

# EVERTON FAN ADVISORY BOARD

## Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Tuesday 18 June 2024  
**Time:** 6pm  
**Location:** Online (via Teams)

<b>Attendees:</b>	<b>Position/Role:</b>
Dave Kelly (DK)	Chair – Fan elected
Tony Sampson (TS)	Vice-Chair – International Supporters’ Club Network
Julie Clarke (JC)	Secretary – Fan elected
Richie Gillham (RG)	Member – Everton Heritage Society (EHS)
Julie Makin (JM)	Member – Everton Women Supporters’ Club (EWSC)
Paul McMonnies (PM)	Member – Football Supporters’ Association (FSA)
Andy Vernon (AV)	Member – Everton Fans’ Forum (EFF)
Paul Rigby (PR)	Member – Fan elected
Scott McAllister (SM)	Member – Fan elected
Mark Dyer	Deputy Member – Everton Disabled Supporters’ Association (EDSA)

**Apologies for absence:**  
 Amy Wilson Member – Everton Disabled Supporters’ Association (EDSA)

Item:	Discussion:	Action
1	<b>Chair’s introduction</b> The Chair welcomed FAB members to the meeting. He welcomed the attendance of Mark Dyer, who was deputising for Amy Wilson (EDSA). He made clear that this meeting was being held later than planned, due to the delay in the FAB election process. This meant that Paul McMonnies, who had declared he would be standing for re-election by a public vote, would not be playing a full part in the meeting, but was welcomed to say farewell and would be required to leave the meeting prior to item 9 (Recruitment Update), standing down fully, pending the results of the election in July.	
2	<b>Minutes of the last meeting</b> A vote was held to accept the minutes as accurate. Proposed by PR, seconded by TS and voted as accepted. PM will post the minutes to the FAB website.	
3	<b>Declaration of AOB</b> One item declared by JC	
4	<b>Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting</b> <i>Response to letter from the Women’s Group Subcommittee to Alan McTavish:</i> JC Said that the group had received a response from the Club, on behalf of Alan McTavish, CEO of Everton Women and will report on it in item 8. Closed.	

	<p><u>Meeting between FAB members and Mr Farhad Moshiri:</u> TS was to discuss attendees for the meeting with the Club. Closed.</p>	
5	<p><b>Chair's Update</b> DK reported that he had attended the regular structured dialogue meeting, with the Premier League (PL), Football Supporters' Association (FSA) and a selection of PL Club fan representatives, on behalf of the FAB. The agenda included proposals for a PL game to be played overseas and ongoing discussions, including a vote, on the efficacy of VAR. Following the meeting held between FABs, Trusts and other supporter groups in March, called by the PL, DK said that he believed the meeting should have been held at the same time as the meeting held with Club representatives, a few days earlier. A summary of the meeting should be released by the PL.</p>	
6	<p><b>Reserved group updates</b></p> <p><b>EDSA:</b> MD reported that the group will be recruiting into two vacant positions after the Euros tournament has completed. A date for the proposed Christmas Fair has not yet been confirmed, as it will need to happen on a day when there is a home game and EDSA will try to establish which game is least likely to be changed for broadcasting purposes. This will allow time for planning. The group is disappointed that the Club is still without a Disability Access Officer, after an initial recruitment process and note that the post has been re-advertised. The EDSA Player of the Season poll has recently taken place and Jordan Pickford has taken the title for the third consecutive year.</p> <p><b>EFF:</b> AV reported that the last EFF meeting of the season took place last week, where they discussed grant funds available for men and women representing their local community through football work. The stipulation being that the initiative must be a new one and not the repeat, or continuation of an exiting one. Matchday ticket pricing is yet to be communicated by the Club. Access to and from the new stadium has been discussed, with confirmation of a minimum of three test events, including capacity crowds starting at 10,000 and going up to 50,000. DK asked about pre-season friendly fixtures. MD said there were some concerns about access to the Salford City ground, with very little nearby parking. AV confirmed that the EFF had held their election earlier in the month for a FAB representative and deputy. From next season, Sarah Twigg will represent the EFF on the FAB and will be deputised by Tony Whittaker. The Chair and the rest of the FAB thanked him for his contribution to the FAB for the past season.</p> <p><b>EWSC:</b> JM reported that there had been a vote on a membership package, including merchandise. She confirmed that they had spoken to the 1878s group, who would be involved in women's games in the coming season at Walton Hall Park (WHP), including atmosphere engagement and flags. She reported that the vote had been held to select the FAB representative for next season and that she had been re-elected onto the FAB, with Peter MacFarlane deputising. DK asked about the possibility of having the foodbank at WHP, noting that Fans Supporting Foodbanks had already spoken to LFC ladies, following their announcement that they would be moving to St Helens.</p> <p><b>EHS:</b> RG Reported that the EHS had voted on a FAB representative and that he had been re-elected, with Paul McPartlan as his deputy. He said that the EHS was waiting to confirm a meeting with the Club about their request for a facility at or near the new stadium. They are very concerned that there is still no confirmed place at Bramley-Moore Dock to house, show and market their collection.</p> <p><b>ISCN:</b> TS Reported that he had spoken to the Club about the possibility of an in-person meeting, using Club facilities to welcome overseas fans. He said he had</p>	

