

**RED IMPS COMMUNITY TRUST (RICT)****Notes of the Directors Meeting (DM) held online on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
starting at 7.03pm****1 PARTICIPATION**

- a. In attendance were Rob Bradley (RB) – Chair and Fan Engagement Team Co-Leader (FETCL); Mandi Slater (MS) – Vice-Chair and Fan-Elected Club Director (FECD) - John O’Gaunts Club (JOGC); Julian Buttery (JBu) – External Relations Director; Emma Crellin (EC) – FETCL; Steve Tointon (ST) – Treasurer; Gavin Gordon (GG); Steve Freestone (SF) – Company Secretary; Ian Hodgson (IH) – Membership Secretary; Tamyra Beeston (TaB) – Social Media Co-Secretary; and Andy Porter (AP) – Minutes Recorder.
- b. Apologies for absence were received from Chris Baldam (CB) - Events, Fundraising & Commercial Co-ordinator; Biff Bean (BB) – Community Engagement Team Leader; Phil Scrafton (PS) – FECD; Tom Baker (ToB); Jonathan Battersby (JBa); and Claire Hunsley (CH).

**2 QUORUM**

- a. Rule 75 of RICT’s constitution specified that the quorum necessary for the transaction of business at a meeting of the Board of Directors was 50% of the Directors. The meeting was inquorate, as only six of the fourteen Directors were present.
- b. Standing Order 6.3 of RICT’s Standing Orders for Society Board Meetings specified that, in the event of a quorum not being present, the business of the Agenda should be postponed to an alternative date determined by the Secretary. SF declared that such business should be postponed until a RICT Board Meeting (BM) to be held online immediately following the conclusion of RICT’s Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Thursday 04/06/26.
- c. The Directors requested (i) the recording in these Notes of an informal discussion that subsequently took place on the business of the Agenda and (ii) the circulation of these Notes to all RICT Board Members prior to RICT’s BM on 04/06/26, in order to facilitate the smooth running of that BM.

**3 NOTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

- a. Notes of RICT’s BM on 11/03/26 had been published on RICT’s website, with their availability being announced via RICT’s social media channels.
- b. Prior to the DM, draft Notes of RICT’s BM on 15/04/26 had been sent to all RICT Board Members. It was recommended that those Notes should be published on RICT’s website, with their availability being announced via RICT’s social media channels.

**4 FAN ENGAGEMENT**

- a. RB, EC and RICT member Anita Pritchard had met to devise more focused questions (including a competition) to be asked face-to-face, in order to gain further insight into the recurring themes highlighted by the youth survey.
- b. Topical news items continued to be published on RICT’s website, which had confirmed all necessary details for Red Imps Association Travel Section coaches to the final three away games of the season.
- c. RICT’s social media output remained impressive, with an excellent response to the Player of the Match poll for the final home match of the season on 25/04/26.
- d. RICT’s Pod in the University of Lincoln Fan Village (FV) at the LNER Stadium had been extremely busy before the match on 25/04/26, with plenty of face-to-face interaction with RICT members/other visitors and sales of numerous items, including enhanced teamsheets. Charlie Marshall of Charlie’s Crochet Cottage had guested at the Pod, with her collectible hand-made Imp figures. Lindum Group had agreed to arrange the lifting and removal of the Pod to a

suitable location (to be agreed with the Club) in the south-east corner of the LNER Stadium footprint, as part of the Club's Imps Territory works.

