



**Bath City FC Supporters Society  
Committee Meeting  
7pm on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022  
Via Zoom**

**Meeting Report**

**Present:** Jon Blain, Paul Brotherton, Christopher Flanagan (Chair), William Heath, Oliver Holtaway, Ken Loach, Al Lord, Pete McCormack, Marc Thomas.

**1. Apologies:** None

**2. Approval of minutes of the Committee meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022 and update on actions**

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2022 were confirmed (proposed: AL, seconded: WH).

Follow up actions:

- MT reported that, rather than a 5-year anniversary event, the plan is to have an event celebrating the role of the many different types of volunteers that contribute to the community owned Club. He asked for suggestions of any volunteers who may not be on current lists held by the Club.

**ACTION:** All to suggest names to MT

- Six Committee members have now volunteered to be on a group to develop a succession planning strategy in line with the recent AGM motion. PB is developing a first draft paper based on the group's initial ideas and will report more to the next Committee meeting.
- MT attended the recent Club Board meeting for CF (see below).
- The Election policy has been amended as agreed in an email vote.

**3. Committee arrangements**

Following a previous discussion at the Committee, CF confirmed that due to new work commitments he needs to stand down as Chair from September until the AGM in June. The Committee AGREED that PM as Vice Chair would assume the Chair role during this time and that CF would be Vice Chair. The longer-term situation would be reviewed in the new year.

**ACTION:** CF to inform Nick Blofeld of this arrangement.

#### **4. Update from the Club Board**

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#### **5. Redevelopment**

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#### **6. Plans for the joint meeting with the Club Board and the Society Interim General Meeting**

PB reminded the Committee that the last joint meetings were in April 2022 and October 2021 and that it is the Club's turn to chair the next meeting. The Committee agreed that it should seek a meeting in October or failing that November.

OH suggested that, as per the MOU, the meeting should be structured to allow detailed review of progress towards the seven key objectives of the Club Strategy, and also that an appropriately redacted report be made available to members afterwards to promote transparency.

**ACTION:** OH to suggest an October meeting in the next memo to the Club Board and CF to liaise with Nick Blofeld re a date.

The last IGM was in January 2022 and the Committee AGREED that it should aim for the next one to be held in January 2023.

**ACTION:** PB to set up a poll among Committee members to find the best date.

#### **7. Society finance update**

AL reported that the Society's annual accounts and the annual return have both been submitted to the FCA. He reported that the current account has a balance of about £8k. It was AGREED that the Society should share the cost of the volunteer event with the Club and that the Society should sponsor the home kit of some new contracted players to show our support. It was also AGREED that the Society should similarly sponsor the women's team in some way that showed our visible support.

**ACTION:** AL to liaise with Jane Jones about supporting the women's team financially.

AL reported that the Club's cash position was positive although it is early in the season and many expenses are on their way. The Committee would be interested to see a summary of the Club's budget in confidence to increase its understanding of the finances.

OH reported that he is working with others on the summary of the Club's accounts for 2021 that will be provided to Society members.

#### **8. 100 Club update**

JB reported that he has now had a handover meeting with Mark Taylor and has obtained a list of the current 100 Club members. Next steps are to liaise with AL to ensure that all members are paying correctly and then to encourage more people to take part.

**ACTION:** JB and AL to check 100 Club payments.

### **9. Engagement and Comms update**

The Society's content in the Club's matchday programme is to continue all season and OH is looking for content. He suggested a Q&A with some Committee members and other members of the Society to promote the Society and the visibility of the Committee. Any other ideas welcome.

OH also reported that as part of the Society's sponsorship arrangement we will have two digital pushes using the Club's social media. Details to be discussed in due course.

MT raised the idea of the Society having a pre-match presence at Charlies and will make suggestions for this at the next Committee meeting.

Finally, KL raised concern about the nature of the 'Our Community Vision' section on the Club matchday programme, which he felt was written in an overly corporate way and did not reflect the community nature of the Club. He will enquire where the content originated from.

### **10. Any Other Business**

JB referred to the recent decision on a 12-year time limit on Committee membership and was concerned that it would, for example, prevent enthusiastic members re-joining the Committee at a later stage in their lives. It would be possible to review this in future and MT suggested that it would be a suitable topic for discussion at an AGM. He will consider wording in due course.

JB also mentioned that he had been approached by some supporters concerned that the Club website wasn't up to date with reports of Club Board meetings.

**ACTION:** OH to refer to this in the next memo to the Club Board.

AL suggested that the next Committee meeting be held in person as many Committee members had not met for some time. This was AGREED.

**ACTION:** AL to liaise with Carole Banwell about room arrangements.

### **11. Date of Next Meeting**

The next Committee meeting will be at 7pm on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2022 at Twerton Park.