



**Cardiff City Supporters' Trust Board Meeting
Tuesday November 5th 2013 at 7pm. Venue – Llandaff Institute**

Present:

Tim Hartley (TH - Chair), David Craig (DC), Geraint Jones (GeJ), Jonathan Day (JD), Keith Morgan (KM), John Isaacson (JI - Notes)

Guest speaker: Alex Bird

Apologies: Brian Mertens (BM), Phillip Nifield (PN), Nigel Turner (NT)

1. Co-operative Movement

Alex Bird was welcomed to the meeting. He provided an overview of the Co-operative movement from its inception and its 7 key principles, which apply to all members of the movement. Alex gave some figures to show how large the Co-operative is from its worldwide coverage, through Europe, the UK and into Wales. He spoke about how it all links together and how Supporters Direct and Supporters' Trusts fit in. TH thanked Alex for an informative and interesting talk.

2. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Board meeting of October 1st were approved as a true record.

3. Action Points

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

3.1 **GeJ** to finalise advert for Company Secretary role with PN.

3.2 **PN** to put advert for Company Secretary rôle on web site (awaiting amended advert from GeJ).

3.3 **JD** to progress purchase of bobble hats.

3.4 **JD** to contact Cardiff Bus about signage for the stadium on match days from the Castle and the Bay.

3.5 **KM** to make arrangements to present a cheque to Tŷ Hafan.

3.6 **BM** to arrange a meeting with Tom Gorringe prior to his attendance at the December Board meeting (Tom has said he would like the meeting before the Manchester United game).

3.7 **GeJ** to buy a Grog from the Pontypridd shop for the Chasetown organiser.

3.8 **JI** to check progress against Business Plan by email.

3.9 **JI** to circulate task list for the event evening.

3.10 **JI** to organise event tickets for the Game On organisers if we have space and advise TH.

3.11 **JI** to circulate draft timeline for AGM and Board Elections for review.

3.12 **TH** to organise a meal after the December Board meeting.

3.21 **All** to provide status of APs to JI prior to the next meeting (by November 26th).

4. Matters Arising

4.1 DC has spoken to Tracey Marsh about how we could take the proposed meeting for female members forward. She thought that the draft letter

composed by Phil Harding was worth pursuing and developing. Tracey felt that it would be better to issue the invite to a meeting and see who turns up rather than work on getting responses from those who intended to turn up before the meeting.

4.2 TH has raised the value of seeking Asset of Community Value status for the stadium with the Assembly.

4.3 Agreed: the first annual refurbishment of the Fred Keenor statue will be paid by the Trust out of the FK fund and options investigated for future years.

4.4 TH sent a copy of the Business Plan to Simon Lim and Tom Gorrige on October 21st, with the list of questions for the Club from Trust members.

4.5 TH has arranged tickets to the West Ham game on January 11th for a group of Chasetown supporters. TH is arranging for a buffet at Mavericks before the game.

4.6 DC has received the Fred Keenor plaque and it has been confirmed that Malky Mackay will unveil it on Tuesday 12th November at 2pm at the school. DC will be meeting teachers at the school to discuss details of the event.

4.7 In addition to copies of the Trust magazine given to members, 201 have been sold to non-members.

5. Correspondence

Several press releases were issued as a result of issues surrounding the Club.

6. Chair's Update – TH

6.1 TH is arranging a skittles match with Merthyr Town.

6.2 TH has been involved with the Cardiff Story's oral history project and there will be a meeting with a representative of the Club on this.

6.3 TH has met with Mick Antoniw AM and the FAW President to press the case for SD Cymru. He hopes an All Party group on community sports ownership can be established.

6.4 A number of media interviews have been given.

7. Progress against Business Plan

Due to the meeting having to be cut short, JI will check progress by email.

8. Finance report - KM

KM had circulated the accounts for the 10 months to 24 October 2013 prior to the meeting. Part of the Fred Keenor balance has been used for the plaque. Net assets stand at £22k, with a small surplus year to date of £613. We have had the paypal cash up to the end of August 2013.

9. Membership Report - JI

9.1 Planning for the 92/93 event

9.1.1 Venue Facilities. Because of number of players, Compass will provide 2 rooms for hospitality, with food in one of them. There will be 2 side tables for the Trust, raffle prizes, Paul's book and other information. In addition to the cost of microphones (£35 each), John Sithers was advised that these would require an external pa system at £85. All plus

VAT. TH is looking into arrangements for borrowing a pa system without incurring this cost. **Agreed:** Trust to purchase 2 additional radio mics for this system.

9.1.2 Players. In addition to Rob Phillips and the ten players already confirmed, Carl Dale, Nathan Blake, Chris Pike and Jimmy Goodfellow will also be attending. We plan to contact the attendees direct to thank them for agreeing to attend and to advise them of timings and domestics. To date, arrangements have been from Terry Phillips via Damon Searle.

9.1.3 Tickets. The club has provided tickets at no cost. We have allocated 105 tickets to date. TH requested tickets for the Game On organisers if we have space.

9.1.4 Publicity. Lyndon Rhodes designed the poster and JD printed 10 up on A3. JI has distributed these and some A4 copies to key locations. BM procured an A1 print for the Trust office A-board. Terry Phillips has promoted the event in the Echo and PN will be going on the Cardiff City Phone In (GTFM and Bro FM), run by David Collins on a Friday. TH has sent details to Vince Alm, asking him to email Supporters Club members, which Vince has agreed to do. A "sticky" is planned for message boards.

9.1.5 Raffle. Tom Gorringer has provided a retro shirt signed by the current players. The Sand Martin has provided a meal for 2 with a bottle of wine. Paul Evans will provide a copy of his book. JD has produced an A3 print of one of the squad photos from Paul's book for signing. David Collins may be able to provide an enlarged copy of a programme cover, also for signing.

9.1.6 Tasks on the evening. JI has produced a draft task list for the evening with timings and allocated some tasks to individuals. BM has been asked to check if Frank Shipton can take photos again. John Sithers will organise honorary memberships for the players. JI will arrange additional volunteers if needed.

9.2 Membership Numbers

As at the end of October, there were 648 active members, compared to 625 at the end of September. We had twenty six new members join in October. The Trust seems to have benefitted from the way it reacted to the various controversies of the past month.

10. AGM and Board Elections

JI has produced a draft timeline.

11. AOB

JI reported that Sally Fowler had met with Ali from the Cardiff Dragons about a competition the Dragons are hosting at Pontcanna Fields.

12. Dates of future Board meetings

All meetings to start at 7pm. (Secretary's note: the Llandaff Institute has been booked by BM for all dates.) Dates to June 2014 are as follows:

- Tuesday December 3rd
- Tuesday January 7th
- Tuesday February 4th

- Tuesday March 4th
- Tuesday April 1st
- Tuesday May 6th
- Tuesday June 3rd

End of meeting