



Left Field Football Collective
Meeting Sunday 25th January 4pm – Garden House

Attending from Committee: Monica Cass, Emily Graham, Rosa Davies-Jones
Attending from Members: Meadhbh Flynn, Ruth Howes, Sophie Grosse, Isabel Faci-Gomez, Brogan O'Grady, Joey Miller, Sarah Hulme, Tamsin Leah, Rowan Steininger

Opening

- Welcome and thanks to our sponsors, The Garden House
- Announcement that current Chairman and club coach, Andy Taylor, is stepping down with immediate effect.

Redistribution of Andy's Roles:

- Chairman / Committee Member
 - o **ACTION:** Rewrite role description to focus on hyping up the club
 - o **ACTION:** Seek nominations for new Chairperson / Committee Member
- Level 1 Qualified Club Coach
 - o **ACTION:** MC to complete qualifications and fill in at training
 - o **ACTION:** Find or train 2 more members as Level 1 coaches
- Men's Team Manager
 - o **ACTION:** Seek nominations/volunteers for new men's captains. Can continue the 6-a-side season and recruit new members, or else should push for 7-a-side league to move ahead.
- Club Bank Account Co-Holder
 - o **ACTION:** EG to remove AT and add on RDJ as secondary account holder

2026 Accreditation Update

- MC has it in hand.
- Will keep Andy on as Club Coach and Chairman for this year for compliance
- Need to recruit or train 2 coaches for next season

Club Funds

- Only £1200 surplus at the moment
- Membership numbers dropping, especially on the men's team
- Need to find other streams of revenue for the club, e.g. fundraising, sales

New Training Pitch

- Will cost £55/week for 3G7 pitch on Thursday from 8-9:30pm (starting from 26 February 2026)
- Season ends in May 2026 and booking is on hold over summer months
- From September 2026, price per week increases to £79/week



New Coaches

- Loss of Andy means only 1 qualified coach remaining in the club
- Need at least 2 more for sustainability
 - o **ACTION:** MC to look into grants to pay for qualifications

Future of the Men's Team/Players

- Men's team will continue as 6-a-side for now
- Need to recruit new men's leadership
 - o **ACTION:** Call out for new men's captains and coaches
- Men's 7-a-side league needs to happen or else need to re-assess viability of 6-a-side team in future seasons

All Actions

- Emily to change Secondary Bank Account access from Andrew Taylor to Rosa Davies-Jones
- Emily to email Steven Berry at FDC Open Academy to accept the offer of a 7-a-side training pitch from 26 February – end of May 2026 for £55/month (increasing to £79/month from September, should we successfully increase membership with the inclusion of a men's 7-a-side team)
- Monica to look at existing grants for new coaches to be trained up and gain qualifications
- Monica to hold nominations for 1-week for 3 new club roles:
 - o Chairman (description in link)
 - o Social Media Assistant (non-committee)
 - o Men's Team Captain(s) (non-committee)
- After nominations are in, we will hold an online vote for the above roles. The Chairman role will require the new holder to obtain Safeguarding and First Aid requirements before formally removing Andrew Taylor from the role "officially" (e.g. on paper or for Accreditation) to make sure our club is compliant with minimum qualifications. This must be completed by June/July 2026, in time for 2026-2027 season Affiliation and compliance.

End of Meeting