EVERTON FAN ADVISORY BOARD

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday July 7th 2026
Time: 6pm
Location: Royal Liver Building / Online (via Teams)

Attendees:	**Position/Role:**
Mark McKeown (MM)	Meeting Chair Member – Fan elected
Fawad Munir (FW) Teams	Member – Fan elected
Jo Davies (JD)	Member – Everton Fans' Forum (EFF)
Mark Dyer (MD) Teams	Proxy – Everton Disabled Supporters' Association (EDSA)
Paul McParlan (PM)	Member – Everton Heritage Society (EHS)
Rob Galkoff (RG)	Member – Fan elected
Peter McFarlane (PMF)	Member – Everton Women's Supporters
David Astley (DA)	Member – Fan elected
Andy Drake (AR)	Member – Fan elected
Kourosh Tourmadje (KT) Teams	Member – International Supporters Association
Ken Sweeney (KS) Teams	Member – Supporters' Club Committee

Apologies for absence:

Amy Wilson (AW)	

Item:	**Discussion:**	**Action**
1	**Interim Chair's Welcome** *(and apologies for absence)* MM gave everyone a warm welcome and said he would chair the meeting until the election. MM thanked MD for stepping in to stand in for AW MM said that we are a new team in transition that will need some time to bed in, but we must keep the momentum going and not stop the hard work that has been started since the formation of the FAB. We have a great deal to achieve and move our work and relationship with the club forward. MM asked to publicly thank Paul Rigby, Tony Sampson and Julie Clarke for their hard work and dedication over their tenure on the executive team. He also wanted to thank Julie Makin for her tireless contribution. MM gave a warm welcome to new members to the group who introduced themselves to the team as did existing members.	
2	**Everton Staff Welcome** Mo Maghazachi (MoM), Head of Engagement and FAB primary contact, welcomed the new team on behalf of Everton FC. He and Adam Clarke will work closely with FAB members throughout the season. MoM said that our FAB is unique as we are totally independent and the Club has no ownership and is not responsible for running the FAB who are governed by their own constitution and we are the only ones in the Premier League to have such an independent structure – this is thanks to our fan engagement structure. MoM said that	

	meetings will include Club executives including Angus Kinnear, Andrew Middleton, Scott McCleod and MoM. Experts from other departments will be brought in as required. MoM also mentioned the consultation document that will be shared over the next couple of weeks for discussion. MoM also offered new members a Teams meeting to discuss how the Club and FAB work together, meetings, timings etc. Officers can also attend the meeting once formalities agreed. MoM said how much the Club values the FAB and fan engagement which is something that was put in place in advance of Premier League and Independent Football Regulator requirements. He said the FAB is the first port of call for key questions of strategic value to the Club. MoM then left the meeting.	
3	**Minutes of the last meeting** Minutes were proposed as accurate by MM, seconded by JM and voted to be accepted on 22nd June 2026. They have already been published on FAB website following the meeting.	N/A
4	**Declarations of AOB** MM discussed the NDA's and the importance of reading and understanding them before signing them and that the NDA must be respected and adhered to at all times without exception. They are important and the key cornerstone of building and maintaining trust with the Club. MM asked all new and existing members to ensure they are familiar with the whole document and adhere to it in full. MM also asked that all new and existing members read and re-read our Terms of Reference and Constitution on the website to ensure everyone is up to speed on the contents. MM talked to KS about his tenure ending in January. KS believed that he was a stand in from January until the end of the season, but MM confirmed that records showed he was a full member from January 2023. MM asked for defined timelines by August and the process of electing a replacement is complete by the end of October to allow an orderly transition by the end of the year. KS raised about the recent election and members wanting to know how RG was elected coming 4th when someone who came 3rd was not elected. KS suggested that someone with protected characteristics under the 2010 Act should have been highlighted in the same way as the person wanting to stand for only one year. MM explained that those standing had to say which position they wanted to stand for in advance but this did not necessitate votes for each position. KS also questioned why a female was not put forward. JD said that over 40 people put themselves forward and only 3 women applied (JD had actively encouraged women to apply). JD said that she wants to work hard to encourage more women to apply next year and she will personally take on the task. Unfortunately, many applicants (of all sexes) did not meet the criteria or did not properly follow the application process. MM said that it was an independently run process that was overseen by the FSA and there was also representation from the Everton Legal team throughout. FM also mentioned about the desire to have younger fans on the Board but they were not elected. KS suggested that there should be a place for someone under the age of 35, JD said that the selection committee discussed this and they want to consider having a post for someone under 30 which will be reviewed during the constitution and governance committee work. KS asked how many people voted. JD said that she would ask the club. JD also suggested that we try and better understand the profile of those who voted to better understand how we communicate the election process to other groups next year. RG asked if there was more than one person for each position in the vote and JD confirmed that multiple people stood for each position. RG confirmed to KS that when standing, those putting themselves forward decided which position to stand for, they could apply for one, two or three positions. MM gave a commitment to improve the communications for the next Election process.	ALL ALL KS JD JD MM
5	**Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting** None	
6	**Chair's update**. Point 1	