	<p>attended a meeting of PL FABs and supporter groups with DK and that he would seek comments from FAB members to feed into a survey being held by the group. He has spoken to Fair Game, about the Football Governance bill and how it can be improved, with drafted amendments. He confirmed that Fair Game will be holding a “Question Time” type of event for fans on 27 June, inviting comments from fans of various clubs.</p> <p><b>EFSA:</b> PM reported that he had spoken to the FSA about support for the independence of FABs and had responded to a national survey. He also confirmed that he has applied to join the FSA’s National Committee and will attend their AGM in July.</p> <p><b>SCC:</b> There was no report from the SCC, due to non-attendance.</p>	
7	<p><b>Elected member updates</b></p> <p><b>JC</b> said she had been heavily engaged, working with the Club, to launch the 2024-25 FAB election. She had also given media interviews relating to the Club takeover issues, following the issue of the statement published by the FAB on its expectations of new prospective investors.</p> <p><b>PR</b> deferred his report, to include in item 8.</p> <p><b>SM</b> confirmed he would not be standing to be re-elected to the FAB for the upcoming season, but thanked the rest of the group for their support during the past year. He said the level of commitment, in time taken up by individual members, far exceeded what he had expected when he joined, but that he had enjoyed his time on the FAB and wished the group more success in future seasons. The Chair and the rest of the FAB thanked him for his contribution to the FAB for the past season.</p>	
8	<p><b>Sub Committee Updates</b></p> <p><u>FAB Communications:</u></p> <p>JC read out a report prepared by PM. The season’s last drop-in session prior to the Sheffield United game had been well-represented. The second of two podcasts which had been published, including Guilia Bould as a guest, was well received, as was the earlier one, featuring Kieran Maguire. There had been a 64% increase in the FAB’s followers on X at the end of the season. PM addressed the FAB on some administrative details concerning handover and continuity. He said how much he had enjoyed being a member of the FAB and hoped to be re-elected in the coming season.</p> <p><u>FAB Women’s Game Working Group:</u></p> <p>JC reported the group had received a response to the letter sent to Alan McTavish, covering various issues identified around the women’s game, including the very late change of date for the away game at Brighton, with very little notice, which had resulted in the disappointment of cancelled trips and very little physical support, due to the game being moved from a Saturday to a Friday night. The reason given was due to the pitch condition at Crawley Town, where Brighton Women play, whereby Crawley Town’s progression through the play-offs had caused there to be concern that the pitch needed to be kept in the best possible condition, for late continued use. The decision was made to play the game at Brighton’s home ground, but the only availability was on the Friday night. The questions of regular meetings for the EWSC, similar to those held by other reserved groups was also raised. The EWSC is a member of the SCC, but members of the FAB Women’s Game subcommittee feel that the women’s game needs to be given more credence and that there should be a specific regular meeting held for this important part of the Club. RK had asked for there to be a former woman player on the Club’s ambassadorial staff. The Club have committed to consider this.</p>	

	<p><i><b>FAB Business &amp; Finance Working Group:</b></i></p> <p>PR gave an overview of the takeover process, in accordance with what is understood so far about its progress. He believes HPE as technical partners, is a positive move from the Club, as they are successfully involved with sporting clubs in the USA, including Texas Rangers Baseball. He has requested the Club arrange a meeting between the FAB and with both HPE and Castore, the kit new and merchandising partners.</p> <p><i>[PM was required to leave the meeting at this stage, pending his standing for re-election and going to a public/fan vote. The Chair and the rest of the FAB thanked him for his contribution to the FAB for the past season].</i></p>	
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Recruitment Update</b></p> <p>JC gave an update on the current election progress, as well as clarification on the process. She explained the need for those who are standing for public fan re-election to stand down from the FAB pending the election. She confirmed the timeframes for the votes closure and results announcement.</p>	
<b>10</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>JC said that PM had suggested an end-of season internal review, but that, due to the pressure of work in the run up, with the elections work and takeover issues, there had not been time to hold that meeting. This can be put on an agenda for a future meeting early in the new season.</p>	
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Date/location of next meeting</b></p> <p>The next virtual meeting is to be confirmed, pending the elections of reserved groups and direct fan elections.</p>	