



FAN ADVISORY BOARD

Committee	Lincoln City Fan Advisory Board Meeting
Location	Co-op Community Hub
Date	28th February 2026
Time	12.30pm

Chairman's Report

Imps Territory, Premier League Fans Fund, Gold Memberships, 1975-1976 4th Division Champions 50th anniversary & playing kits for next season were amongst the interesting & varied agenda items discussed at our latest FAB meeting held prior to the excellent home win against Blackpool on 28th February details of which are available to read below.

All Imps fans are currently enjoying an exciting & outstanding season on the pitch which will hopefully have a richly deserved successful & historic conclusion whilst it is going to be a very busy summer off the pitch with the planned stadium improvements which will further enhance our matchday experience.

FAB sends our best wishes for a speedy recovery to CEO Liam Scully following his recent illness & to Ron & Andrew Fowler following the recent completion of the club's change of control.

We also extend huge gratitude to outgoing Chair Clive Nates without whom our club would almost certainly not be in the strong position that it is now.

As always please get in touch by emailing fabchair@theredimps.com.

if you have any comments or questions which you would like us to discuss with the club's decision makers at our next meeting on Friday 3rd April.

All the best from FAB to Michael & the team for the remainder of this season

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Tony Smith

Chair of the Lincoln City F.C Fan Advisory Board

Minutes of Meeting: FAB Meeting, 28th February 2026

Attendees: Tony Smith (TS), Charlie Beeston (CB), Chris Laming (CL), Jonathan Battersby (JBa), Roy Thomson (RT), Sam Kendall (SK), Julian Buttery (JBu), David Lowes (DL), Jason Futers (JF), Rob Noble (RN).

1. Meeting Admin

Meeting start: 12:30pm Estimated close: 1:45pm-2pm

Apologies: Jackie Atkins, Nick Procter, Liam Scully.

Martin Hickerton joined the meeting for Fans Fund briefing section.



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2. Premier League Fans' Fund

MH briefed on the revised Premier League Fans Fund, funded by the PL, administered via the Foundation and delivered with the club, now requiring formal fan involvement in planning, design and delivery.

Three priority themes were highlighted: community safety in the stadium, underrepresented fans, and health & wellbeing.

Two funding strands are available (small grants and one larger grant), with a 50% cash match funding requirement. Guidance is due Monday 2 March, with applications closing 17 April and delivery from September.

FAB discussed potential project ideas for submission. MH will share further details when known with TS.

3. Change of Control Update

The club confirmed the change of control is complete and that Ron is now Chairman effective early February.

A broader governance board remains in place for statutory/governance matters. A smaller operational board is now operating day-to-day, consisting of Ron Fowler, Andrew Fowler, Clive Nates, Jay Wright and David Lowes.

Members expressed thanks for Clive's chairmanship and welcomed Ron and Andrew, noting confidence given Ron's period of observation/engagement with the club prior to the transition.

4. Stadium Improvements

JF presented an update on the Imps Territory project, explaining the strategic aims and current project status.

Rationale and objectives included improving the matchday fan experience and increasing usage of the footprint beyond matchdays.

Members queried seating availability within covered areas, and accessibility for disabled supporters. Club confirmed lift access is included in the plans along with improved toilet facilities.

Options discussed around parking including changes to bay layout, potential additional agreements for overflow parking, and resurfacing options.

The board asked about timings and JF confirmed works have commenced e.g., test holes; cafe strip-out beginning. Planning is around home matchdays and acknowledgement that a home pre-season fixture may be impacted.



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5. Gold Membership

RN reported strong early results from the first sales window with over 3,000 sold to date with over £800k recorded. Almost 30% of which were new or returning gold members. Approximately 3,000 existing holders are still to renew.

RN advised that a cap will be required if another 200 new are sold and that a waiting list will be introduced once the limit is reached with places then offered once the renewal deadline passes.

CB queried the Direct Debit admin fee increasing to £30. RN confirmed this was a club decision based on administrative burden.

6. Heritage

TS outlined progress discussions with club colleagues regarding Heritage work and that the Red Imps Community Trust has been asked to Chair a Heritage Committee. As the Trust nominee, it was confirmed that Julian Buttery has agreed to lead the fan-led Committee, working collaboratively with club, FAB and supporter stakeholders.

It was noted that FAB representation will be included, with wider contributors involved as appropriate. The group aims to provide more detail and priorities by the next FAB meeting.

7. 1975/76 4th Division Champions 50th Anniversary

The club confirmed plans to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 1975/76 season at the final home match of the season against Wycombe.

Former players from the era will be invited and a special edition commemorative shirt has EFL approval to be worn for the fixture.

TS asked if the club will be doing a commemorative programme.

8. 2026/27 Kit preview

JF provided a preview of next season's kit range, referencing the intent to combine strong on-pitch kit design with broader brand/storytelling value. Launch timing broadly discussed as June, July and early August.

9. AOB – Memorial Wall

SK raised concern about flowers placed at the Memorial Wall deteriorating quickly due to lack of water provision and asked whether small water holders could be incorporated during wider works.

JF explained the club is considering improvements to make the area more respectful, accessible and easier to maintain, including benches to allow visitors to sit. Further ideas may be explored, including potential design integration within surfacing.



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10. Next Meeting

- 3rd April 2026 ahead of the AFC Wimbledon fixture (12.30pm).
- Adjournment: Meeting concluded at 2:00pm.