

1877 Trust meeting notes | January 2026

Wolves recently met with representatives of the Wolves 1877 Trust for a detailed discussion of supporter priorities, using the Trust's 23-point manifesto as a guide.

The Trust outlined its role as a not-for-profit, volunteer-led organisation with around 500 members and links to supporter groups in the UK and overseas, with an email reach of around 6,000-7,000 supporters. The club welcomed the opportunity to speak directly and agreed that the Trust would share a written record of the meeting after a joint accuracy check.

Football: Stability, strategy and connection

The Trust set out the strength of feeling among supporters this season and said many fans want to see clearer stability and direction in the football operation. Club representatives acknowledged that mistakes have been made across recent seasons and discussed the importance of learning from that period.

The club reiterated that work is now underway to develop a clearer club strategy and vision, with an internal commitment to have it in place by the end of the season, so preparations for next season can begin with greater clarity and alignment. The Trust stressed the importance of supporters understanding the club's ambition and long-term direction, and the club agreed that this should be communicated once the work is complete.

Football engagement: Open forums and meaningful dialogue

The Trust asked the club to consider more open football-facing engagement, including Q&A-style forums, noting that supporters have a strong appetite for direct, honest discussion on football matters. The club recognised the distinction between football engagement and the existing supporter structures designed around off-pitch issues and agreed to consider how football engagement could be developed in the future.

The club also acknowledged that these formats need to be handled carefully but accepted the Trust's view that face-to-face interaction can help reduce misunderstanding and rebuild goodwill, particularly at a time when online speculation can fill information gaps.

Governance and leadership

The Trust raised the importance of football leadership being properly supported, with clear accountability and a stronger visible structure. The club agreed that collaboration and organisational cohesion are priorities and discussed the need to ensure the club is unified in its work and communication. Nathan Shi also clarified that he reports directly to Chairman Guo Guangchang.

The Trust also discussed the importance of supporter confidence in ownership commitment and asked for greater clarity on how the wider corporate structure fits together. Nathan reiterated that the club's focus is firmly on football, and said his priority is strengthening communication across the organisation, including regular leadership meetings and improved staff engagement.

Molineux and Compton Park: Facilities and long-term planning

The Trust expressed concerns that Wolves has fallen behind other clubs in infrastructure planning and asked for renewed focus on Molineux, the Molineux Quarter concept and engagement with local stakeholders. The club acknowledged the need for clearer long-term planning, with both Nathan Shi and senior leaders noting that greater clarity is required.

The club explained that Compton Park facilities are a current priority, linked to academy requirements and the need to improve space and provision for both academy, first-team and women's team operations. The club said planning work is advanced, and investment is being progressed to address facility needs.

On Molineux, the Trust proposed a working group approach to bring together relevant expertise, including supporters and local stakeholders. The club agreed that this is a constructive suggestion and that stronger engagement with the local authority and partners will be important as longer-term planning develops.

Fan engagement: Strengthening visibility and the consultation chain

The Trust said that while structures such as the Fan Advisory Board and focus groups exist, the overall 'chain' of engagement needs to be more visible, more representative and better connected, so supporters can understand how feedback is gathered and fed into discussions with the club.

Club representatives acknowledged that there is room for improvement, particularly in how focus groups operate and how their output is fed into the Fan Advisory Board. The club stated it intends to refresh the focus group structure in the summer, including reviewing membership and leadership support, and also agreed that promotion and signposting of minutes and engagement outputs can be improved.

Wolves Women: Roadmap, promotion planning and long-term commitment

The Trust said a recent meeting on Wolves Women had been positive and that many of the concerns behind their manifesto points had been addressed, but reiterated the importance of a clear women's roadmap, aligned to the club's overall vision and communicated clearly.

The club confirmed that the vision and strategy work will be club-wide and includes Wolves Women. The club also explained that the next major step is the promotion

submission process, which requires a detailed business plan and extensive documentation. The club indicated that once the submission is made in early February, some of that planning can be shared publicly.

The club also stated that development of the women's and girls' programme is not dependent on the men's team's league status and reiterated its commitment to continued growth. The discussion also covered the wider financial pressures across the women's game, the practical facility demands that accompany growth, and the importance of ensuring opportunity remains for local women and girls through the pathway as standards rise.

Next steps

The meeting concluded with both parties agreeing the value of continued dialogue and committed to reconvening again in the future. The Trust will share a written record of the meeting with the club for an accuracy check before publishing it to members and the wider fanbase.