7	**Reserved Group Updates** **- Everton Disabled Supporters' Association (MD)** MD discussed their main issues of car parking and ticket resale mainly as a result of date changes of games. Nelson Dock car park is now being reconfigured for blue badge parking and not premium ticket parking. This will significantly increase blue badge spaces from 50 to 100 last season and will go up further for 2026/27 making it possibly the biggest blue badge parking in the Premier League. EDSA are also working with the authorities to allow more Blue Badge parking on local streets. The ticket platform has never previously allowed for accessible ticketing, and this is now being corrected. People are also able to donate tickets to EDSA for a ballot. The club will also be donating ponchos for people in front row seats. EDSA also have their elections for two posts which are now progressing. KS asked how blue badge abuse will be stopped. MD said that passes will be given out with a QR code and everything must match and they are only valid once. **- Everton International Supporters' Groups (KT)** KT mentioned about international groups wanting to put up flags like they could at Goodison and there has been some pushback from the Club at HDS. This is something he would like to investigate once he has his feet under the table. KS said that you need to have a fire certification attached to a flag to bring a flag into any ground. **- Everton Heritage Society (PM)** The next formal meeting is in July and their next social event is in September. PM talked about their recent event with Derek Temple. **- Everton Fans' Forum (JD)** FF met last week. EitC gave a presentation and the FF want to work with them about a larger event around a charity day. The Ipswich game 19/9 will be their celebration day. The FF are looking at ways to make this a bigger event with more fundraising. They are also looking at ways of working with the 1878's to make it a real celebration. The second presentation was from Charlie Simpson from AK's team about ways to improve the atmosphere at the stadium, some of the conversation was about cheaper pints for longer an also more bars being open after the game. JD also said that the ground needs to be Evertonised more. AD to give JD more information from his research about atmosphere. Charlie was sent with a remit to try and improve the atmosphere inside and outside of the stadium. JD raised the idea of a youth strategy and MoM would like this be run by the FF. JD meeting with MoM at the end of this month to put this in place. JD has some people lined up to be on it. The Club are invested to make this work. The Club have committed to introducing concessions for 21-24 year olds next season. MM said that last year PR did a great job ensuring all fan groups were on the same page on major issues. **- Everton Supporters' Clubs Committee (KS)** Membership fees have been maintained which is positive. More coaches are being provided. Work closely with the club for better communication with things like ticket on sale dates. MoM and his team are very good and helping the SCC. **- Everton Women Supporters' Club (PMF)** Had meeting with Everton last month around help with Away travel and what is the Everton Women strategic vision. Desire to have clearer and better communication from the club as this is important for the fans.	AD
8	**Elected Member Updates** **- Mark McKeown**	

