



C&G OLSC AGM 2025/26 Minutes

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Location Hatherley Manor Hotel

Welcome & Introduction – Stuart Buchan

The Chairman opened the Annual General Meeting (AGM) by welcoming all members, committee representatives, and guests to the Hatherley Manor Hotel. He outlined the agenda for the evening, setting expectations for the seasonal reviews, financial presentations, policy updates, and the upcoming committee elections.

Chairman's Report – Stuart Buchan

Following the opening remarks, the room was presented with a specially compiled Season Review Video. The presentation highlighted the key moments, matchday atmosphere, and community events that defined the C&G Official Liverpool Supporters Club (OLSC) over the course of the 2025/26 season created by Chris Stonadge. Pictures were provided by the membership of all events attended throughout the season.

Stuart Buchan then moved on to the minutes of the last AGM. AGM 24/25 minutes were circulated prior to the meeting in an email to the membership. No additional matters arose from this. Stuart Buchan asked for acceptance of the minutes, proposed by R. Stonadge, seconded by R. Ashton.

Treasurer's Report – G. Stonadge in lieu of B. Miles

On behalf of the outgoing Treasurer, Barry Miles (BM), the financial report was presented to the membership by Graham Stonadge (GS). The report provided a transparent breakdown of the branch's income, operational expenditures, and charitable contributions.

Coach Bookings Income	£32,662 net
Membership Fees Income	£4,897 Note: Revenue increased compared to the previous year. The OLSC branch remains in a strong, stable position and is expected to stay fully operational.
Cost of Coaches (Bennetts)	£30,523 Covers a total of 30 trips. The cost per trip rose by £25 (from £950 to £975). The branch successfully absorbed this entire increase without passing it on to members during the season.
Match Tickets Transaction	£868 Tickets were purchased directly from LFC and resold to branch members strictly at face value.
Additional Operational Costs	Includes essential outgoings such as website maintenance, away day event hosting, professional accountancy fees, and AGM refreshments (tea/coffee).
Closing Bank Balance	£9,404

The branch continued its strong commitment to community and charitable giving, distributing a total of £1,550 to the following causes:

- The 23 Foundation: £1,000
- Heart Heroes: £500
- Newport Marathon Sponsorship: £50 allocated to Chris Stonadge for his charitable marathon run.

The committee extended its deepest gratitude to Barry Miles for his dedicated service, marking the conclusion of his 3-year tenure as Branch Treasurer. The committee noted that working alongside Barry was an absolute pleasure and officially wished good luck to his successor.

Following the address, the accounts were put to a floor vote for formal adoption.

- Proposer: Steve England
- Secunder: Emma Fitzgerald

Website – R. Ashton

Remi Ashton provided a comprehensive update on the digital infrastructure of the branch, detailing the improvements made to enhance user experience and accessibility for both existing members and the general public.

General Usability & Public Access

- User Interface: Implemented foundational changes to the general site layout to improve information architecture and ease of navigation.
- Non-Members Infrastructure: Established a dedicated public section featuring branch news, general FAQs, and informational directories. This public portal will receive monthly content updates to keep prospective members informed.

Mobile-friendly members portal

- About Us: A comprehensive historical look at the C&G branch alongside current committee information.
- Logistics: Travel, itinerary, and matchday parking updates.
- Policy Transparency: A dedicated area for the Branch Ticket Policy, which will be uploaded immediately upon finalisation.
- Liverpool Links: A curated tab connecting members to affiliated charities, official social media channels, and broader LFC network resources.
- Segmented Content: News feeds and FAQs have been split into separate, responsive tabs to clearly distinguish between Liverpool FC national updates and localised branch news.

Media

- Gallery Updates: The media gallery has been refreshed with new imagery documenting recent away days, matchday travel, and official Liverpool supporter events.
- Feedback Appeal: The digital requested that members actively submit feedback regarding any specific features, tools, or information they would like to see integrated into the platform next.

Branch Review – S. Buchan

The branch reflected on a bittersweet season characterized by significant transitions both on the pitch at Anfield and within the local committee.

The departures of Mo Salah and Andy Robertson marked the end of an era. Additionally, the squad keenly felt the loss of Diogo Jota, which coincided with a noticeable drop in team morale and performance. A light-hearted reference was made to the *Forever 20* sculpture in relation to his impact.

Barry Miles officially stepped down after serving a total of 4 years on the committee (including 3 years as Treasurer). As a token of appreciation for his outstanding service, the branch presented Barry with a special signed picture courtesy of the 23 Foundation.

The branch boasts a robust and active roster of 334 registered members.

