

Dons Trust Board Meeting, Monday 14th July 2025, Online

1. Introduction, Apologies and Protocols

A short notice DTB meeting was called by the Secretary on Sunday 13th. Following consultation with the Board regarding their availability the meeting was scheduled for Monday 14th at 7.30pm online only. The meeting was called following the resignation of Chair Sean McLaughlin from the DTB and Club Boards. Apologies were received from Ian.

George opened the meeting explaining the business that was to be conducted during the meeting, with the Board needing to elect a new chair and a new club board representative. George said that he knew there were a lot of other important things to discuss but it was important that the correct process was followed, meaning that that before any discussion and votes took place the Board needed to elect a new chair. George then asked board members if they wished to put themselves forward for the position.

2. Election of new chair

George asked if anyone wanted to nominate themselves or someone else for the role of Chair. Angus nominated himself as candidate for Chair, seconded by Martin and Alex. No other candidates came forward.

Angus was elected unanimously as Chair.

3. Election of new vice chair

The discussion took place on the election of Vice Chair. Angus and Alex nominated Graeme who accepted the nomination. Graeme noted his acceptance was conditional based on the projects that are coming up. This vote was approved unanimously.

4. Election of new Club Board Rep

Discussion then took place on who should be elected onto the Club Board. Simon and Alex nominated James Longhurst who accepted. James was then unanimously approved.

5. Update on situation leading to meeting

Angus then provided a timeline to the board in relation to recent events. It was agreed that the statement should say

“Sean has resigned from the Dons Trust Board and Club Board with immediate effect. Following this a Dons Trust Board meeting was held in the evening of Monday 14th July where Angus Fox was elected as chair, Graeme Price was elected as vice chair and James Longhurst elected as a representative on the club board”.

A discussion then took place in relation to next steps. George recommended the DTB appoint two casual vacancies and that the board act with the utmost urgency to fill these positions. George added that the skills audit had identified finance skill set as well as ED&I skills. A discussion then took place in relation to who suitable candidates could be. It was agreed these are urgent appointments.

Angus informed the board that in his opinion it is very likely things will continue to progress very quickly over the next couple of days.

It was agreed to get the statement out as soon as possible and by 10am Tuesday 15th. A discussion took place in relation to Board member comms over the coming days.