	Nothing to report **- Fawad Munir** Nothing to report **- Rob Galkoff** Nothing to report **- David Astley** N/A **- Andy Drake** N/A	
9	**Election of Officers** RG was the only person to put himself forward for the role of Secretary and he was proposed for the position by KS and seconded by MM. All those present agreed with the appointment without a formal vote. FW said that the Chairs role is a commitment and asked if there is the possibility to integrate the Chair and Vice Chair role. KS agreed that this should be a shared role and the Executive needs to lean on people more to help. RG reiterated that the executive team must share the load this year and going forward, he said that as Secretary he would need the whole FAB to be involved in different tasks as it was wrong for three people to do all the work, he gave an example that he would not sit on all the committees and chairs of each groups will be responsible for note taking and reporting. JD said she put herself forward as Vice Chair as she could not do the full Chair role, but she would be only too happy to work with someone else as a joint chair. KS said he would put himself forward for the next 6 months. FM put himself forward to stand as Joint Chair for the season. There were no objections by anyone about the proposal to have joint chairs. RG proposed JD and FM which was voted upon by those present. A vote was held and a majority voted for JD and FM. A vote was also held for KS who received one vote. **Joint Chair - FM** Proposed RG Seconded MM Majority election **Joint Chair – Joanne Davies** Proposed RG Seconded MM Majority election **Secretary – Rob Galkoff** Proposed KS Seconded MM Unanimous election KS raised several concerns about the vote and a discussion was held amongst members. Several members said that they were not comfortable with a Vice Chair only standing for 6 months and this was the reason they did not vote for him.	
9	**Subcommittee and Working Group Updates** **Communications** – RG and FW last year. Agreed to keep. **Women's Group** – PMF and JD last year. JD said that she does not feel it has value on the FAB as other groups should be doing the work. PMF agreed as he felt there were too many	

	Women's based groups and this did not help their cause and get better action from the Club. PMF stated that he thought a collaborative approach between ourselves, EWOSC and Fans Forum works better to save repetition, and means there is better and more focussed representation when having meetings with the club, rather than having the FAB specifically leading when there are limited members who attend Everton Women matches. Agreed to dissolve. **Business & Technology** – Club Consultation Framework Document. Is being worked on by this group. PM happy to continue and lead. He believes that this is a good group that would benefit younger people getting involved in the work of the FAB. He believes younger members can offer help and support especially around analysis and new technologies. **Community Engagement** – PM felt that this is important as the fan base community needs improving and the local community around the stadium is growing. KS suggested that the subcommittee be renamed and to include wider things like apprentices, working closer with EitC, local businesses etc. PM also said that PR's vision was to try and bring the emotion of the community into the DNA of the Club itself which should also be explored so the Club better understands the emotions of the community and how that could be of value. Agreed to keep basis of the committee. **Governance** – Agreed to keep. RG, FM, MM, JD, DA to be members. RG to set this group in motion. RG proposed having what he called a **Heritage and HDS Evertonisation** subcommittee especially as Everton are a host for 2028. DA talked about the local heritage. MP asked if this should be in the community subcommittee, RG suggested to keep them separate as one is about the community and one about the heritage and look and feel of the stadium. This was agreed. KS suggested a Transport Subcommittee as it remains an important topic. He believes this is something the Fans would want to see the FAB driving forward. JD and MP suggested it be broader and should be **Match Day Experience** which would include transport, women and EDSA. This was agreed.	
10	**Timetable for FAB Business** - Timeframe by which 2026-27 priorities should be agreed Exec team to meet to discuss - Timeframe for Governance review TORs and Constitution. RG to set up a group to coordinate timings and next steps. Present at September meetings and agree during October - Timeframe for review of MoU To be part of the Governance subcomittee	**JD/FW/ RG** **RG** **RG**
11	**AOB** KS asked that we work with the Club and Council to better place the food bank truck. JD and FM to drive forward urgently JD and FM to speak to MoM about quarterly meetings and if the consultation meetings were to replace the them JD asked members to look at the agenda and to see if there is anything else they would like to change	**JD/FM** **JD/FM** **ALL**

	It was agreed that any additional items for the agenda be submitted 7 days prior to the meeting and only urgent business be added to the agenda on the night. AD said that he will share the fan feedback he conducted last season. JD asked AD to identify each sub committees the data would sit in.	**AD**
12	**Date/location of next meeting** Agree to take place Tuesday 11th August 2026 remotely, on Teams PM and KS proposed a Thursday meeting from September onwards which was broadly agreed Club Meetings Proposed: Wednesday 16th September 2026 Wednesday 9th December 2026 Wednesday 24th February 2027 Wednesday 26th May 2027	