

Minutes of Constitution Group Meeting Held Thursday 17th April

1. Present
Paul Russell, Geraint Jones, Mike Williams, Kevin Davies, Dave Sugarman(chair of sub-group)
2. Apologies
None
3. The Group then went on to review the model rules provided by Supporters Direct using their questions as a guide. The following areas for amendment were discussed.
 - i) It was agreed that PR would act as point of contact re for submission of rules
 - ii) Initial information – the Sport involved will be Football
 - iii) Clause 1
Proposed name of the society – Cardiff City Supporters Society Limited
Name of the Club Supported – Cardiff City Football Club
The Area – South Wales,
Check with Supporters Direct in you can use a community of interest rather than geographical definition. However, in practical terms it would be the local geographical communities in S. Wales that would be key in the work of the trust
 - iv) Clause 2
After discussion it was agreed by the group to delete the existing clause and propose to use DS's wording to ensure consistency of message.
DS will prepare his alternative objects clause and send it to constitution group members for agreement.

These (below) are the suggestions made by dave sugarman on re-wording of objects for discussion at next steering group meeting.

C2 i) To enter into and maintain a regular and meaningful dialogue with the Club;

C2 ii) To encourage the Club to take a proper account of its supporters and the community it serves in all its decisions;

C2 iii) To strengthen the bond between the Club and its supporters, and to represent the interests of the supporters in the running of the Club;

C2 iv) To strengthen the bond between the Club and the South Wales community, and to represent the interests of the community in the running of the Club;

C2 v) To encourage and promote the principle of supporter representation on the Club's board of directors;

C2 vi) To purchase and hold a significant shareholding in the Club;

C2 vii) To develop links with the supporters of other clubs in furtherance of the enjoyment of the game for fans of all ages;

C2 viii) To promote a positive image of the Club and its supporters to the media, the local community and the general public, thereby reinforcing the Club's identity and increasing its support.

v) Clause 6 – need to clarify the issue of interest on members deposits – **check with Rob Keegan.**

vi) Clause 9 – Membership
Discussion took place on the power to refuse membership. (However after looking at the clause again I think this refers to a,b,c, above so I do not think its an issue.)
We also do not feel that it is correct to require someone to hand us their voting right thereby everything after “meet these requirements” in Cl 9 can be deleted.
It was decided that we need to check with Supporters Direct that we still have the right to hold proxy voting rights

vii) Clause 21: 66 .6% to expel and re instate.

vii) Clause 55.
Yes we would like the power to hold ballots on issues prior to the Club AGM but we need to check the practicability of proposing this.

viii) Clause 56/57
Board Membership minimum of 6 maximum of 9
Following a discussion on the role of co-opted Board members the minimum number who must be should be 0. Possible areas for cooption were discussed and these included the Supporters Clubs. This needed to be discussed fully by the full steering committee.

ix) Clause 59/64
After discussion it was decided that a reasonable term of office on the Board prior to re-election should be 2 years.

x) Clause 66

The figure to remove someone from office should be 66%

- xi) Clause 86
No need to apply to change the financial year. **We need to check with the Finance Group.**
- xii) Clause 113,
We need to establish the registered office address of the Society.

The Meeting Closed at 9.30pm.