_medium=email&hsenc=p2ANqtz-99gxuQpcbqRQ8GwulivrRadOij0-OvLfd2dOI-yJMBitmIHnsVXz4ptqJ2mbLBRRBD-aNN1Q3KXr8OYNFzpKKm2W0Y6y8luXb21tBTcNK0rIbTZbg&hsmi=142132804&utm_content=142132804&utm_source=hs_email

My assessment is that the Club is making good progress with arrangements for the licensing process. I will continue to monitor progress against good practice from Fair Game and the FSA.

FSA - No network meeting in July. The next meeting is a session on changes to the laws of the game.

DH 2.8.26



Appendix 7

FORMER PLAYERS ASSOCIATION REPORT – July 2026

The latest meeting of the FPA committee took place at the Swansea.com stadium and via MS Teams at 11am on Monday 20th July 2026. There have been no meetings held in the past couple of months.

There are now 126 former Swans players signed up to the FPA.

The latest round of formal applications for financial support to former players across all categories have gone out with a closing date of the end of August for all new applications

The committee thanked everyone for their recent fundraising efforts for last season and at the annual Awards Dinner in the Brangwyn Hall.

Future fundraising and/or charity events are now being considered and these will be discussed in more detail at upcoming meetings.

The demand from former players and their families to utilise designated lounges on match-days is expected to be high again this season. Trust board members on matchday duties are currently helping distribute wristbands allowing lounge access to former players from the Trust kiosk and this will be reviewed on a game-by-game basis to iron out any issues.

With Katie Hosford now on maternity leave Cath Thomas has invited another representative from the Swans Foundation to take her place on the committee. This will be confirmed shortly.

Cath Thomas and Dave Dalton provided a brief update to the committee on the latest position around the Swans Women team in light of the recent announcement by the Club of new investment.

Dave Dalton provided an update on the recently unveiled International Honours Wall and the Club would be releasing a piece on it as the new season gets closer. The relocated Robbie James Wall of Fame is also due to be erected and unveiled in the early part of the season.

Dave Dalton duly updated the committee on the state of play on a variety of our other heritage-based projects that are managed by our Heritage Working Group which is reported back to the board and is included in our Trust Board minutes.

Next FPA meeting is scheduled at the Swansea.com stadium on Monday 17th August 2026.

For all other news and information on the FPA please click [HERE](#)

If anyone has any further questions, please email me at dave.dalton@swanstrust.co.uk

Dave Dalton, FPA Committee Member

July 2026



Appendix 8

SWANSEA VETERANS' HUB (SVH)

I visited the SVH on July 7th and was made to feel very welcome by Wayne, his colleagues and members. I was shown around the Garrison Church, with its lovely stained-glass windows which is used not only as an active church (St Barnabas) but also runs community activities. SVH is very positive about working in partnership with us and will advertise the Trust on their social media and website.

Wayne has offered to circulate MPs, senate members and local businesses to obtain prizes for our raffle (proceeds to the SVH) and I subsequently provided him with a letter (copy attached again for TBMs). SVH very grateful that we are running this raffle for their benefit.

SVH will again be attending our memorial service in November and providing a bugler and hopefully a padre. They have already been contacted by Hayley and will be the guard of honour on the pitch for the Blackburn home game prior to memorial Sunday. They would also like to hold a bucket collection on another matchday and collect outside the ground and on concourses. I have spoken to Hayley who cannot see a problem with this.

The Trust Board is invited to hold a board meeting at the Hub and visit the Garrison Church

DH 2.8.26