

IGM & Q &A Meeting
Bath City Supporters' Society Meeting
Tuesday 16th Jan 2018, Charlie's Bar, Twerton Park

Attendees: 28 members

Michael Clayton, Chairman opened the meeting with an update on progress made and challenges that we have faced as a committee for the first half of the season, listed below

Highlights:

1. Embedded Society Committee members into Board Working Groups.
2. Appointed a replacement board member. (David James)
3. Development Agreement about to be signed.
 - Engagement & Consultation
4. Improving the Commercial function
 - Building blocks to improve Sustainability
5. Professional Sales & Marketing
 - Visible: on-line merchandising, social media, PR / Invisible Customer d/b
6. Facilities improvements
 - Paint the Park
7. Community activities
 - Xmas community football / Disabled loos funding / Consultation / foodbank / charities etc.
8. Bath City "Family" starting to form
 - Foundation: new chair of trustees / Bath City Youth / Feb-March session

Challenges

1. Administration detail / Visibility / Transparency / Comms
2. Neglected some regular commitments – e.g. Fire & Brew Award
3. Commitment / Time / Meetings
4. Involvement / Cultural change / Mindset

How many members are there now? (Oliver Holtway)

500ish at present

Motion 1 – Shares

Should the Society ever wish or need to dispose of any of its current shares held, in Bath City FC Ltd, these shares should be offered, in the first instance, to existing Society members. Any shares not disposed of through this arrangement should then be offered to the non-Society shareholders of Bath City FC Ltd.

Proposer: Peter Newman

Seconder: R Shephard

This is about shares but NOT community Shares – Bath City FC shares as a limited company

Votes **FOR:** 28 **AGAINST:** 0 **ABSTAIN:** 0

Motion 2 – Synthetic Pitches – Vote

In order to avoid debate over synthetic pitches becoming lost within the general debate about the redevelopment of Twerton Park, and to reduce the risk that objections to synthetic pitches colour people's views towards the whole redevelopment, the Society resolves that any change of Twerton Park's playing surface from grass to a synthetic alternative must be approved by a majority vote of the membership at a general meeting, and that any such vote must be offered independently of any other voting related to the redevelopment of Twerton Park.

Proposer: Jonathan Blain
Secunder: Benjamin Hatton

The synthetic pitch argument needs to be an entirely separate debate / motion / event
If agree to pursue 3G pitch there is an implication on space as there would be more space needed for changing rooms

Analysis of the liability of a 3G pitch needs to be viewed from all angles.

Transparency on the analysis produced is needed.

Votes **FOR: 26 AGAINST: 1 ABSTAIN: 1**

Motion 3 – Pitch Analysis

The Society instructs its Board to ensure that those members on either side of the debate regarding the playing surface are given equal opportunity to present an evidence-based case to the membership ahead of any formal debate or vote on the issue, including equal access to research, studies and financial projections undertaken by the Club.

Proposer: Jonathan Blain

Secunder: Benjamin Hatton

The evidence of the analysis needs to be available to all to enable each individual to make their own informed decision.

Motion was tweaked slightly in the wording from the original to the above and in favour was

VOTE: **FOR: 28 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 0**

Vote for actual motion went as follows:

FOR: 25 AGAINST: 0 ABSTAIN: 3

Q&A

Request put in for a timetable of events/meetings for remainder of the year to ensure all democracy & accountability are covered.

When voting if there are 49 to 51 in favour of something that means 1 vote for the 51% 'majority'?

Yes

Bath City Family Meetings are internal and not for members to attend

In regard to the current debt, is it the desire to clear the or for the remaining directors be subsequently given the option to be brought out? Another possible fundraiser. Some shares will turn into community shares in the fullness of time. It was the initial plan to be outright owners but now the 75.1% corporate ownership is the long-term goal.

Why are people given the option to vote against new committee members?

It is something that had been recommended by Supporters Direct

An update was requested on the Roll of Honour and stickers. We have been awaiting the final art work and the deadline for distribution is 5th May.

Q question was raised over the away travel funding for the first team.

Sponsorship, events and direct marketing was the plan. Stuart Page wants to make it happen with contacts at Swansea and Rolls Royce. Talks are still ongoing with irons in the fire. There was discussion around the use of membership subs to pay for travel, the use of subs was thought not to be to fulfil operational goals of the club and it was suggested that this was a motion that should be

raised at the AGM

A question was raised in regard to the presence of members in the bar prior to matches as there has been none and this was confirmed to be being reviewed at the next committee meeting

It was asked whether the use of the subs was written into the constitution and it was thought not to be but perhaps reviewed moving forward.