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Bath City Supporters Society Committee 30th November 2023

Attendees:

Pete McCormack, Christopher Flanagan, Al Lord, Heather Thomas

Apologies: Stuart Page, James Carlin, Dave Phillips

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2. Minutes and actions arising.

Minutes of last meeting: AL proposes, CF seconds.

No actions arising with the exception of communication to members, which will need to be rolled over given DP not present at tonight’s meeting.

PM says that Sally Harris has been working on a bit for Premier League funding for female toilets, focussing on renovation of disused facility under the family stand.

AL has no update on 100 Club and will report back on that in due course.

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3. Update from Club Board

HR Issue still not resolved. Nick still to sort.

Jane Jones gave positive feedback in respect of Sally Harris re PL bid for funds.

Positive feedback from AL for support on turnstiles.

There is an issue with a floodlight which needs work. There is a discussion about switching to LED lights so as to be able to reduce cost (existing lights are very expensive to run and cost impact will escalate as and when 3G pitch is implemented with increased use). The PL do have a floodlight fund, and Paul Williams is to look into funding further.

At James Carlin’s prior suggestion there was discussion about adding an additional food outlet as there has been insufficient supply to meet demand.

Women’s team going well, but crowds are not as large as could be, so there will be an effort to promote that.

Alex Fletcher has left. Cover has been brought in at GK.

Development update: Developer partner has been out of the country which delayed the sending of proposals. He’s now back but they have not yet produced a detailed proposal.

PM articulates need for thinking about alternative options if a viable plan does not materialise. AL asks about position re creditors and whether they are willing to delay past current summer ’24 deadline. PM and CF discuss complexity around that.

3G pitch: Council have vetoed rubber crumb. Council stipulated pitch should be cork, but view is that cork does not work. A working group has been set up to see how matter is taken forward. Latest cost of laying carpet and sorting perimeter of ground is £700k incl. VAT. AL notes that VAT should be recoverable. AL will email Peter Headington re VAT to see if he needs any help. A Community Interest Company has been set up to lease pitch and run hiring to community. CF notes that disposal of land will need approval of Society. CF also notes that bank would need to approve given they have a charge over the land. AL asks what plan is financially, ie what happens if CIC makes more than the lease fee in profit and/or makes less than the lease fee in a given year.

A bid has been put in for levelling up fund (£500k). That bid was returned and club has been invited to re-bid. Council have agreed to fund £75k under community infrastructure levy.

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4. Future of Club/Society

Nick’s term as Chairman ends in June.

Shane’s term also expires in June. Needs to be considered whether he will continue in his employed role too.

PM reminds the Society Committee that he is not looking to extend his time as Chair of the Society, so the Supporters Society will also need look to fill that role.

PM notes that we are overdue a joint meeting with the club board. We should offer to hold one around February and to discuss key succession planning.

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5. Finance. No material update from AL. AL will be preparing financial statements in January as Society financial year end is December.

PM reports that at last club board meeting Paul Williams said we were on budget.

It was reiterated that we do need cash flow/forecasts against budget at least quarterly.

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6. AOB

[DP not present to report on comms]

We discuss upload of minutes to website. PM has done April 2023, but nothing since has gone up. CF says he will try to look at this over xmas.

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7. Date of next meeting: looking at 3rd week in January. There is a club board meeting on 18 December, on which PM will report separately by email.