BRENTFORD FOOTBALL COMMUNITY SOCIETY LIMITED

(trading as Bees United "BU")

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Venue Virtual via Zoom

Date of Meeting **6.30pm, Tuesday 20th January 2026**

Present

Stuart Hatcher, Chair

Sharon Wright, Deputy Chair

Don Tanswell, Secretary

Graham Hancock, Treasurer

Ben Bland, Board member

Jonathan Burchill, Board Member

Steven Hammond, Board Member

Peter Turner, Board Member

Colleen Wong, Board Member

Lisa Rides, West London Chamber of Commerce, providing Zoom production advice

91 Bees United Members attending online

Apologies

John Scott, Membership Secretary

1.00 CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION & WELCOME

1.01 Stuart Hatcher opened the AGM and welcomed all attendees. He ran through the agenda and said that the Minutes of the last AGM, held on 21st January 2025, had been approved by the BU Board and were on the website.

2.00 CHAIRMAN's ADDRESS & FINANCIAL REPORT

2.01 The 2026 Chairman's Statement, Treasurer's Statement and Bees United Accounts are available in full on the Bees United website at : https://www.beesunited.org.uk/agm-2026/

3.00 RESOLUTIONS

3.01 1. **Audit Exemption:** "Under the provisions of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014, that an audit shall not be required for the current Financial Year Accounts, ending 30 June 2026, hereby electing to dis-apply section 83 of the Act."

This resolution was passed (100% in favour) thereby meeting the requirements of s84(2) of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014

2. Accounts: "To adopt the Society's Accounts"
This resolution was passed (98% in favour)

3. Subscriptions: "That there will be no membership subscriptions for the forthcoming financial year (2026/27)"
This resolution was passed (98% in favour)

4. Election : "To re-elect as a Board Member: Don Tanswell"
This resolution was passed (95% in favour)

4.00 BU COMMUNITY FUND

4.01 Bees United expected to distribute at least £1000 in 2026 and are seeking applications to support projects, groups or events in Ealing, Hounslow and Richmond that:

- Promote and protect the history and heritage of the club; and/or
- Support Bees United in representing the interests of our members, the wider supporter group of BFC and the local community.

The 2025 Community Fund supported three amazing projects for young people in our community:

- The **Brentford Penguins** Summer Camps;
- Providing a grant to **Hanworth Villa FC** in Hounslow towards the purchase of new football boots and kit for some for their less-advantaged youth players; and
- Supporting **Spartans Youth FC** in purchasing kit for their newly formed Under 7's team.

Sharon Wright thanked members who have donated to Bees United as their contributions had made a real difference to our community.

The application pack for the 2026 Community Fund is available on the website : https://www.beesunited.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/Bees-United-Community-Fund-Application-Pack-2026.pdf

5.00 AGM CLOSE

5.01 Sharon Wright thanked everyone for attending and closed the AGM.

The AGM was followed by a live interview with Ben Ryan, Performance Director at Brentford FC, where he answered questions submitted by BU Members.

Approved by the Bees United Board on :

4th February 2026

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Chairman