



**Bath City FC Supporters Society**  
**1900 on THURSDAY 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021**  
**Via Zoom**

**Meeting Report**

**Present:** Jon Blain, Paul Brotherton, Christopher Flanagan (Chair), Sally Harris, Oliver Holtaway, Alistair Lord, Peter McCormack, Shane Morgan, Stuart Page, Mark Taylor, Marc Thomas.

**Also present:** Jon Bickley, Club Board.

CF welcomed Al Lord (Treasurer) to the Committee and Jon Bickley to the meeting.

**1. Apologies:** William Heath, Ken Loach.

**2. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 26th August 2021 and review of actions**

The minutes were confirmed (proposed: Jon Blain, seconded: Shane Morgan).

Review of actions:

- PB and CF had held a meeting with AL to confirm the Treasurer arrangements. PB and AL had subsequently had a handover session
- PB had amended and circulated the paper on Committee priorities and meeting cycle
- CF confirmed that he would be attending the Redevelopment Working Group while KL is away.
- OH had publicised the need for matchday volunteers in the September members' newsletter

Other actions are covered later in the meeting.

Sharing of minutes and meeting reports:

OH confirmed that the regular members' newsletter would list the main items discussed at the Committee along with items/news of interest. He has also now rectified the backlog of missing meeting reports on the Society website. These would be based on the Committee minutes but with items on Club Board reports and the redevelopment being redacted for confidentiality reasons. Other items may also be redacted/edited if appropriate.

**3. Member-driven policies**

PB had circulated a paper containing all the motions agreed at Society AGMs, IGMs and EGMs together with a brief summary of subsequent action taken. This would improve transparency and show members the impact of their votes in general meetings. The paper would go on the Society website and would be updated as necessary.

The Committee agreed the paper with one abstention.

**ACTION:** OH to upload the paper to the website

#### **4. Interim General Meeting**

OH outlined the requirement for an IGM in December/January in order to give members an opportunity to put forward motions and discuss current issues. It was agreed that the meeting should take place online in January by which time there would hopefully be more to report on the redevelopment.

**ACTION:** PB to consult Committee members about a date.

#### **5. Joint meeting with the Club Board including Club Strategy**

CF reported that a date has now been arranged and the meeting will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021. A 'Teams' session has been scheduled for the meeting but CF/OH will check if Zoom is possible instead. The idea is that the chairing of joint meetings would be rotated between the Club Chair and Society Chair and it was suggested that Nick Blofeld be Chair of the October meeting.

OH had circulated a draft of the strategy with some Committee member comments and requested that others send comments to him as soon as possible. It is important that the meeting is productive and focusses on the key issues. Most detailed wording issues should be resolved before the meeting, leaving time to focus constructively on the big picture.

The MoU was raised and it was felt by Jon Bickley and SM that any remaining issues had now been resolved. The joint meeting would therefore be a good opportunity to jointly agree the MoU.

**ACTION:** Committee members to send further comments on the draft strategy to OH. OH to liaise with Nick Blofeld on further amendments to the strategy and on the arrangements for the joint meeting.

#### **6. Redevelopment**

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#### **7. Report from the Club Board and regular comms with the Club Board**

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#### **8. Summary of Club Accounts 2020/21 for society members**

OH, JB and Paul Williams are working on a summary of the Club accounts for 2020/21 and will check with others as appropriate before finalising this.

#### **9. Induction/training**

PB and OH are booked on to the Co-op UK's Directors training event on 7<sup>th</sup> October. OH reported that the FSA are also planning to establish similar training and that it is also possible to arrange a bespoke package with Dave Boyle, the former CEO of Supporters Direct (OH recorded a conflict of interest: Dave is a friend and work associate).

OH has drafted an induction pack and will circulate to Committee members for comment.

**ACTION:** All to comment on the draft

### **10. Membership update**

MkT reported that Society membership currently stands at 375 members. Membership levels have been quite stable over the last year or so. There was discussion about Society visibility and attracting more members – see the following agenda item.

AL felt that the membership status of those that bought community shares could be clearer (ie that they actually needed to renew Society membership when their free membership period had lapsed). It was agreed that lapsed members should be contacted again and invited to re-join.

### **11. Communications update**

In addition to the new e-newsletter and updating of the website it was agreed that the Society should raise its profile at Twerton Park in order to raise awareness of the Club's community ownership and to attract new members. It was agreed that this should be a co-ordinated effort including the following:

#### **ACTIONS:**

- McT to continue with the advertising hoarding
- MkT and OH to liaise re how to use MBQ site to promote the Society, e.g. hosting flyers and posters.
- OH to produce and distribute flyers (including at MBQ). These should include a QR code leading to the Membermojo page so people can quickly join online
- OH to liaise with Carole Banwell to find a space at Twerton Park for the Society to store promotional materials, badges etc.
- PB to identify possible dates for a pre-match Society presence at Charlies and consult Committee members to establish a rota (it is acknowledged that some have other duties on match days and would be unable to take part in this). OH suggested that this could be done as a regular concerted campaign, rather than a week-in, week-out presence.

### **12. Any other business**

AL reported that the Society currently has approx £10k across its current account and PayPal account. He will report on finances as a regular agenda item in future and it was agreed that in due course there should be a more in-depth discussion on the Society's financial objectives.

PB reported that the FSA had asked for nominations to its National Council (closing date 12<sup>th</sup> October). Anyone interested should contact PB or OH.

PB reported that the Society has a vote in the election of Trustees to the National Council for Voluntary Organisations. He asked whether Committee members wish to see the candidate list and do a collective vote or whether they wish to delegate the vote to one Committee member. It was agreed that PB would vote on behalf of the Society.

JB reported that the winner of the signed shirt recently raffled by the Society would be picking up the prize soon.

**12. Date of next meetings**

The joint meeting with the Club Board will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021 – details to be advised.

The next Committee meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021.