



**Notes from MDSA24 Panel meeting held 4th December 2025,  
Media Suite, MFC Riverside Stadium**

**Present:**

Joe Johns  
Monty Towers  
David Harland  
Anna Wilson  
Tom Blenkinsop  
Rosemary Berks MFC  
Bradley MFC  
Craig McManus MFC  
Paul Johnson

**Apologies:**

Helen Willmore  
Lucy Binks  
Ross Webber

1. Paul reported that we have 3 new members bringing total to 66  
  
Balance as bank taking into account bank charges up by 62p to £494.30  
  
He had a call with a Community Group Officer in respect of transfer to Moneywise Credit Union. Form sent.

**It was agreed to proceed with this option**

2. Minutes from last meeting agreed. (Copy attached)
3. Chair asked for proposals for Vice Chair position, it was agreed that this position could be picked by the Executive till the next General Meeting where there position could be voted in.

**It was agreed that Monty Towers would take take up this position,  
and that Monty continues with a Liaison role and report back to the Chair.**

4. Chair asked for named persons to be available to attend FAP meetings.

**It was agreed that Tom should be first attendee  
with Monty Towers and David Harland in order to attend should Tom  
not be available.**

5. Stand Representatives, for fans to approach with concerns or matters they wish to bring to MDSA24 to be as follows.

**South Stand - Joe Johns**  
**East stand - Monty Towers**  
**North Stand -David Harland**  
**West Stand - Paul Johnson & Helen Willmore**  
**North West Stand - TBA**

Main MFC contact on match to be Rosemary Berks, Tel No to be provided to Stand Representatives

**Rosemary Berks**

6. Rosemary advised that there are currently approximately 7 Headsets available for use on match days with 1 used by the Commentator.

Availability of ear defenders discussed - Family Zone person in Happy to Help Team can access.(MFC to provide)

**Rosemary Berks**

7. General discussion around how presence of rep in stands might work.

8. MDSA Mascot suggested. To be looked at in the future.

9. MDSA24 promotion table and its rotation around the stadium discussed.

10. Memorandum of Understanding- Discussions had around access times to club/facilities, Training for Exec committee members and GDPR.

Craig advised that he spoken to 7 other groups, the MOU was with the Club lawyers for checking and that new drafts would be coming soon, tailored to each group.  
Page 1 - All Groups and Schedule 1 would be specific to MDSA24.

He also advised that there would be 7 Groups in the FAP, and that there would be 4 Founding Members of which MDSA24 would be one and would have a seat on the FAP to the end of 2027.

11. DLO report - Rosemary offered thanks to Joe for the list of concerns she had received.

At recent home game she had placed herself to observe the South Deck.  
Ongoing monitoring to be carried out.  
Ambulift further supply - ongoing

12. Under AOB

Monty & Joe reported back on Level Playing Field meeting, in respect of their Annual Survey.

**Monty to supply full written brief on meeting**

Bus Company action point left with Craig.

**Craig to look into and report back**

Provision of Match Day Safe Space for ambient supporters

**Craig & Rosemary to identify Supporters for this provision.**

Monty advised that he has reports from a disabled fan, giving their away match experiences, logging good and bad points from each visit.

**This information to be given to MFC for forwarding onto relevant clubs where necessary.**

Monty advised that he had spoken to the Council and Mayor in respect of seats for the elderly (rest areas) starting from the Riverside Stadium.

**Ongoing**

Stance on bag searches discussed. We were advised that everything is on an individual basis.

**Ongoing**

Joe raised again the need for more changing areas or both Home and Away Fans

**To be added to Triage List**

Craig advised that Teesside University were producing a Film 'Fans Journey to The Ground' which will be shown in MIMA

Information Sharing Consent Form to be agreed for use so that we can discuss matters with MFC.

**Ongoing**

13. Date of Next Meeting

A General Meeting to be held 6.00pm on 29th January 2026 at Media Suite MFC, Riverside Stadium.