Dons Trust Board Meeting, Monday 13th April 2026, Plough Lane

In attendance	Apologies	Also in Attendance
Angus Fox (Chair)	Alex Folkes	George Jones (Secretary)
Graeme Price (Vice Chair)	David Rey	Reece Wheeler-Kelly (Assistant Secretary)
Chris Atkinson (Online)		Michele Little (Treasurer) (Online)
Martin Drake (Online)		
Hannah Kitcher		
James Longhurst (Online)		
James Ledward (Online)		

1. Introduction, Apologies, Protocols and Directors Interests

The meeting began at 6.05.

2. Approval of previous Minutes

The minutes were approved subject to further redactions

3. DTB Actions List

The Board reviewed its outstanding actions list.

Angus has arranged a meeting with the CEO of the Independent Football Regulator (IFR) due to concern that the regulations could disadvantage fan ownership through financial controls and felt they were very positive towards our Club to the point of seeing us as an exemplar organisation. They have invited us to go and speak directly with their Owners and Directors Test (OADT) team about our elections to make sure they can support us with their processes. They also point out there are OADT exemptions for 3 months and we will have direct point of contact with our IFR supervisor and that they are open to discussion on some OADT issues.

J-Led said it was a positive meeting. The IFR are applying pressure to the PL to ensure fairer financial distribution. They said we would come out strongly in a risk assessment despite our lack of short-term liquidity. The IFR noted that they have no role in Women's football. They implied they are interested in getting involved in the future, but it is not currently covered by the Act.

The issue of the number of non-3pm kick-offs was also raised. The head of football administration at the Club has met with the proposed supervisory team. The IFR again committed that they are looking into treating fan-owned clubs with understanding. J-Led emphasised how positive the model was.

More work is being undertaken to look into possible revenue benefits of a Community Interest Company (CIC). It was unanimously agreed to set up a “Social Value” working group to explore.

Note: Redactions have been made to this item.

4. Ratification of email decisions

None

5. Club board meeting summary and questions

Graeme presented feedback from the previous month’s PLC board meeting and invited questions to take into the PLC board meeting scheduled to take place later in the week. J-Led raised the issue of his previous questions not having been answered yet. Hannah raised a question around the club not meeting its KPI for community appearances from Men’s first team players, following which a discussion took place on how we measure appearances compared with other clubs. It was agreed to ask for the data to be more made more directly comparable with that of other clubs.

6. RA Update

George formally noted that following the two recent SGMs, 50.01, the new constitution and removing the 15% maximum minority shareholding cap had all been approved and that the new constitution has been submitted to the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) for approval.

Note: Redactions have been made to this item.

7. Investor Update

Note: This item has been redacted from the public minutes.

8. SGM Planning

George informed the board that following bringing in an external company to run the live stream for the 2nd RA there were minimal technical issues however there still were issues that needed ironing out. George recommended they go with a similar approach for future SGMs and meetings especially anything related to investment.

9. **Dons Trust Finance – Debt and Equity Update**

DT Management accounts for the end of March will be ready for May. Work is ongoing to plan comms surrounding bonds

The comms have been agreed by J-Lo and James Woodroof. It will be announcing that PLB2 will reopen in mid-May. The bond site is in the process of being updated and tested to make sure it is ready and Michele hopes it will all be finished by the end of the week ready for the relaunch. J-Led to meet with Michele to discuss finance explanation.

Note: Redactions have been made to this item.

10. **Women's Team**

Due to a conflict for the Secretary after providing an update on the ground situation George left the meeting. The rest of this item was minuted separately by the Assistant Secretary.

At the conclusion of the agenda item George re-joined the meeting.

11. **London Living Wage (LLW)**

Angus informed the board that he had spoken to James Woodroof to explain the board's position. James Woodroof has asked for clarification on subcontractors saying that if we wish to be accredited, we will need to pay contractors the LLW. Angus informed the board that he would like the club to pay everyone the LLW. Chris explained he would support the move but would be cautious of potential use as a budget lever. Hannah expressed a strong view that it is the right thing to do and that this is about the values we have and who we are. Graeme explained loads of companies are breaking LLW by not paying contractors to get around it. He agreed that he agrees ethically we should do but raised concerns about the costs. Martin stated that a loss-making business may not be able to sustain future increases.

It was agreed to retain the existing position which allows for some flexibility.

12. **Men's season tickets 2026-27**

Angus informed the board he had spoken to James Woodroof about the new season ticket policy for no new concession priced premium seats in West Stand. A lengthy discussion took place on the issue. Concerns were raised on the unintended scenario of people not being able to transfer from adults to concession pricing.

It was agreed to retain the existing Dons Trust policy.

Note: Redactions have been made to this item.

13. Election Report

George informed the board that the final draft of the election report was due to be published on Wednesday 15th April. Angus added that the statement will come from him as Chair.

14. DT Disciplinary Policy

George raised some live situations which may require the disciplinary process to be enacted under the new policy. The process requires a panel of members so an advert will be sent out inviting people to volunteer.

Angus expressed a wish to have a better connection between the Club's disciplinary process and the one for the Trust. George agreed that someone being sanctioned by the Club, such as the banning order, should automatically trigger the process to investigate within the Trust. George will work with the Head of Security to ensure the Secretary is notified of any such actions.

George explained that specific details of any disciplinary case would be treated as confidential and kept to relevant members taking part in the panel for the disciplinary process.

Note: Redactions have been made to this item.

15. Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)

It was noted that J-Led was attending the EFL ED&I conference in Birmingham on 6th May.

16. Discord

Reece reminded the board that they agreed in January 2026 to revisit the closing of Discord at the end of season. A discussion took place on the usefulness of the platform. The board held a vote on the future of Discord. The board voted unanimously in favour of closing Discord and not providing another online platform in its place.

A discussion took place on the sequencing of closing Discord. Angus and Graeme expressed the view that we should close Discord at the end of the season. J-Lo explained that we should give members notice of the change and write a statement that implies members could set up a Discord should they wish to continue with it.

A discussion took place on other events that could help regular engagement with meetings both at PL and at venues in Wimbledon.

It was unanimously agreed to close Discord at the end of May and arrange bi-monthly meetings to be split between online and in person at various venues.

Graeme left the meeting.

Note: Redactions have been made to this item.

17. Secretariat Support

George informed the board that an advert would be posted calling for people to apply to be Assistant Secretaries.

Note: Redactions have been made to this item.

18. Board Working Groups Review

It was agreed to focus exclusively on short term project based groups rather than larger ongoing working groups.

19. Board Vacancies Update

Discussed as under outstanding actions.

20. AOB

i. DT Rota

George reminded the board to fill in the Rota and a discussion took place on how to cover the programme for the Plymouth game on Saturday.

Note: Redactions have been made to this item.

The meeting closed at 9.40