



Committee	RICT, FPA, LCFC & Foundation
Location	Co-op Community Hub
Date	18 th September 2025
Time	1.00pm

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

Date: 18 September 2025

Venue: Lincoln City Football Club

Chairperson: Rob Bradley

1. Introductions and Overview

- Apologies: None.
- Phil Scrafton invited to the meeting as RICT representative on the club board and will join the group going forwards.
- Minutes from the previous meeting (19th June 2025) acknowledged and action points to be picked up within individual reports.

2. Red Imps Community Trust (RICT) Updates

- Youth Engagement: Focus on younger fans for season 25/26. Fan village competitions and activities underway. A youth fans' survey will launch on Grassroots Day (4th October), with face-to-face questions followed by an online survey in October–November. Outcomes to be shared with club.
- Cathedral Exhibition: Joint Trust & Cathedral event concluded successfully. Heritage plaque on club nickname unveiled. Attendance and feedback positive. Some disappointment noted regarding limited LCFC media support.
- Independent Regulator: Shadow Independent Regulator Maryn Henderson to meet Trust via Zoom in November. Preparation ongoing, including questions around the Football Governance Bill and fan share proposals.
- Regional Trusts: Meeting confirmed for 16 October at Grantham Town with Kevin Rye attending. Opportunities to share good practice among trusts.
- 'Prog-zine': Discussions ongoing. Trust clarified it is facilitating conversations only, not leading the project. Club has agreed in principle to allow it to be sold on matchday. Costs and design are delaying the launch.
- Trust reiterated positives across most work areas, with enthusiasm and good collaboration continuing although noted some challenges around communications. Discussion around a 'playbook' to ensure expectations are understood by all parties.

3. Former Players Association (FPA) Updates

- Matchday Operations: Improved clarity on former players' roles and timings on matchdays. Some logistical issues with team sheets being available late, which affects lounge announcements.
- Community Engagement: Continuing involvement in external events and exploring forming a team for the Community World Cup in October. Will attend even if unable to raise a team.



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- Bereavements: Acknowledged recent losses among former players. Dates for funerals to be confirmed with families before public communication.
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4. Lincoln City Football Club (LCFC) Updates

- Fair Game: Concerns raised about Fair Game following recent press releases around which clubs are Regulator-ready.
 - Football Regulator: Consultation underway with all clubs. Topics include Owners & Directors Test. National meeting of all 116 clubs scheduled for 8 October. Ongoing uncertainty about timelines but political pressure may accelerate progress.
 - 50th Anniversary: Club intends to mark the 1975/76 season towards the end of this season.
 - Staffing: Recruitment for a new Club Services Executive underway, focusing on ticketing, junior memberships, and matchday experience which will link in with RICT/FPA/Foundation activity.
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5. Lincoln City Foundation (LCF) Updates

- Summer Programmes: Holiday clubs delivered to over 160 children a day at peak.
 - Lincoln City Sports College: New academic term has begun with 21 students joining the newly rebranded Lincoln City Sports College, the BTEC/degree pathways based at LNER.
 - Leisure Centres: Transition of leisure facilities to GLL was completed with positive feedback and visibility for the club's brand.
 - New Projects: Resubmission of Sky Bet funding for 'The Huddle'; plans to expand military family engagement initiatives. Discussions ongoing regarding potential youth outdoor activity facilities linked to Birchwood investment.
 - Players' Community Engagement: LCF briefed first team on selecting cause(s) to champion.
 - Strategy: New five-year strategy launching in November. Vision to be recognised as a leading football charity in the UK. Focus on community impact and strong partnerships.
 - Ethical Partnerships: Trust Board considered concerns about a Foundation partners role in supply chains. Decision made to continue partnership under ethical guidelines. Acknowledged potential sensitivities and need for clear communications.
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6. Any Other Business

- Next Meeting: Scheduled for 18 December 2025.