



**NEWPORT COUNTY AFC SUPPORTERS' TRUST**

**BOARD MEETING SEPTEMBER 12, 2018. 6.30PM.**

**HENRY HOWARD FINANCE OFFICES, NEWPORT**

**REDACTED NOTES FROM THE MINUTES FOR PUBLICATION**

**ATTENDEES:** Shaun Johnson (interim Chair) (SJ), Mark Crook (MC), Colin Faulkner (CF), Bob Herrin (BH), Gavin Foxall (GF), Peter Madigan (PM), Kevin Ward (KW), Mike Everett (ME), Ryan Courtney (RC)

**APOLOGIES:** None

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING & MATTERS ARISING**

1.1 The minutes of the Trust Board meeting held on August 2, 2018, were approved as an accurate record. Matters arising were all covered in other agenda items.

**2. WRU UPDATE**

2.1 PM provided an update of the dialogue with the WRU

2.2 Dragons MD has been on leave and some matters were waiting for his return to work for clarification/resolution

2.3 Dialogue continues over staging costs.

**3. FINANCE**

3.1 The latest management accounts were received.

3.2 The Board talked through the accounts, focusing on both commercial and the Academy.

3.3 Commercial revenue needs a concerted effort, specifically around match day hospitality. GP to action this with support from directors.

**4. ACADEMY UPDATE**

4.1 There was a discussion around the Academy that flowed from the management accounts and other feedback that had been received.

4.2 It was agreed that a small group of Board members to would pick up the issues raised with the Academy.

**5. SUPPORTERS' TRUST OPEN MEETING, SEPTEMBER 20**

5.1 GF talked through draft presentation slides for the forthcoming meeting. Meeting venue was confirmed as The Neon.

5.2 It was agreed that pre-meeting communication needed to manage expectation of the meeting's purpose and content, not least that decisions would not be made at the meeting.



5.3 There was a lengthy discussion over meeting content, ownership models and membership fees.

5.4 Presentation slides to be redrafted and circulated to all Board members for approval.

## **6. EQUALITY/DIVERSITY/SAFEGUARDING**

6.1 We would be hosting swabbing stations for Marrow for Marley at the Yeovil match.

6.2 A Grimsby fan was arrested for racial abuse during the home fixture after being reported by a fellow fan. There are no outstanding issues for us to deal with on this and criminal prosecutions are being brought by the police. Handled well by the club, RP stewards and Gwent Police.

6.3 Autism training took place on September 12 for all office staff and County in the Community staff. The Autism Directory wish to work with us to promote this new programme that they can deliver across the country.

6.4 A list of agreed Awareness and Themed Matchdays for the club for the season has been drawn up along with bucket collections. We suggest this is enough for the season, but situations may arise whereby we believe the club should get involved with other campaigns.

## **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

7.1 **County Lottery.** This was being relaunched and repositioned to make it more financially beneficial to the Club. There is potential to raise an additional £15k per season.

**Council Meeting.** GF and KW had an extremely positive meeting with the City Council's Leader, Councillor Debbie Wilcox, and CEO, Will Godfrey.

**Next meeting: Thursday, October 4, 2018**