

 **Shrewsbury Town FC Official Supporters Club**

**Meeting held on 31th July 2025**

**At the Hop & Frier**

**Present:** Robert Lewis (Chairman); Rachael Dilloway (Secretary & Membership); Chris Allen (Treasurer); Mike Davis; Simon Jeavons; Roger Groves (Supporter Liaison Officer, Super Blues & SP Joint Chair); Allan Jones.

1. **Apologies:** Ray Allen; Nigel Oakley; Richard Phipps; Pauline Newton (Shrewsbury Town Fan Engagement Officer); Liam Dooley (Shrewsbury Town Football Club’s Chief Executive Officer);
2. **Approval of last AGM Minutes.**The members present reviewed the previous minutes and approved for the Chairman to sign.
<https://www.shrewsburytownosc.org/agm-meetings>
3. **Chairman’s Update**Robert Lewis delivered his chairman’s report.
Last season was not the best for Shrewsbury Town Football Club and the OSC’s numbers of traveling supporters on our coaches due to the poor performances on the playing field, which will be reflected in the Treasurers report.
We now have the return of a discounts scheme for our away travel coaches as part of the membership package for the 2025/26 season.
I want to take this opportunity to thank Mike Owen and his whole team at Owen’s Travelmaster from office staff to the drivers taking us across the country to matches.
During the 2024/25 season, the OSC was proud to sponsor the Shrewsbury Town Football Club’s away shirt of Carl Winchester and following his departure from the Club in 20th January 2025, the committee selected George Lloyds away shirt for the remainder of that season and the committee renewed sponsoring his shirt this season.
I want to thank George who visited the OSC’s stall at the Football Club’s Open Day held 20th July 2025 chatting to myself and Rachael Dilloway along with engaging with many other supporters and signing his match worn shirt from 2024/25 season which was raffled off to ……….
I wish to also thank Rachael Dilloway for her efforts as Secretary and Membership committee member and Chris Allen as Treasurer.
4. **Secretary Update**Rachael Dilloway delivered her secretary’s report.
We wrap up the 2024/25 season and we are thrilled to have welcomed 54 members into the Shrewsbury Town Official Supporters Club (OSC). Memberships for the 2024/25 season was priced at £10.00 with a 25p card fee for those paying by credit or debit cards.

I am excited to continue the Membership Scheme for the 2025/26 season, welcoming 26 renewed and new members to the OSC paying at the members new rate of £12.00 with a 25p card fee for those paying by credit or debt card. On the Shrewsbury Town Football Club Open Day, we offered supporters a chance to join for £10.00 with a 25p card fee for those paying by credit or debit card to encourage members present on the day to join for a bargain price.

I wish to thank everyone who has joined so far for your support which helps us fund future projects and continue running coach travel for matches. We hope you will encourage fellow supporters to join, travel with us,

1. **Treasurer Update**Chris Allen (Treasurer) explained figures he was presenting to the AGM were from July 1st 2024 to the end of June 2025 from the only account he has access to which is a Chase Bank account set up by Robert Lewis (Chairman) where all statements are sent from Robert to Chris monthly.
Chris expressed his disappointment in the inaction from former Chairman Simon Moore and former Treasurer Bob Parry regarding what appears to be their unwillingness to change the signatories on the Lloyds Bank account in the name of the OSC to the new committee as it is not their personal account, but the OSC’s account and the fact they will not fill in an only form to facilitate a transfer continues to be a head scratcher.

With the Lloyd’s account to his knowledge as Treasurer, £10,000.00 was donated to Shrewsbury Town Football Club as part of the costs for the upgrading of the new FanZone improvements, however, he does not know if this figure is accurate, nor does Chris know what the remaining balance is in this account as he has not been provided with any statement.
Chris explained that the profits and losses through the previous season, full details are on the attached document (LINK HERE) from membership and pin badge sales, 50/50 raffles on coaches, sponsorship of Shrewsbury Town Football Club player and donations made by the OSC such as to South Stand Flags.

Regarding coach travel, the 2024/25 season was poor for the OSC to make an income with no cup runs and poor performances on the pitch putting supporters off to travel to away games making a total loss of -£1328.00 with the worse coach being Crawley losing the OSC -£800.00, following a committee meeting, it was agreed to pause coach travel for a period of time so as not to encore an even greater loss of funds and only coaches such as to face Birmingham City were provided with a greater chance of not losing funds in total losing -£1432.74.

The -£1328.00 figure of loss from 2024/25 season for coach costs was compounded with a -£1354.50 loss made on the coaches for 2023/24 season totalling -£2682.50 which Owen’s Travelmaster had requested be paid in June 2025 which Robert Lewis (Chairman) paid from his own money on his credit card.

The OSC cannot open a new account with Lloyds Bank who are the only provider the OSC can find to provide the banking service we require as there is already an account open with a similar name.

