



Chris Horne

Nominees:

Kenny Mackie & Lee Thomas

Personal Statement:

Brought up in Wishaw, I am the son of a steel-man – Dad worked at British Steel throughout his career until Clydesdale closed in 1991. I moved out of the area in 1997, always retaining links to Coltness where I started.

Always people and business development centred, my career has been in the recruitment industry, in social enterprise and local government. I have been serving as Chair of Playworks in West Lothian, a charity set up to reduce childhood poverty; and its social enterprise, Simply Play, providing after school care. My paid employment is helping smaller, ambitious businesses grow, working self-employed, around a disability gained last year.

During the member education course, I loved learning about supporter ownership models in football around the world, realising the skills and experience I could contribute. A Motherwell supporter to the core, as we all are, my ambition is that I can help The Well Society connect even more with our local communities, with supporters across Scotland and the globe – Our People.

Serving on charity boards since 2010, I have substantial experience of ensuring each one is run well; always in the interests of their members; and grows to meet the challenges of the chosen cause or outcome. As The Well Society grows so quickly, governance and processes can be boring but are really important. I will support the great opportunities to get involved as members; whilst doing the important bit of ensuring members are protected should anything untoward ever happen.

Living not just with my wife and two teens, but a hidden disability too, my perspective will add another angle to ensure we include everyone. Every day I learn, and I offer learning from what life has thrown at me.

Membership development; governance; inclusion – the priority experiences I offer Well.





Linsey Paton-Donaldson

Nominees:

Suzanne Clark & Lynn McAra

Personal Statement:

I am seeking election to the Well Society Board to bring strong leadership, clear thinking, and a genuine commitment to ensuring supporters' voices are heard at the heart of our Club, Motherwell FC.

My background is in business management and governance. As the first female Director at Stenhousemuir FC, I gained hands-on experience of how a football club operates at both a strategic and operational level. I played a key role in guiding the club through a challenging period of Board transition, helping to deliver a more stable and professional structure.

Alongside senior leadership experience in corporate business and healthcare ownership, I bring the ability to challenge constructively, make balanced decisions, and focus on long-term sustainability.

My roles as a Director of Women's Football Hub and Trustee of Walking Football Scotland reflect my belief that football should be inclusive, accessible, and representative of all who want to be part of it.

As a Trustee of the Stenhousemuir FC Community Foundation, I see first-hand the importance of aligning a club's community, charitable, and football operations. This experience underpins my belief in a true "one club" approach.

I believe a fan-owned club must stay connected to its supporters. That means more than representation—it means visibility, openness, and accountability. I will be present, I will listen, and I will ensure members' views are not just heard but reflected in decision-making.

I support the Well Society's focus on investing in infrastructure as a sustainable way to strengthen the club—helping to create long-term stability and making Motherwell an attractive environment for players, from Academy through to first team, as well as for supporters.

I offer experience, independence, and the confidence to speak up when it matters.

If elected, I will be a visible, accountable voice for supporters at Board level.





Ben Balgowan

Nominees:

Aaron Smith & Jay Marshall

Personal Statement:

I'm Ben Balgowan, 26 years' old and have been a season ticket holder for the last 18 years at Motherwell. Currently working as an aerospace engineer, alongside co-running an events company as head organiser over the last 4 years in venues such as SWG3 and numerous others across the UK. In my spare time I help organise fundraisers for various charities ranging from speakers' nights & live music events to mental health tournaments & local foodbanks, including many of which have been on matchday at Fir Park.



I've been coming to Fir Park since I was 6 years' old. It has given me a place in the community, something to look forward to every week over the years where I can go to forget the stresses and reality of outside life. This drives me to help others feel the same way by giving the younger generation a representation at board level.

If appointed, becoming the youngest board member, I would bring a fresh outlook on the board to help engage with and grow the number of younger members in the society. I feel there is potential to build on the work already being carried out so that we can create matchday experiences that involve all fans making Fir Park the place to be on a Saturday. Which in turn, raises attendances.

With my event, social media and charity work experiences alongside my passion for Motherwell FC, I can help touch into the different workstreams that are in place to grow members and overall experiences for fans.



Carol Can

Nominees:

Iain Brown and Beverley Donaldson

Personal Statement:

I have been supporting Motherwell FC all my life. I have a good understanding of football and the challenges provincial Scottish football clubs face.

As a local business owner and employer, I am connected to our community. With over 20 years of business experience, I am a strong leader, I bring practical skills, strong local relationships, and fresh ideas. I want to help make our club more accessible and inclusive for everyone with respect for diversity.

I love a challenge, I have built several businesses to be a success. I work hard, am reliable, trustworthy, dedicated and I would be committed to the Well Society board.

The reason why I am standing to become a board member is I want to give more to my club, I believe that the model of fan ownership is the way forward for clubs like ours. My involvement in the Well Society events work stream and participation in the People's Game course has also influenced me. I have gained a valuable insight into how we can improve communication and increase and strengthen engagement with supporters.

I will bring energy, dedication, and a willingness to listen. I would aim to build an increased social media presence to reach out to potential members across the globe with the objective of achieving growth in membership and building a stronger connection between the board, the club, and its supporters.

Together, we can build a stronger future for The Well Society, Motherwell FC and the wider community.