Ticket Allocations – S. Buchan

Securing ticket allocations remained one of the branch's primary focus areas, alongside navigating the massive demand from the membership base. A total of 139 match tickets were successfully secured and distributed to members over the course of the season. An overwhelming 72% of the membership requested tickets, representing 239 individual members vying for seats. With ticket availability averaging roughly 7 tickets per fixture, the committee strongly urged members to continue entering the official LFC ballots, public sales, and late availability waiting lists independently to maximize their chances. Tickets were successfully distributed across key fixtures, including matches against Bournemouth, Sunderland, Wolves, Leeds, West Ham, Tottenham, Crystal Palace, and Chelsea.

Events – S. Buchan

- **Black Tie Dinner:** Liverpool hosted a formal dinner attended by 5 members of the branch, featuring former Liverpool goalkeeper Sander Westerveld as the guest star speaker.
- **Away Day Screenings:** Four away day screening events were hosted at Teagues Bar. The match results yielded a tough run for the supporters, finishing with 3 losses and 1 win.
- **Transport Logistics:** The branch extended its appreciation to Bennetts coaches and our regular driver, Anton, for their exceptional service and reliability throughout the campaign.
- **Charity Nominations:** Members were formally requested to begin submitting names and details for local charities to be considered for the branch's fundraising focus during the upcoming season.

Proposals – S. Buchan

Coach Travel

Following a successful season running 30 matchday coaches with excellent feedback regarding onboard facilities, driver professionalism, and the provision of complimentary water, the travel strategy for the next season was evaluated.

Bennetts issued a nominal 2% price increase for the upcoming year, moving the rate from £975 to £995 per coach trip (amounting to an approximate increase of £34 per game). The branch financial break-even point is strictly set at 33 passengers per trip.

Proposal - Retain Bennetts as the branch's official travel provider and fully freeze all coach fares for members, with the branch absorbing the operational price increase.

- Proposer: R. Ashton
- Seconder: N. Grubb

Membership Fees

To ensure the club remains accessible to the community amidst rising living costs, the committee proposed maintaining current membership rates.

Proposal - Freeze branch membership fees at the current rates of £15 for Adults and £10 for Juniors (Under 18) for the entire 2026/27 season.

- Proposer: V. White
- Seconder: A. Brown

Branch Ticket Policy – Stuart Buchan

To ensure absolute fairness, equity, and transparency in ticket distribution, the committee announced immediate policy adjustments going forward:

No Credit Forwarding: Following news from Liverpool FC, match attendance credits can no longer be rolled over or forwarded to subsequent periods.

Cap on High-Tier Credits: The branch can no longer accept new entries into the 13+ credit tier due to the changing to forwarding rules.

Policy Publication: A comprehensive, formalised Branch Ticket Policy document is currently being finalised and will be uploaded to the official website shortly.

Future away days – Stuart Buchan

The committee opened discussions to gauge whether there is sufficient member appetite to continue organising dedicated local screenings for away fixtures. Due to ongoing logistical challenges, the committee is actively exploring a venue change away from Teagues Bar. The ideal new venue will feature expanded parking facilities, ensure an environment free from rival supporters, and offer dedicated options for food and complimentary drinks to enhance the matchday experience. The branch aims to organise 4 to 5 flagship events for the upcoming season. The session concluded on an

optimistic note regarding the club's broader direction, noting the smooth and swift managerial transition from Arne Slot to Andoni Iraola, promising "exciting times to come" on the pitch.

Election of Committee – Stuart Buchan

Ratification of Mid-Season Co-opted Members

Following unexpected resignations during the season, three members were co-opted onto the committee to maintain operational capacity. The floor was asked to formally ratify their positions for a standard term not to exceed 3 years.

Nominees for Ratification: R. Ashton, G. Stonadge, and E. Fitzgerald

- Proposer: Shawn Cain
- Seconder: Andy Chandler

Election of Executive Officers

Branch Secretary: Nomination of G. Stonadge to serve a 1-year term.

- Proposer: L. Barnes
- Seconder: V. White

Branch Treasurer: Nomination of E. Fitzgerald to fill the vacancy left by Barry Miles, serving a standard 3-year term.

- Proposer: I. Kallingal
- Seconder: J. Fletcher

Re-election of Standing Committee Members

Branch Chairman: Nomination of S. Buchan to stand for a second consecutive 3-year term.

- Proposer: C. Stonadge
- Seconder: J. Greenough

Committee Member: Nomination of Brad Newman to stand for a second 3-year term.

- Proposer: P. Shah
- Seconder: R. Ashton

New Committee Member Nomination

Committee Member Vacancy: Nomination of Jane Fletcher to join the committee as a general member.

- Proposer: G. Stonadge
- Seconder: K. Stonadge

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The Secretary confirmed that no formal questions or notices had been submitted by the membership prior to the constitutional deadline for the AGM. As no further items were raised from the floor, the formal business was concluded.

Concluding remarks

The Chairman thanked the members for their continued support, attendance, and input, officially closing the 2026 Annual General Meeting.

Meeting closed.

The evening concluded with a buffet followed by a fantastic audience with Jan Molby. Raffle prizes were awarded to many members of the branch.