

Minutes of General Meeting held on 9th October 2025 Media Suite, MFC Riverside Stadium

Start 5.45pm

- 1. Craig McManus (MFC) apologised for the double meeting mixup.
- 2. Treasurer provided that a further 6 members had joined, bringing membership to 61. He also advised that the current funds at bank are £493.11
- 3. Monty gave an update on the proposed Social Event
 The plan is to hold a relaxed supper type of evening and looking at March 2026
 Craig advised that MFC would be happy to fund the event.
 Further details are to be discussed and reported back.

Ross commented that he liked the idea of the social. It was suggested in conversation that it could be used as a fund raiser, it was later decided that the social side was the number one priority.

- 4. Letters of service enquiries have been sent to both Aviva and Stagecoaches North East, with little information returned.
 - Craig that MFC has a partnership relationship with both companies and will endeavour to set up an introduction to their representatives.
- 5. Craig advised that the club is busy working on the wording of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for all MFC supporters clubs.
- 6. Craig also advised that the club was looking at a Fan Advisory Panel with representatives from each supporters club. Craig Is to provide us with an Organisation chart/Anogram. It is hoped that meetings will start early 2026.
- 7. Tom Blenkinsop (Chair) asked about how we communicate.

Suggestions were that we need to promote MDSA24 more. More Emails, posts on Facebook and Website needed.

It was noted that the club had made an announcement at the recent Stoke game about MDSA24.

MDSA24 is looking to gain some freedom of movement of representative of it's executive committee representatives round the stadium on certain match days to allow more interaction with other disabled supporters.

Posters and cards to hand out were discussed to get the MDSA24 name out.

Anna explained the need for brand protection and it was agreed that a professional approach would be taken and wording and campaigns agreed.

- 8. Letters are to go out to all current members asking them to share with us their seating area, so that we can map where in the stadium they are.
- 9. Rosemary Berks was asked is she could contact current and new ticket holders who have opted into receiving communications from the club information about us and how to contact us.
- 10. Ross asked for clarification on how people can bring issues to us.

Tom explained what we can currently do and Anna explained how we deal with communications from members.

11. Under Any Other Business, Rosemary advised that 10 MFC staff members had undertaken Introduction to British Sign Language, and that some announcements have already been signed on the big screen.

Meeting closed at 7pm