- e. A regular update message had been sent on 16/05/26 to all RICT members for whom an email address was held, save for those who had unsubscribed.
- f. Two more articles about RICT had been published in the Lincolnshire Echo.
- g. All copies of the seventh edition of the "IMPRESS" prog-zine had sold out from RICT's FV Pod before the final home match of the season.
- h. SF had arranged an interview of a JOGC member by Colin Murray on BBC Radio 5 Live. EC had been interviewed on the BBC Radio Lincolnshire Breakfast Show on both 17/04/26 and 24/04/26.
- i. SF was thanked for organising the poll for the Vic Withers Memorial Award, which had attracted about twice as many votes as the previous year. The trophy had been presented to the winner, Conor McGrandles, with Sonny Bradley being the runner up and Tendayi Darikwa in third place. An invoice for the sponsorship fee had been sent to Graham Winter Builders Limited.
- j. The time of the year was approaching at which it was customary to select the Fan of the Season. **ACTION: SF and TaB would request nominations via RICT's website and social media channels.**

## 5 CLUB ENGAGEMENT

- a. The FECD's had attended the Club's BM on 24/04/26, followed by a strategy meeting with other Club Investors and Patrons. It was anticipated that a report of those meetings would be published on the Club's website in due course.
- b. Minutes of the Club's Fan Advisory Board (FAB) meetings on 21/03/26 and 03/04/26 had not yet been published on the Club's website.
- c. Representatives of the Club, its Former Players Association (FPA), Lincoln City Foundation (LCF) and RICT would share updates at a meeting on 25/06/26. It was anticipated that representatives of other stakeholder groups, such as the FAB, would be invited to participate in future meetings.
- d. RICT's representatives had been made to feel extremely welcome by the Club's players and coaching team when presenting a framed iconic photograph, as a token of all supporters' appreciation of the outstanding manner in which the return to the second tier of English football had been achieved after an absence of 65 years. **ACTION: JBu would liaise on behalf of the 1884 Collective with Jason Futers (JF), the Club's Chief Growth & Innovation Officer, Luke Thornhill, the Club's Head of Marcomms, and Adam Thurston, the Club's Head of Football Operations, to ensure the display in perpetuity of that photograph at the Club's Elite Performance Centre, once imminent infrastructure improvement works there had been completed.**
- e. RICT had been represented at the Club's Presentation Night on 26/04/26 and at the event for the Club's sponsors and partners on 08/05/26.

## 6 CLUB HERITAGE PRESERVATION

- a. SF was thanked for his proactive support of the launch on 23/04/26 of the "1884 Collective" initiative, which had been well-received, establishing its own brand identity. JBu had provided more information on the BBC Radio Lincolnshire Breakfast Show on 24/04/26, in episode 467 of the Stacey West Podcast and at a FPA meeting on 05/05/26. He would attend the inaugural Heritage Committee meeting on 22/05/26.
- b. Six new exhibits had been uploaded to RICT's virtual museum since the previous RICT BM.

## 7 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- a. Attention had been drawn on RICT's website to the support provided in conjunction with the FPA by LCF, RICT's permanent charity partner, to residents of local care homes.
- b. The funds raised by the "RICT Community Team 2025" initiative that had been earmarked for youth projects might be used to fund the production of a matchday guide pack for young fans. **ACTION: EC would discuss the issue with ToB, JBu and Rob Noble (RN), the Club's Head of Club Services.**
- c. Sales of steel Imp plaques from RICT's FV Pod had raised sufficient money for the Suicide Prevention Awareness Bench to be installed at the LNER Stadium, once the Club's Imps Territory infrastructure improvement work had been completed.
- d. RB would be a speaker at the "More than a Game" function on 23/05/26 (following LCF's Community World Cup), under the "Re-imagining Lincolnshire" banner, organised with assistance from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.
- e. A decision was awaited on RICT's application for re-selection as a Lincolnshire Co-op Community Champion.
- f. Tyla Rose Hall, the landlady of the Golden Eagle public house, had raised funds for RICT's community causes through a raffle and an auction of a shirt signed by Grant Brown, a former player of the Club.

