



**Cardiff City Supporters' Trust Board Meeting  
Tuesday April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013 at 7pm. Venue – Llandaff Institute**

**Present:**

David Craig (DC - Chair), Brian Mertens (BM), Jonathan Day (JD), Phillip Nifield (PN), John Isaacson (JI - Notes)

**Apologies:** Tim Hartley (TH), Geraint Jones (GeJ), Keith Morgan (KM), Nigel Turner (NT)

**1. Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the Board meeting of March 6<sup>th</sup> were approved as a true record, with the following change:

Chair's Update was provided by TH.

**2. Action Points**

APs from the previous meeting were reviewed and discharged, except where included/updated below. New actions arising are also included here.

2.1 **KM** to produce a Trust budget for 2012/13 (update - will project to end of May).

2.2 **GeJ** to arrange for Alex Bird to give a 10-minute talk on the Co-operative movement at the August or September Board meeting.

2.3 **JD** to send a set of Board application papers to Phil Harding.

2.4 **NT** to check with the barrister about standing for election.

2.5 **All** to consider how we might encourage membership renewals and advise JI.

2.6 **JD** to pass suggestions from survey regarding membership to JI.

2.7 **BM** to organise another key for the office cabinet.

2.8 **JI** to circulate the updated standing agreements document.

2.9 **JD** to progress the issue of cycle racks with the club, linked with public transport options for fans.

2.10 **BM** to arrange match tickets for the group of homeless-to-work people.

2.11 **All** to identify potential active members, who could bring different perspectives to the Trust.

2.12 **TH** to invite Chasetown to a pre-season friendly.

2.13 **BM** to report back on contact with Championship Trusts for forthcoming games.

2.14 **TH** to invite Game On to the 5-a-side tournament.

2.15 **TH** to add benefits of re-branding and traffic problems on match days to list of issues to address with the club.

2.16 **KM** to send full set of figures for the 82/83 event to board members.

2.17 **JI** to email KM re finance actions.

2.18 **DC** to email board members regarding Trust representation at the SD AGM and the Fans Parliament on June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

2.19 **JI** to ask John Sithers to write to Eric Harmer, offering him honorary membership of the Trust.

2.20 **BM** to advise John Sithers that there is a stock of membership badges in the Trust office.

- 2.21 **BM** to book Llandaff Institute for the May and June Board meetings.
- 2.22 **JD** to obtain sample bobble hats (blue, with part of price going to charity).
- 2.23 **PN** to draft a press release on the survey, to hold for issue prior to the meeting with the club.
- 2.24 **JD** to produce a synopsis of the survey for the AGM.
- 2.25 **All** to check progress against the Business Plan prior to next meeting.
- 2.26 **BM** to confirm that the Freepost is still operative.
- 2.27 **PN** to ask Paul Evans to check PO Box for any election nominations on Friday April 12<sup>th</sup>.
- 2.28 **All** to check for suitable location for AGM.

### **3. Matters Arising**

- 3.1** The signed shirt resulting from Scott McLachan's walk is being auctioned on ebay.
- 3.2** Tickets have been arranged for a group of volunteers and clients with special needs from Pedal Power and their carers to attend the Forest game on April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- 3.3** BM's report on the Championship Trusts meeting was noted.

### **4. Correspondence**

None not covered elsewhere.

### **5. Chair's Update - DC for TH**

- 5.1** The club has invited the Trust to meet Vincent Tan, with representatives of the Supporters Club, but not until the end of the season.
- 5.2** TH has received a request for match day tickets from a council BME group. BM is dealing with this request, in TH's absence.
- 5.3** DC had attended the LGBT network set up by Sport Wales, on behalf of the Trust. The network is an anti-homophobia in sport organisation and our involvement is in line with the Trust's aim to eradicate all discrimination from football. DC has contacted the other Welsh football Trusts about the initiative.

### **6. Finance Report - KM**

Held over, due to KM's absence.

### **7. Group Reports**

Updates and key points provided to the Board prior to the meeting are below.

#### **7.1 Fred Keenor - DC**

The group had agreed at its last meeting to use the remaining money on a commemorative plaque (or two, depending on costs). Options considered were FK's school, the house where FK lived in 1927 and a council building. DC has been in touch with the council and the school. Graham Keenor is checking the house. It was agreed that the school and/or the house would be most appropriate for a plaque, and to have something about FK in the Cardiff Story Museum, which is in the Old Library in The Hayes. When the group met in the old Ninian pub, they were provided with a meal by Eric Harmer, the landlord, in recognition of the work the group had done in

raising the funds for the statue. DC had written to Eric and the Board expressed its thanks.

### **7.2 Membership - JI**

As at the end of March, there were 627 active members, compared to 618 at the end of February. There were 10 new members in January and 25 in early February, probably mostly as a result of the 82/83 celebration - this figure includes the nine given honorary memberships. There were 7 new members in late February and 11 in early March. This activity may be related to the red scarves, Vincent Tan's interview and the Trust's survey. Apart from a number of renewals, some deleted members have rejoined.

**Agreed:** To offer honorary membership to Eric Harmer, in recognition of all the help and support he has provided to the Trust.

### **7.3 Trust magazine – PN**

The magazine has gone to the printers and should be available for members to collect by the Barnsley game on April 9<sup>th</sup>. It will be on the website and hard copies offered for posting to remote members if requested. It will be available for sale to non-members at £1 at the Forest game on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Some copies will be set aside for giving to other Trusts.

## **8. Membership survey**

**8.1** The survey results had been sent to the club and a response received from Wayne Nash. The results have been published. Wayne's response has been sent to members and put on the website. TH has offered to present the results to the club.

**8.2** The big issue was the rebranding, with the result showing the majority of respondees wanting some form of return to blue.

## **9. Progress against Business Plan**

Held over to the next meeting, when progress will be used as input to the Annual Report.

## **10. AGM and Board Election Timetable**

Election notice and associated papers were sent out on March 15<sup>th</sup>. The Trust office will be used as the central point for collection of nominations.

**Agreed:** Nominations would be accepted from recent members, provided the papers were submitted by the deadline.

## **11. Adoption of New Rules**

GeJ has completed the new rules, subject to advice from SD regarding a new part of the evidence form that the FSA has recently introduced.

## **12. AOB**

None.

## **13. Dates of future meetings**

All meetings to start at 7pm. BM will book the Llandaff Institute. Dates to June 2013 are as follows:

- Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup>

- Tuesday June 4<sup>th</sup>

**End of meeting**