



Bath City Supporters' Society



Meeting Summary

Topic	Bath City Supporters' Society – AGM	
Meeting Date	25 th June 2019	
Location	Twerton Park	
Attendees / Role	34 members present CB Cheryl Bradley PB Paul Brotherton (Compliance) MC Michael Clayton (Chair) KL Ken Loach	SM Shane Morgan SP Stuart Page SS Steve Skinner (Treasurer) ES Emma Sparks (Secretary) MT Marc Thomas
Apologies	MA Maurice Ashman CB Carole Banwell JB Jon Bickley	PM Pete McCormack SP Stuart Page CP Chris Pearce
Purpose of Meeting	To agree actions / decisions in relation to the governance of the Football Club and Society business.	

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1.	Welcome: The chair welcomed the members and thanked them for coming.	Info		
2.	Motion: The following motion was proposed by PB and seconded by MC: “This AGM calls for a focussed and time-limited review of the rules and standing orders of the Supporters Society in consultation with the membership. The purpose of such a review would be to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring the constitution up to date following the establishment of elections to the Club Board in 2018 • Fill gaps, clarify areas of uncertainty and ensure that the constitution is fit for purpose. • Fulfil the commitment to review democracy and accountability arrangements made in the Big Bath City Bid The following questions / comments and observations were made:	Info		



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	<p>1. Q: What are the areas of uncertainty? A: The staggered tenures of the board members to potentially be introduced to improve continuity</p> <p>2. NB. All amendments s to the wording of the constitution would need to be approved by 75% of the membership so could be presented / reviewed at an IGM</p> <p>3. Q: How will members consultation be conducted? A: PB to form sub-committee asap and invite member participation / input</p> <p>4. Q: Why are Community Shareholders who contributed £250 not automatically eligible to vote? A: Community Shareholders were granted complimentary membership based on size of contribution. Following the complimentary period the membership lapsed unless a £5 annual subscription was made.</p> <p>5. Request to provide option to review wording of motions prior to subsequent General Meetings</p> <p>6. Peter Metcalf offered to join a sub-committee to help with the review of the constitution. PB to follow up.</p>	Action	PB	Oct '19
2.	<p>Motion Vote: The results of the vote on the above motion were: Votes cast: 94 (including both on-line and ballot) % Voted For: 100%</p>	Info		
3.	<p>Chairman's Report (Summary):</p> <p>MC thanked all of the committee members for their work and support this year. Especially Cheryl and Pete McCormack who are standing down.</p> <p>There followed an overview of the main initiatives that the Society</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Purpose of the Society and the Committee: A reminder: Committee is accountable to the members and represents the members in supporting and influencing the Club Board – (which the Society elects). <p>There followed an overview of the club initiatives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commercial: Both key targets this year exceeded – general sponsorship / advertising and shirt sponsorship. Credit to David James and Bob Chester. Always looking for commercial leads – contact David James or Bob Chester • Finance: 2018/29 halved the loss of the previous season to approx. £55k which is within business plan. The Society now has greater visibility of club's finances thanks to good working relationship forged between Steve 	Info Info		



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	<p>Skinner with Paul Williams, a great example of the two bodies working closely together.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community: The Foundation has undergone a significant overhaul and rebuild from top to bottom - trustees, funding and volunteers have all been enhanced. Credit to Helen Donovan and many others behind the scenes to have turned this around and brought it back into the Club. Lots of new activities and initiatives planned over the summer. The Foundation is the club charity for the season 2019/20. <p>Michael voiced thanks again given to Sally Harris for her time as Community Director until recently. Joy Saunders was recently appointed on an interim basis (ahead of tonight's election)</p> <p>Michael introduced Joy to the members who then described her vision / initial thoughts and some key initiatives, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Making the most of supporting the local community of Twerton. o Establishing some achievable aims for the coming year to be able to review the progress at the end of the year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Football: Key objective is to align the different parts of the Bath City football 'family' - e.g. give Bath City Youth support and a common identity.– Need to work at aligning the youth teams altogether. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redevelopment: The Club Board has assembled an impressive team experts to provide input to and review the Planning application. The Society Committee has committed a significant amount of time and effort on this since the autumn of 2018. We conducted a supporter consultation exercise AND a comprehensive due diligence exercise on the proposed plans. The objective was (is) to ensure the plans are viable and appropriate. The plans have been submitted to the BANES planning process and Michael noted that there were 762 comments on the BANES planning application website – all bar 30/40 were positive. He encouraged members to record their comments on the application of you have not done so already. <p>Question – Has the club received any feedback from the BANES planning committee?</p> <p>Response: The initial feedback centres on the overall size the impact on local logistics and the environmental impact of the proposed FIFA Quality Pro pitch. Michael reminded</p>	<p>Info</p> <p>Info</p> <p>Info</p>		