## 8 EXTERNAL RELATIONS

- a. Martyn Henderson, who had met RICT's Board Members on 12/11/25, had been wished well with his next project, after leaving his role as Chief Operating Officer of the Independent Football Regulator (IFR). RICT's responses had been submitted to an IFR fan engagement survey and to a second (higher level) Licensing Regime Consultation. Yet more consultation would take place in due course under the Terms and Conditions for the IFR's State of the Game Report.
- b. JBu would have a one-to-one catch up session with a representative of the Football Supporters' Association (FSA), as he had been unable to attend its League 1 & 2 Network meeting on 30/04/26, due to technical issues. RICT would be transferred from that Network to the Championship equivalent in June and he would attend the FSA AGM on 06/06/26. The deadline was 30/06/26 to complete a FSA Fan Survey. **ACTION: JBu would forward that survey to the FETCLs for completion.**
- c. Northampton Town Football Club Supporters Trust had invited Kevin Rye of Think Fan Engagement and representatives of supporters' trusts associated with other clubs in the midlands to a meeting on 29/05/26. **ACTION: RB would represent RICT at that meeting.**

## 9 EVENTS, FUNDRAISING AND COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES

- a. The agreement under which Tension Twisted Realities (TTR) was RICT's main sponsor had been extended most recently in May 2025. CB had met with Stewart Millar (SM), TTR's proprietor. **ACTION: CB would discuss arrangements for ongoing sponsorship with SM.**
- b. JF was happy in principle with the suggestion that RICT's Red and White Membership Scheme packages should be refined in order to increase RICT's income, targeting businesses that did not belong to the Club's sponsorship and partnership schemes. CB, PS and EC had met to consider various possible options. **ACTION: EC would draft a proposal for discussion with CB, for subsequent agreement with JF or Bobby Copping, the Club's Head of Commercial, and for inclusion in RICT's Membership Policy 2026/27.**

## 10 MEMBERSHIP

- a. MS and ST would meet Liam Scully, the Club's Chief Executive Officer, and Ron Fowler (RF), the Club's Chairman, on 15/05/26 to discuss the extension into 2026/27 of RICT's JOGC partnership with the Club. **ACTION: If terms were agreed at that meeting, AP would circulate**

to all RICT Board Members relevant details for approval in the 2026/27 Membership Policy, which was due to be ratified at the AGM. MS was thanked for her service during the preceding seven years as the JOGC FECD.

- b. Certificates of Honorary Membership of RICT had been presented to RF and to Andrew Fowler.
- c. RICT membership was an automatic benefit provided (with a right to opt out) to all 2026/27 Club Gold Members. Including Legends Lounge and 200 Club members, over 6,350 sales had been processed before the first window closed on 02/04/26, excluding corporate hospitality box sales. As demand from new members had already exceeded the supply available, a waiting list had been set up, from which further sales would be processed after the 30/06/26 renewal deadline for existing members.
- d. RICT's Data Sharing Agreement with the Club would expire on 31/07/26. **ACTION: IH would request an extension for another year from RN, after RICT's 2026/27 JOGC partnership terms had been finalised.**

## 11 GOVERNANCE

- a. The photograph of ToB had been published on RICT's website, together with biographical details.
- b. The updated Data Protection Policy, Privacy Notice and Handbook of Data Protection Procedures had been published on RICT's website.
- c. The deadline of 07/05/26 for receipt of nominations and resolutions having passed, the agenda for the AGM had been published, with supporting documentation, on RICT's website. **ACTION: SF would (i) by 16/05/26, post hard copy notices of the AGM to all RICT members for whom no email address was held and (ii) by 20/05/26, send digital notices of the AGM to all other RICT members.**
- d. The updated FECD Role Description had been published on RICT's website.

## 12 FINANCES

- a. It was anticipated that the independent examination of RICT's annual accounts to 31/12/25 would be completed by 20/05/26. **ACTION: Before the AGM, ST would arrange the publication of those accounts on RICT's website.**
- b. Prior to the DM, a financial update had been sent to all RICT Board Members, showing that everything had run smoothly during the period from 01/01/26 to 30/04/26. It was noted that, in that period, receipts from sales of donated shirts and memorabilia from RICT's FV Pod had already exceeded £1,500. Funds raised from sales at the Pod before the previous five home matches would be used towards RICT's running costs.

## 13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There being no further business, the Directors Meeting closed at 7.52pm.