



## West Ham United Supporters' Trust Extraordinary Board Meeting Minutes

**Date of meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Location:** Virtual by Zoom

**Present:** Richard Elliot, Kevin Hind, Mark Inskipp,  
Rachel McFetridge, Terry Reynolds, Sue Watson, Nick Drane

**Apologies:**Anthony Knight, Chris Wheal

### 1. Chair's welcome and apologies for absence

Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all present

### 2. FAB motions

The Chair reminded the board of the motion from HU of the 1/8/2023, **Motion 1** "That the ISC is to be independent of West Ham United Football Club and accordingly will produce and adopt a written constitution to ensure that it is democratic, accountable, transparent and independent. The ISC agreed at said meeting of 1/8/2023, to discuss this with their boards/committees ahead of the next ISC meeting.

Subsequent to next ISC meeting a different motion was put forward by an ISC member- **Motion 2** "The Fan Advisory Board (FAB) will replace the Independent Supporters Committee (ISC). The FAB Supporters Representatives will be independent of West Ham United Football Club. " As a board we discussed both motions in great detail with a view on how to maintain the independence from the club whilst enabling supporter representatives to hold the Club to account. The board decided to support the motion **The Fan Advisory Board (FAB) will replace the Independent Supporters Committee (ISC). The FAB Supporters Representatives will be independent of West Ham United Football club-but with an addendum and this overarching principle is to be enshrined in the FAB Memorandum of Understanding and will inform further negotiations regarding the detail of the MoU.** We felt this ensured the independence of the FAB would have to be respected by the Club and was, with our addendum crystal clear to the Club that is the ISC and WHUST's position.

On the ISC meeting of 11/9/2023 that is the motion WHUST supported.

As was pointed out to the board neither motion was voted against. The ISC chair asked for those in support of the motion 1 to indicate, then those in support of

motion 2 to indicate.

It was pointed out we had circulated our consultation document where independence is clearly stated.

<https://www.whust.org/our-work/fair-and-independent-fan-engagement>

The meeting concluded with a clear agreement that as a supporter representation body being independent from the Club is critical, we have always stated that at meetings and through our documentation. Should the FAB not be independent from the Club; we would need to consider our position on the FAB.

### **3. Co-optees**

KH asked that we discuss the co-optees as an agenda item at our next board meeting.

**Action- MI to agenda for meeting of 29/11/23**

### **8. Date of next meeting**

29<sup>th</sup> November 2023

The meeting ended at 8.05pm