



**Bath City FC Supporters Society**  
**7.00pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018**  
**Twerton Park, John Reynolds Lounge**

**Minutes of 2018 AGM**

**Committee Members Present:** Michael Clayton (Chair), Marc Thomas, Cheryl Bradley, Shane Morgan, Steve Skinner, Paul, Jon Bickley, Emma Sparks, Colin Voutt

**1. Apologies**

Committee members: Ken Loach, Stuart Page, Pete McCormack

**2. Welcome**

Michael welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Michael explained that the failure of the postal company to deliver the voting forms, candidates' profiles and motions to off-line members will delay the announcement of results by 2 weeks while these are re-sent.

**3. Motions**

Michael gave a brief explanation of the 2 motions proposed by members and the rationale behind them.

Motion 1: To protect Bath City Supporters' Society from hostile or malevolent action, from the date of the 2018 AGM, any future monthly subscribers should not be admitted to membership until they have made 12 monthly payments or their subscription payments total £24, if this is sooner. All existing monthly subscribers will retain their existing membership rights.

Motion 2: To protect Bath City Supporters' Society from hostile or malevolent action, from the date of the 2018 AGM, the number of new applications accepted for monthly subscription route to be limited to 5% of the total fully paid up members in any month.

*Question:* Could membership increase by 5% each month, ie 5% in June, 5% in July, etc?

*Answer:* Yes

There was an update on the previous 2017 AGM and IGM motions proposed by members which included the reasoning behind the postponement of the Club badge review. ([See slide 4 on this link](#)).

**4. Ballot**

It was announced that the online vote is now closed. Members who have not already voted online have an opportunity to vote in this AGM via a ballot. The postal vote has been delayed by 2 weeks – see item 2.

**5. Chairman's Report**

The Chairman, Michael Clayton, used [this](#) presentation to make his report. It included



reflections on the previous year and proposed future improvements and initiatives.

Jon Bickley and Colin Voutt, who are stepping down from the Committee, were thanked for their hard work and contributions.

## 6. Treasurer's Report

Steve Skinner (Treasurer) provided the Treasurer's report ([See slide 9 on this link](#))

## 7. Q&A/Discussion

*Comment:* Regarding negative publicity from outside relating to the Redevelopment Martin Powell has a 'crib sheet' that can be sent to all members (he will also seek approval to send to Supporters' Club members). The request is for supporters to publicly make positive statements regarding the re-development in the press.

*Question:* What is the current membership?

*Answer:* 416. This has reduced since the Big Bath City Bid. The Committee has recognised that there is a need to simplify and communicate the membership process and plans to make improvements before the autumn renewal window.

*Comment:* The Society acknowledged a number of necessary improvements including:

- *Improved Visibility:* Pre- match and half-time awards.
- *Community Ownership:* Improve involvement levels.
- *Society Purpose:* Need to (re)define the purpose / focus of the Society.

*Comment:* Peter Metcalfe said there is confusion over the membership structure.

*Response:* This needs to be clarified with explanation of how it works.

*ACTION:* Michael will review with the Society Committee and discuss with Peter Metcalfe.

*Comment:* Bob Chester pointed out that there is nothing on display at the Football Club regarding the businesses who supported the Bid. This should be in more than 1 place, and also in the ground.

*Response:* A board is being prepared, also the Club's credo will be visible around the buildings. There are stickers to be handed out to these businesses but a letter is needed to send with them.

*Question:* Will all aspects of the Football Club be pulled together?

*Answer:* This has been done, with a chart to show the structure.

*Question:* How does the Foundation fit in now?

*Answer:* There is a new SLA between the Club and Foundation – although the Foundation is independent, this allows them to use the name, badge and facilities. Sally Harris (Club Board Director – Community) was introduced as she has been involved in re-building the Foundation. There is now a clearer oversight on governance and legalities, with a new Board of Trustees who have the right skill sets, and the Foundation is now working more closely with the community.

The appointment of Sally onto the Club Board was a very good one, and the new role on



the community side is working well.

*Question:* The postal delivery problem has affected the attendance at this AGM, but could online voting discourage people from attending? Also 7pm is an early start time for some people.

*Answer:* Consider opening online voting after meetings to encourage members to attend and listen to discussions.

*Question:* Can meetings be made to look more exciting?

*Answer:* Consider incentives to encourage people to attend, ie a guest speaker.

*Question:* Is there a status report on the re-development? Is it possible to have regular updates?

*Answer:* More information should be made available to members – newsletter?

#### **8. Voting Results**

These will be available in a couple of weeks. See point 2.

#### **9. Any Other Business**

Martin Brush gave details of the Bath & West Football Programme & Memorabilia Fair in Randall's on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July from 10.30 to 13.30.

Marc Thomas thanked Michael, and the meeting closed.