



# MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ACCRINGTON STANLEY FOOTBALL CLUB AND THE OFFICIAL ACCRINGTON STANLEY SUPPORTERS



OFFICIAL  
ACCRINGTON  
STANLEY  
SUPPORTERS  
TRUST

## 1.0 PARTIES

The parties to this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) are:

**Accrington Stanley Football Club (ASFC)**, a company incorporated in England and Wales under number 01287721 and whose registered address is Wham Stadium, Livingstone Road, Accrington, BB5 5BX

and

**The Accrington Stanley Supporters Society Limited, known as The Official Accrington Stanley Supporter Trust (OASST)**, a community benefit society registered with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) with Register No 8283 and whose registered address is Unit 22, Arndale Centre, Cornhill, Accrington, BB5 1EX

singularly, a “party”, and together, the “parties”

## 2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The club is a professional football club which is currently a member of the English Football League (the “EFL”) and is affiliated to the Football Association (the “FA”)
- 2.2 The Trust is a community benefit society and is a shareholder in the club. It’s members are shareholders of the Trust and are fans of the club.
- 2.3 The Supporters Club was formed in the 1930’s and successfully achieved Trust status in 2019. It has developed a relationship as a critical friend of the club and had held meetings with the owner, Managing Director, Chief Executive Officer and senior officials to discuss matters of concern.
- 2.4 The parties to this MoU agree and acknowledge that their current relationship meets the requirements introduced by the Premier League and EFL in 2016, however, the parties would like to further improve the relationship
- 2.5 The parties have therefore agreed on the following, non-binding terms as a means of recording their existing relationship and aiming to build upon it.
- 2.6 Provide a suitable level of financial information, split into appropriate categories and with a level of detail that builds trust and understanding of how the Trust is being run.
- 2.7 This MoU document supersedes the previous MoU dated xx mmmmmm yyyy.

## 3.0 THE OASST WILL:

- 3.1 Offer an open and affordable membership to any supporter of the club.
- 3.2 Ensure it remains properly incorporated with constituted democratic procedures and governance structure, filing annual returns with the FCA.
- 3.3 Use its constitution to co-opt supporters groups with specific interests and concerns.

- 3.4 Consult with its membership regularly on issues of importance particularly ahead of structured dialogue meetings with the club.
- 3.5 Be represented by people who understand their roles as democratically elected representatives acting on behalf of the supporters.
- 3.6 Provide a suitable level of financial information, split into appropriate categories and with a level of detail that builds trust and understanding of how the Trust is being run.
- 3.7 The Trust will provide the Club with a draft of any statement, meeting notes or similar publications relevant to the relationship between the parties sufficiently in advance of publication.
- 3.8 The Trust acknowledges that the Club may share confidential information with it from time to time. The Trust undertakes that it will not, and will procure that its representatives do not, disclose any such confidential information to any person other than those members of the Trust's board who need to know such information. If any confidential information is disclosed in breach of this clause, the Club shall be entitled to terminate this Agreement with immediate effect.

#### **4.0 THE CLUB WILL:**

- 4.1 Use the structured dialogue to consult about significant or strategic decisions, for example, stadium improvements.
- 4.2 Use the meeting to discuss wider league/national consultation that will affect supporters.
- 4.3 Not exclude individuals without good reason.
- 4.4. Be represented by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and other club staff as the CEO deems appropriate.
- 4.5 Take the opportunity to discuss any potential change of ownership in advance of such changes occurring.
- 4.6 Where relevant, provide a suitable level of financial information split into appropriate categories and with a level of detail that builds trust and understanding of how the club is being run, without compromising the club's position in a competitive environment of revealing confidential information such as transfer fees or individuals salaries.

#### **5.0 BOTH PARTIES WILL:**

- 5.1 Commit to meeting on a quarterly basis.
- 5.2 Agree agenda items in a timely manner, circulating sufficient and supporting information to read ahead of the meeting.
- 5.3 Respect that some items may be sensitive and deemed confidential with an agreed protocol about how they should be reported
- 5.4 Publish minutes agreed by both parties in a timely coordinated manner, subject to the parameters agreed at 5.3 above. Meeting minutes will authorised by the club in a timely manner and will not be shared until authorised by the club.
- 5.5 Share key contact information including roles and decision making powers.
- 5.6 Will manage their social media accounts to protect the integrity and reputation of their respective organisations, avoiding content that may negatively impact the brand.

- 5.7 Ensure the meeting is structured so that any topics that either party wants to discuss can be debated in an appropriate environment.
- 5.8 Work towards creating an environment and culture that promotes a “better together” approach across the club, the supporters trust, Accrington Stanley Community Trust and Accrington Stanley Women’s Football Club.
- 5.9 Share ideas and thoughts on how to improve supporter engagement and improve the financial position of the Club.

Both parties hereby confirms its agreement to the terms contained in this Memorandum of Understanding.

Agreed for and on behalf of  
**Accrington Stanley Football Club**

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