



**Bath City FC Supporters Society  
Committee Meeting  
7pm on Thursday 30th March 2023  
at Twerton Park and via Zoom**

**Meeting Report**

**Present:** Paul Brotherton, Christopher Flanagan, Ken Loach, Al Lord, Pete McCormack (Chair), Stuart Page, Marc Thomas.

**Apologies:** Jon Blain, Oliver Holtaway.

**1. Approval of minutes of the Committee meeting held on 26th January 2023 and update on actions**

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023 were confirmed (proposed: AL seconded: SP).

Follow up actions:

- PM had spoken to Nick Blofeld who had said that the Club website would be updated with recent Club Board minutes shortly.
- The Club Board had not yet approved the Governance Policy that was agreed by the Society Committee last year.

**ACTION:** PM to contact NB re approval of the Governance Policy by the Club Board.

**2. Approval of minutes of the Interim General Meeting held on 9th February 2023 and update on actions**

The minutes of the IGM held on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were confirmed (proposed: AL seconded: SP).

PM reported that Martin Powell had contacted the Society about the fact that only two of the four motions discussed at the IGM were subsequently given to members for online voting. The voting process had been made clear at the IGM but would be reviewed in due course.

Regarding the motion on football strategy, MT reported that he had previously discussed systems for developing young players with people involved with Cheltenham Town and Gloucester City FCs. [Sensitive ite

It was AGREED that football strategy should be on the agenda of the next Committee meeting.

### 3. Update from the Club Board

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### 4. Redevelopment update

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### 5. Succession action plan and next steps

WH had drafted a succession action plan and PB and PM had made some amendments. PB reported that Cheryl Bradley had informed the Society that she is not planning to stand for re-election as SLO in June. PB and KL will not be standing for re-election to the Society Committee in June (the latter due to reaching his 12-year limit).

MT and KL both reported that they know of people who may be interested in standing for election, and all are encouraged to reach out to potential suitable candidates.

**ACTION:** OH to include an item in the next members newsletter to encourage interest in joining the Club Board and Society Committee.

The Committee needs to appoint a lead for succession planning to succeed WH, and PM has asked NB to identify someone on the Club Board to work with the Society on this.

### 6. Society Annual General Meeting

This will take place at 7pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2023. OH has volunteered to act as Election Officer with PB helping out while OH is away in early June. AL also volunteered to assist with the elections. JB and Dave Phillips are arranging the IT/audio-visuals as per the 2022 AGM.

**ACTION:** PB to liaise with OH and AL to clarify roles and the election timetable.

PM reported that there is a suggestion that the Commercial Director role description be amended and will liaise with NB on this. The nomination period starts on 27<sup>th</sup> April so any changes to role descriptions would need to be agreed by the Committee before that date.

**ACTION:** PM to liaise with NB re the role description in time for amendments to be made and agreed.

### 7. Proposed amendments to the Election Policy

PB had circulated proposed changes to the Election Policy, including more clarity on the possibility of 'job-share' candidates and a new power of the Committee to check nominations to

the Club Board to ensure that they meet essential criteria before candidates are allowed to actually stand for election.

CF suggested that in paragraph 5.9 of the policy the proposed words “beneficial” should be replaced with “not detrimental”. The amendments, including the revised wording suggested by CF, were AGREED.

**ACTION:** PB to amend and circulate the revised Election Policy.

KL asked whether an amendment to make the 12-year Committee membership rule more flexible could be discussed by the AGM in June. PB replied that while this could be put forward as an AGM motion the Committee itself does have the power to amend the Election Policy and that amendments could be put forward to a regular Committee meeting.

#### **8. Society Finance update**

AL has prepared and shared draft Society accounts for 2022 and will send them to the accountants for additional input prior to the AGM. He also confirmed that the £8k loan to the Club has been transferred.

The Bath City Foundation had requested financial support for the 2023/24 season to the tune of £900. This was AGREED in principle but the Society account is very stretched at present due to the Club loan so no firm commitment can be made at this time. AL agreed to discuss with James Carlin whether the funding could be phased in over a period of months rather than given as one lump sum.

#### **9. Bath City FC AGM**

PM reported that the Club AGM will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April and had circulated papers to the Committee. The Committee AGREED that all the resolutions should be supported.

#### **10. Any other business**

None.

#### **11. Dates of forthcoming meetings**

The next Committee meetings will be at 7pm on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April and then 7pm on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May 2023.