



FAN ADVISORY BOARD

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| Location | Co-op Community Hub |
| Date | 3rd April 2026 |
| Time | 12.30pm |

Chairman's Report

Firstly, enormous congratulations from FAB to Michael, Jez, the players, staff, owners & board members of the club for an historically successful promotion season which provides all Imps with the opportunity to watch the team play 2nd tier football for the first time ever in the lifetimes of many of us. We are eternally grateful to you all & for the success enjoyed during the last ten years.

Having introduced a succession plan two years ago, I will be stepping down from the Chair's role during this close season after eight enjoyable seasons during which time the group has evolved to now enjoy a much wider scope of responsibilities than originally expected which includes providing valued input on strategic off field matters giving our incredible fanbase a voice whose views & feedback are listened to by our ownership & club board as part of their decision making processes.

I am very grateful for the excellent support & friendship given to me by all current & previous team members of FAB who have been an absolute pleasure to work with & who have made my role much easier & very enjoyable. Also, a big thank you to Liam & Clive for introducing a Supporters Board (as it was initially named in 2018) & all current & past club board representatives including Rob Noble (Head of Club Services) for attending & contributing to our meetings. Also, best wishes in their new roles to Charlie Beeston who is stepping up from Vice Chair to Chair & our newly elected Vice Chair Nick Procter.

We held our final meeting of this historic & memorable season on Good Friday before the victory against AFC Wimbledon. Thanks to Alex Bavin from Lincoln City F.C Foundation for joining us to provide an update on the Premier League Fans' Fund project. As usual we had a busy agenda including an interesting update on Imps Territory & FAB welcomed kind invitations from the club to be part of future

Stakeholder Quarterly Meetings & from a local business to have input on the sensitive new branding of the Stacey West Stand. All this together with forthcoming changes to the Greenlinc Stand to meet Championship requirements, heritage, positive Gold Membership figures & EFL postponements were covered with full details available to read within our minutes.

Many thanks to Marcus Burton & Kevin Harris who emailed fabchair@theredimps.com to raise questions regarding EFL postponements & 1975-1976 4th Division Champions 50th anniversary respectively. Kevin & I have spent considerable time recently assisting the Former Players Association to contact players from Graham Taylor's record-breaking squad with some success.

We look forward to hearing from you as always should you have a question or comment which you would like us to discuss with the club's hierarchy at our next meeting.

FAB wishes all Imps fans an enjoyable summer World Cup break with plenty to look forward to in the Championship next season.

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Tony Smith

Chair of the Lincoln City F.C Fan Advisory Board



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Minutes of Meeting: FAB Meeting, 3rd April 2026

Jackie Atkins (JA), Jonathan Battersby (JBa), Charlie Beeston (CB), Julian Buttery (JBU), Jason Futers (JF), Sam Kendall (SK), Chris Laming (CL), David Lowes (DL), Rob Noble (RN), Nick Procter (NP), Liam Scully (LS), Tony Smith (TS), Roy Thomson (RT).

1. Meeting Admin

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

Apologies: None

AB joined the meeting for Fans Fund briefing section.

TS opened the meeting by welcoming all attendees, noting that this was his final meeting as Chair. CB to take on the chair role going forwards, NP would become vice chair. Members and club representatives thanked TS for his contribution over the last eight years.

2. Premier League Fans' Fund

AB provided an update on the Foundation's Premier League Fans Fund application. Members had received a briefing paper in advance.

AB advised that the application had been submitted and that an outcome was expected in the coming months. It was agreed that Foundation representatives would update FAB periodically on progress.

3. Stakeholder Quarterly Meeting

LS outlined a proposal to broaden the previous tripartite/quad-partite stakeholder arrangement into a more formal quarterly meeting involving the club, Foundation, Trust, Former Players Association, FAB, the proposed Heritage Committee and, when established, the Disabled Supporters Association.

The intention is not to replace individual groups, but to create a broader forum that helps coordination, information sharing and collaboration across supporter-facing stakeholder groups.

