



**Bath City FC Supporters Society
7.30pm on Thursday 27th April
Twerton Park, Charlie's Bar**



Meeting Report

Present: Martin Powell (Chair), Michael Clayton, Marc Thomas, Cheryl Bradley, Shane Morgan, Steve Skinner and Jon Bickley.

1. Apologies

Oliver Holtaway, Colin Voutt, Emma Sparks, Ken Loach, Pete McCormack and Phil Weaver

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 30 March were approved.

3. Matters Arising

The money from the first screening of I, Daniel Blake has now been received. Note – This money is to be ring fenced for improving facilities in Charlie's and Randall's Bars. **Action Point – PW (Treasurer) to note.**

Spirit of Bath City award. **Action Point – ES to follow up Electric Bear or Fire and Brew for next season.**

ES to review CB being co-opted. **ES still to review constitution but it had now been agreed that CB will stand in the election in the normal way.**

New Directors Handbook. **Action Point – OH to contact Supporters Direct but defer to next meeting as OH not present.**

Nick Thompson – This was an action point against MP to establish the situation but it was now understood NT had moved from the area and left the Board.

Clarification on when the 6 society board members are up for re-election and who will be voting for them. It was felt that this re-election would be 2018 and that they would be voted for by the entire membership but clarification still needed. **Action Point – This was an action against OH who was not in attendance. Defer to next meeting.**

[CONFIDENTIAL ITEM REDACTED]

Invite Carole Banwell to meeting – deferred from this meeting. **Action Point – MP to invite to next meeting.**

Delivery of benefits to community shareholders. MP had received no offers to help co-ordinate the roll of honour and business benefits. MC and JB expressed interest in assisting but needed to know what was involved. **Action Point – MP to provide details.**

Member liaison. Action completed by ES.

Adam Matravers email on circulation list. Action completed by ES.

Pre match point of contact rota for bar area. **Action Point – ES to create blank rota for completion in due course. MP stressed this needs to be done prior to the start of next season.**

MP to approach Jon Blain with regards to potentially standing for a place on the committee. Action completed and JB will consider this.

4. Review of Question and Answer Evening

The minutes ES had produced have been seen by Nick Blofeld and the amendments requested had been done. **Action Point – MP to ask ES to publish on website.**

The next meeting would need to be September / October time with questions really needed 2 weeks prior to the meeting. There was a discussion on whether it would be possible to have contributions online if the meeting was live on Bath City Internet radio. **Action Point 1 – MC to investigate if this was possible and practical with particular regard to security issues i.e. is it possible for internet radio to be broadcast to members only.**

Action Point 2 – ES to put question and answer session planning on next agenda.

5. Community Ownership Update

In theory the completion day should be tomorrow, 28th April, as all the documents were now ready for signing at Royds Withy King. All parties would need to sign for this to happen. MC agreed to attend to sign on behalf of the Society.

There had been a Vision and Values session on 21 April. This had been facilitated by Mr B's who had taken away lots of information from what was said, they would now analyse this and come back with the results. **Action Point – MP to share findings with Society Board prior to publication.**

On 6 May there would be a community fete under the banner of Blooming Whiteway. Sally Harris was involved along with Jim Rollo and hopefully a couple of players.

Another date for the diary was 9 June when there would be a BIDFEST celebration in Charlie's to celebrate the change of ownership. This was being organised by Carole Banwell and JB.

6. Governance Model

MC talked through the various slides he had prepared and distributed prior to the meeting and asked for comments. A discussion followed and it was agreed that this governance model should be adopted. The question then arose of what happens next. It was felt that MC should talk to Nick Blofeld to seek his agreement to this model. **Action Point – MC to progress.**

A further discussion followed in which it was agreed that members / prospective members of the Society Board should accept the need to have the necessary skills to make a contribution to the Board. **Action Point – MC to provide some additional notes on this.**

7. Society Contribution to the Football Club

This issue was raised by JB and MP asked what format this contribution should take. If it was financial should we use subs to support the club or organise fundraising events. It was agreed that the Society should support a fundraising event along the lines of 'travel miles' with the aim of raising money to pay for the first team coach for away league matches. To meet this objective a sum in the region of £15k would need to be raised.

JB asked if it would be possible for someone to travel on the team coach if they were prepared to sponsor an amount in the region of £500 for that journey. It was agreed that this would need further discussion with the team manager amongst others before a decision could be reached.

8. Board Activity Report [CONFIDENTIAL]

9. Bid Benefits

MP reported that 21 envelopes had been returned with certificates damaged or badges missing. Also some people had moved and not provided a new address. A second batch of certificates has been ordered.

There are additional benefits in the form of additional tickets for those who had contributed more than £250.00 and it was felt that it should be publicised that these tickets will be available for collection from the club office. **Action Point – MP will inform Bob Chester of those who qualify for Premier Lounge membership.**

The points relating to roll of honour and business benefits have been covered in matters arising.

10. Treasurer's Update

Report has been circulated earlier by PW. **Action Point – PW to note that accounts need to be agreed in time for and be available at the AGM on 20 June. SM would speak to PW tomorrow regarding this and it can now be confirmed that the accounts are with the Auditors.**

11. AGM & Elections

The announcement had been sent out this week.

So far there have been no new nominations but those standing for re-election or to confirm co-opted election are Cheryl Bradley, Emma Sparks, Ken Loach, Pete McCormack, Phil Weaver and Martin Powell. Oliver Holtaway would not be standing for re-election.

MP agreed that he would share his Chairs report with the Society Board prior to the meeting. **Action Point – MP to note.**

Oliver Holtaway is the elections officer and the Helios online voting system will be used again.

MP confirmed that he will be standing down as Chair at the AGM. MC has expressed an interest in taking this role. The formal appointment of the new Chair will take place at the first Board meeting following the AGM.

12. Any Other Business

JB asked if would be possible to re-schedule this meeting from the last Thursday so there was sufficient time for Board meeting minutes to be published and reported to the Society.. This presented difficulties to other Board members with other commitments and who were also involved in Supporters Club meetings that are also held on Thursdays. It was suggested that a way forward may be to ask the Board if they could meet on the second Thursday rather than the third. **Action Point – JB to progress with Board.**

With Nick Thompson leaving the Board there is a vacancy, with JB suggesting that Commercial and Property are areas where skills gaps exist. This would need further discussion.

MP said those that were familiar with the structure that Oliver Holtaway had produced would know that it provided for a quarterly meeting between the Society Board and its representatives on the Club Board of Directors. It was felt that this meeting was needed as soon as possible and as Sally Harris and Nick Blofeld are currently the only Directors not on the Society Board they be invited to the next meeting. **Action Point – MP to invite Nick and Sally to the next meeting.**

13. DOTM

25 May 2017, 7.30pm, Twerton Park.