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	<p>members of the need to continue to continue to support and lobby. Current expectation is that the application will go before the planning committee in Sept.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sales & Marketing: Attendances up 53% up on 2018/19. Thanks given to Jon Bickley and his team for raising the profile of the Club in the city and for achieving the objectives of the 1000BC initiative. Credit to Carole for helping to improve the match day experience through a variety of initiatives – including introducing a range of food outlets. • Proposed Society / Committee Improvements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improve the way that we work with the board. The intense activity required for the Redev exposed some fissures in the working relationship. We have already instigated a mutual greater involvement in the respective monthly meetings. Aim is to clarify the relationship to make it more structured and less dependent on current personalities and individuals. ○ Supporter engagement and communication by the Society Committee needs to improve. ○ Make is easy to join the Society ○ Need to smooth out the method of joining the society and funds attributed to membership ○ Improve the presence of Society and the fact that we are a community owned and a community run club. ○ Improve visibility of financial performance of the club for members (now that Committee has visibility). ○ Increase membership numbers – especially though targeting lapsed members. ○ Need to be explicit bout the Societies' purpose and vision 	<p>Info</p> <p>Info</p>		
4.	<p>Treasurers' Report (Summary) SS (Committee Treasurer) Treasurers Report was circulated ahead of the AGM as part of the meeting invite. Therefore, SS proposed to deal with exceptions and queries in a Q&A</p> <p>Q1: Member sought clarification on expenditure A1: The main items of Society expenditure were player sponsorship, match sponsorship and money for the PA system which is used in the bar every match day. Q2: Why don't the Society raise funds for the Club? A2: The Society has no specific remit to conduct fund raising. We are not adverse to doing so however there is no spare</p>	Info		



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	capacity within the Committee to do this currently. Michael welcomed any members who felt they could commit to this to let us know.																																											
5.	<p>Election Results</p> <p>There were 2 Club Board positions up for (re)election and 2 candidates standing. NB. This is the first year we have introduced staggered tenure (to mitigate the risk of the whole Club Board leaving at the same time).</p> <p>There were 6 Society Committee positions up for (re) election and 4 candidates standing.</p> <p>Members had the option to vote on-line, via post or in person at a ballot box at the start of the AGM. As the number of candidates was equal to or less than the number positions in both elections, the members were presented with the options Yes / No / Abstain for each candidate and the members are elected providing the number of Yes votes exceeds the Noes.</p> <p>Results; There were approx. 98 votes cast (not everybody voted for every candidate) % of votes cast</p> <p>Club Board Election Results:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Candidate</th> <th>Yes (%)</th> <th>No (%)</th> <th>Abstain (%)</th> <th>Outcome</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Jon Bickley</td> <td>98</td> <td>2</td> <td>0</td> <td>Elected</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joy Saunders</td> <td>96</td> <td>4</td> <td>0</td> <td>Elected</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Society Committee Election Results:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Candidate</th> <th>Yes (%)</th> <th>No (%)</th> <th>Abstain (%)</th> <th>Outcome</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Paul Brotherton</td> <td>98</td> <td>2</td> <td>0</td> <td>Elected</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Ken Loach</td> <td>96</td> <td>4</td> <td>0</td> <td>Elected</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Stuart Page</td> <td>90</td> <td>10</td> <td>0</td> <td>Elected</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Emma Sparks</td> <td>98</td> <td>2</td> <td>0</td> <td>Elected</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Many thanks to the election officials James Carlin Marc Thomas</p> <p>Congratulations to the successful candidates</p>	Candidate	Yes (%)	No (%)	Abstain (%)	Outcome	Jon Bickley	98	2	0	Elected	Joy Saunders	96	4	0	Elected	Candidate	Yes (%)	No (%)	Abstain (%)	Outcome	Paul Brotherton	98	2	0	Elected	Ken Loach	96	4	0	Elected	Stuart Page	90	10	0	Elected	Emma Sparks	98	2	0	Elected	Info		
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