From a financial point of view, coach travel is killing the OSC’s finances and it is something we may no longer provide as a regular service. Mike Davis asked if the OSC has ordered coaches for this season to which Robert replied yes, they have been ordered as part of preparations for this season to agree departure times for coaches and to agree a price the coaches along with fees for supporters. Mike followed up with a question regarding cancelation of any of the coaches and how much this could be? Rob replied there is no fee in cancelling any of the coaches ordered. Chris added the committee agreed to use smaller a smaller 34-seater coach for future travel upgradeable if required with a small increase in the cost.
2. **Approval of updated OSC Constitution**During his quest to find a provider for a new OSC bank account to replace current Lloyds Bank account held by the former committee members. Chris Allen (Treasurer) required a copy of the organisations constitution and found that it required updating (attach link here)

Some suggestions were made to update the draft updated constitution and were placed in the document. It was agreed that a maximum limit of eleven committee members should be in place including the Chairman who would have a deciding vote in case of any deadlock on the issue up for debate.

Eligibility for members to vote in future AGM’s should be for those who had been a member during the previous season up until and including the final game of that season.

A representative from Shrewsbury Town Football Club will be invited to take part in OSC meetings with Mike Davis suggesting Roger Groves (Supporter Liaison Officer, Super Blues & SP Joint Chair) as part of his Supporter Liasson Officer roll.

The final amended Shrewsbury Town Official Supporters Club (OSC) constitution will be emailed to members for their approval before becoming coopted and later added to the website.
3. **Election of Committee.**
* **Chairman** - Chris Allen was voted into the position nominated by Rachael Dilloway and seconded by Simon Jeavons all present voted in favour.
* **Vice-Chairman** - Robert Lewis was voted into the position nominated by Mike Davis and seconded by Chris Allen all present voted in favour.
* **Treasurer** - Chris Allen remain in post until an alternative committee members can be nominated.
* **Secretary** - Rachael Dilloway was voted into the position nominated by Mike Davis and seconded by Chris Allen all present voted in favour.
* **Membership** - Rachael Dilloway was voted into the position nominated by Mike Davis and seconded by Chris Allen all present voted in favour.
* **Communications Officer** - Robert Lewis was voted into the position nominated by Mike Davis and seconded by Chris Allen all present voted in favour.
* **Any others** - Simon Jeavons & Mike Davis volunteered to work as general committee members.
* **Help on coaches** -
1. **OSC Membership**Rachael Dilloway explained that sales of the 2025/26 membership have been down on the previous season selling 26 members up until the night of the meeting.
A question was asked by a member if the price should increase to £20.00 per season for membership. Rachael replied that in a perfect world, yes, but now it is trying to source benefits which would justify a supporters wish to part with their hard-earned money.
A supporter asked if the Football Club could provide a discount or benefit for being a member. Roger Groves (Supporter Liaison Officer, Super Blues & SP Joint Chair) replied this has been a topic the Super Blues has asked in the past and the Football Club, however, now the Club Shop is a separate franchise for example, it is not up to Shrewsbury Town Football Club to offer a discount here.
Chris Allen (Chairman Elect) asked Roger if there could be an attempt to bring all supporter groups together under an umbrella perhaps using the OSC as a conduit? Roger expressed an interest in this concept. Chris added, Rachael has heard off supporters in both USA and Canada who have expressed a possibility of being representees/ambassadors of the OSC in their respective nations which could open new revenue streams and connections with supporters around the world and provide a blueprint for others to follow.
2. **OSC’s 75th Anniversary.**Chris Allen (Chairman Elect) explained that this season is the 75th anniversary of the Shrewsbury Town Official Supporter Club (OSC) and credits Robert Lewis (Former Chairman and now Communications Officer) for keeping the organisation going in as best form as he could with a limited committee support and funding available to him with Rachael Dilloway (Secretary & Membership) support.
Now, Chris feels that with the 75th anniversary season underway, it is a chance to the OSC to expand and encourage groups such as South Stand Flags to join the OSC as part of an umbrella and have our expanding committee help them too with the running of their group.

Chris Allen (Chairman Elect) praised the design of this seasons pin badge which forms part of the 2025/26 membership redesigned by Robert Lewis (Former Chairman and now Communications Officer) echoed by Roger Groves (Supporter Liaison Officer, Super Blues & SP Joint Chair).
3. **Regional branches of the OSC in places who have expressed an interest such as Canada, USA & London Shrews.**Chris Allen (Chairman Elect) & Rachael Dilloway (Secretary & Membership) explained how they have been in contact with Shrewsbury Town Football Club supporters in the USA and Canada regarding the possibility of opening a regional branch in these territories which could open the OSC to possible additional revenues which could allow the OSC to provide additional support to Shrewsbury Town Football Club going forward.
4. **Coach Travel & volunteers**Ran out of time T.B.C. at a future meeting.
5. **OSC FanZone
- Branding**Ran out of time T.B.C. at a future meeting. **- Publicity**Ran out of time T.B.C. at a future meeting. **- Fundraising**Ran out of time T.B.C. at a future meeting.
6. **Activities or events which supporters would be interested in.**Ran out of time T.B.C. at a future meeting.
7. **Working with young people/Junior Blues.**

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