

Committee	RICT, FPA, LCFC & Foundation
Location	Co-op Community Hub
Date	19 th June 2025
Time	1.00pm

Minutes of the RITC, FPA, LCF, and LCFC Quarterly Meeting

Date: 19 June 2025

Venue: Lincoln City Football Club

Chairperson: Rob Bradley

1. Introductions and Overview

Apologies noted for David Lowes & Liam Scully.

• Minutes from the previous meeting (20 March 2025) acknowledged and action points to be picked up within individual reports.

2. Red Imps Community Trust (RICT) Updates

- RICT AGM: Scheduled for 26 June, with board positions being filled. Amanda Slater re-elected as the John O'Gaunts Members supporter director on the LCFC board.
- Board Development: New recruits joining in communications, disabled fans representation, and youth engagement.
- Youth Engagement: New Youth Rep appointed. Anita Pritchard (Minster Ward councillor) and Emma Crellin working on strategies to capture younger fans' views via surveys and matchday interactions outside the fan village.
- Regional Collaboration: Planning to host the next East Midlands regional Trust's meeting at Lincoln, inviting speakers on fan engagement.
- Heritage Exhibition: Scheduled 26 July–24 August at Lincoln Cathedral, with a launch event on 25 July. Categories include fans, iconic players/managers, and club history. A heritage plaque will be unveiled at the cathedral simultaneously.
- Comms Strategy: Recruitment of new skills for website/social media upgrade which will include producing short video features to boost visibility.
- Heritage Work: Support provided to refurb the Centre Spot with historical programme fronts.
 Query raised about LCFC's heritage strategy and potential programme archive use which is ongoing.
- Programme Working Group: Awaiting formal response from the club on the group's involvement. Discussions continue about a potential fan-led matchday magazine.

3. Former Players Association (FPA) Updates

- Exhibition Contribution: Supporting player profile content for the cathedral exhibition.
- Fundraising:



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- Golf day raised £2,000 for Buddies charity.
- Bradford Fire memorial game at LNER Stadium raised almost £2,000.
- Upcoming dinner planned at Petwood Hotel featuring a live music.
- Inclusivity Efforts: Exploring increased involvement from former female players.
- Community Engagement: Exploring over-60s club or monthly coffee mornings, potentially at LNER Stadium, to support dementia and wellbeing but linking in with existing Lincoln City Foundation programmes.
- Adult Changing Places Facilities: Club has no accessible ground-floor space currently available, but exploring options.
- Matchday Presence: Exploring options to publicise FPA guest visits at the RICT fan pod, including signage and scheduled appearances. This would be included as part of the revised FPA matchday routine.

4. Lincoln City Football Club (LCFC) Updates

- Shadow Football Regulator Bill: Aiming for passage before 22 July; if delayed, expected September–October.
- Fan Engagement Plan 25/26: Deadline 31 July for submission. Includes contributions from RICT, Fan Advisory Board, RICT fan elected club director.
- Lincoln Women: A new strategic collaboration between Lincoln United and Lincon City, which
 aims to work together to grow and support women's football, is set to be launched with three
 open age teams under its umbrella.

5. Lincoln City Foundation (LCF) Updates

- Academic Impact: University of Lincoln paper praised the Foundation's Fight Fit programme for improving cancer patients' balance and wellbeing.
- Fundraising Success:
 - o London Marathon: Jasper Caldwell & Gary Hutchinson raised £7,000+ each.
 - o Total of £15,000 raised from various runs highest ever.
- Grants & Projects:
 - New funding from North Kesteven District Council to expand reach in North Hykeham and Sleaford.



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- Co-funded youth activity programmes with Police & Home Office to steer youth away from crime.
- Facilities & Leisure Centres: Positive progress using Yarborough and Birchwood outdoor facilities.
- Team Expansion: Recruiting a new Director of Delivery to support operations and delivery.

6. Any Other Business

Next Meeting: Scheduled for 18 September 2025.