

BATH CITY FC SUPPORTERS SOCIETY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT TWERTON PARK ON 24 NOVEMBER 2016

1. **PRESENT:** Martin Powell (MP), Jon Bickley (JB), Colin Voutt (CV), Michael Clayton (MC), Phil Weaver (PW), Shane Morgan (SM), Marc Thomas (MT), Cheryl Bradley (CB) and Steve Skinner (SS).
2. **APOLOGIES:** James Carlin, Pete McCormack, Oliver Holtaway (OH) and Sally Harris.
3. **MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING:** These were agreed as a true copy.
4. **MATTERS ARISING:** Action points from the last meeting
 - a) OH has informed Paul Williams that it has been agreed to roll over the Society loan and reminded Nick B of the Supporters Direct offer of help to the Redevelopment Working Group.
 - b) "I, Daniel Blake" and the appointment of a Society Secretary appear on this Agenda.
 - c) Society strategy and role post bid – MC apologised for being unable to circulate the draft outline previously but this was now available for discussion at the meeting.
5. **SCREENING OF I, DANIEL BLAKE:** Sally Harris has arranged for posters to be printed and these will be available at the club in time for the match on Saturday. Sally will also arrange for the distribution of posters through her usual contact network. JB will help with publicity and social media. Out of the 180 tickets available it was reported that 100 had been sold but MP said that his latest online check revealed this figure had gone up to 118.
6. **COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP UPDATE:** MP reported that the minutes from the IGM on 21 November have now been distributed. The

printing of the Community Shares certificates is proceeding but a little behind schedule. It was noted by CV that the Register of Community Shares needs to be held at the registered headquarters of the Society.

7. SOCIETY STRATEGY POST BID: MC distributed a structure diagram he had drawn up and a discussion followed. SS said he had concerns that if things do not work out as hoped Directors may resign leaving the Society Board in a difficult position and open to a lot of criticism from some aspects of the supporter base. It was felt that it was important for the Society Board to know the plans of the Working Groups, CV added that we should receive written reports from the Board. MP felt that Nick B is the key person in this and that he should be invited to a meeting to discuss this matter. It was agreed that MC would send a copy of his diagram showing the provisional respective roles of the Society and Club Boards to MP to review.
Action: MC / MP.

8. REVIEW OF MONDAYS MEETING: There were 36 members present on the night and it was felt there was good engagement with the membership but it was felt there was a need to be proactive and foresee likely questions in advance. In this way we would be better prepared with answers. The minutes of the meeting, previously circulated, were agreed.
There was a discussion on whether the actual number of votes cast for each candidate should be announced at the meeting and it was unanimously agreed that this should be the case.

9. FACT FINDING VISITS TO OTHER CLUBS: It has been suggested that representatives of the new community-owned Bath City FC seek meetings with other community-owned clubs to gain insights into their experiences (good and bad). Lewes FC has approached the Society and invited such a visit. OH and SH have volunteered to undertake these visits, in part because of OH's association with Supporters Direct and SH's future role developing the club's community activities. It is proposed that OH and SH organise visits to

5-6 clubs and invite available Society board members & board representatives to join them.

Possible clubs to visit:

Exeter City FC
AFC Wrexham
FC United of Manchester
Lewes FC
AFC Wimbledon
Tonbridge Angels
Banbury United
AFC Rushden & Diamonds
Merthyr Town FC
Fisher FC

OH requests that the Society board agrees in principle to cover the transport costs of these visits (petrol or standard class rail), under supervision of the chair.

Action: OH and Sally Harris to propose their agenda and the Society Board will give their feedback.

10. MAPPING VOLUNTEER STRUCTURE ON MATCHDAYS: MT felt that we needed to start having some ownership and knowledge of what happens on match days, there was a need for a written record of what is happening at the moment. SM said that there is a list of match day roles and responsibilities in existence. MP said he thought he had a copy of this.

Action: MP to circulate a copy of this to all Society Board members.

11. COMPETITION / VOTE TO CHANGE THE CLUB BADGE: MT explained that he felt it would be good to mark the move to a community club by having a competition to design a new club badge, which he thought would attract interest and publicity. The existing badge would also be considered as part of the final selection. A discussion followed in which various views were put forward and it was decided

that MT would be invited to address members at the next IGM on this topic so that they could make a decision.

12. APPOINTING A SOCIETY SECRETARY: It was confirmed that OH was standing down and that his last meeting would be in January. It had been agreed at last Monday's meeting that the vacancy would be sent out to all members in the hope that someone will step forward.
Action: OH to email vacancy to all members.

13. MEMBER LIASON ACTIVITY: James Carlin was unable to attend the meeting but reported that he had engaged with some of the students who had attended the Chelmsford game. The aim is to still have the liaison meetings in Charlie's once a month but he would need to be briefed on what information to give out.

14. TREASURERS REPORT: PW had distributed his report prior to the meeting. There have been some problems allocating incoming funds to vague descriptions on the bank statements but this should be resolved shortly.
Action: MP to check with Supporters Direct that our subscription has been received.

15. ROLE DESCRIPTION OF SOCIETY LOTTERY OFFICER: **Action: PW to complete.**

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS: MP reported that the latest 'Spirit of Bath City Award' would be made by Jon Bickley to Bob Chester at the match on Saturday.

17. The date of the next meeting was arranged for Thursday 12 January.