Members were supportive of the proposal and raised no objections.

4. Greenlinc Stand Changes

LS advised that, if the club is promoted, operational and league requirements would require changes to the rear section of the Greenlinc Stand, particularly around media provision, scouts, player family seating and contracted ticket allocations.



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The proposal is therefore to reconfigure the area which will require some season ticket holders from that section to relocate. The club is considering a support package for those affected.

Members supported the principle of carrying out the full change at the same time rather than revisiting the issue in stages in future. It was suggested that affected supporters should be contacted personally and, ideally, invited to a dedicated meeting so the rationale and options can be explained face-to-face.

5. Stacey West Stand

LS reported a local business has agreed terms in principle to have their branding on the front of the Stacey West Stand replacing existing signage. LS noted that the company's managing director is a Lincoln City supporter and is keen for any branding treatment to be delivered sensitively.

They have asked whether a small number of FAB representatives could meet with its design team to help shape the final look. Members welcomed this approach and agreed FAB would nominate representatives separately.

6. Civic Event

LS advised that, should the club be promoted, planning is underway for an open-top bus parade on Saturday 9th May 2026.

No public announcement is currently planned until later in the season, but preparatory work is required to create the event well in advance.

7. Gold Memberships

RN reported that the first sales window had closed the previous day. Just over 6,100 general admission Gold Memberships had been purchased, with 98% renewal rate, alongside 1,100 new Gold Members for next season.

Including Legends Lounge and 200 Club sales, more than 6,350 memberships had been sold, excluding boxes. A waiting list is in place for new members.

Members welcomed the exceptionally strong figures.

8. Heritage (1884 Collective)

JBu and DL provided an update on heritage planning. Work is progressing under the proposed identity of the '1884 Collective', intended as a collaborative, fan-facing structure to promote and preserve the club's history. Committee representation is being finalised.

The group expects to meet every two months and is working across themes including community, education, identity, archives and content creation.



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A draft memorandum of understanding is being prepared to set out how participating groups will work together. Members heard that the Collective aims to launch in some form by the end of the season, with a more detailed annual plan of activity to follow.

TS also raised a query about invitations linked to the 1975/76 title-winning side commemoration at the Wycombe fixture, noting whether family members and key non-playing staff from that era had been considered. The club noted the practical limitations and accepted the point as useful learning for future commemorative activity which the heritage committee will help with.

9. Imps Territory Update

JF confirmed that the Imps Territory scheme currently involves three separate planning submissions: the screen, the cafe area and the main wider development.

Planning approval has already been secured for two of the three elements. The council has been supportive and no objections were received through consultation. The club remains hopeful the overall programme can stay on track.

Contingency discussions are taking place with the EFL in case temporary reduced capacity or fixture adjustments are ever needed at the start of next season.

10. EFL Postponements

TS & NP raised supporter feedback about fixture postponements and short-notice changes, particularly around international breaks and future Sky selections.

LS explained that, in League One, postponement decisions can be complicated where players are on standby for international call-ups, making it difficult to confirm eligibility and fixture status before the formal deadline.

Members accepted the practical constraints but asked whether the club could communicate more clearly in advance about dates that may be vulnerable to movement. LS agreed that this could be improved, particularly through fixture news stories and other explanatory communications, while balancing the risk of discouraging ticket sales.

11. AOB

NP enquired about pre-season overseas fixture. LS confirmed that the club hopes to announce date information shortly, but the opposition and exact arrangements remain subject to change.

Kit supply: JF noted that the club is coordinating closely with its suppliers and related partners to manage production and wider logistical challenges.

Disabled Supporters Association: CB reported progress on the proposed DSA. A draft MOU had been received from the club and is being reviewed by the working group. Subject to final wording and media capacity, the aim is to issue a press release and membership forms in the coming weeks.



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FAB MOU: TS confirmed that members would receive the draft FAB MOU during the following week for review and approval.

12. Next Meeting

- TBC
- Adjournment: Meeting concluded at 13:30pm.