



Cardiff City Supporters' Trust Board Meeting
Tuesday September 3rd 2013 at 7pm. Venue – Llandaff Institute

Present:

David Craig (DC - Chair), Brian Mertens (BM), Geraint Jones (GeJ), Jonathan Day (JD), Keith Morgan (KM), Nigel Turner (NT), Philip Harding (PH), Phillip Nifield (PN), John Isaacson (JI - Notes)

Apologies: Tim Hartley (TH)

1. Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the Board meeting of August 13th were approved as a true record.

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 **All** to provide comments on GeJ's documents for advertising Company Secretary role (by September 10th).

2.2 **PN** to put advert for Company Secretary role on web site.

2.3 **GeJ** to confirm Alex Bird's talk on the Co-operative movement for the November Board meeting.

2.4 **TH** to confirm Paul Corkrey's talk on FSF for the October Board meeting.

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

2.6 **JD** to survey members on the need for more cycle racks.

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

2.8 **GeJ** to send out his report on the board election process.

2.9 **All** to send any points to raise with the Club to JI, who will maintain a running list.

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

2.11 **PH** to check what travel information is available on the CCFC web site.

2.12 **All** to send ideas to PH for the proposed meeting for female members (by September 24th).

2.13 **KM** to arrange for Tŷ Hafan presentation photo after the Tottenham game.

2.14 **GeJ** to produce a paper on the value of seeking Asset of Community Value status for the stadium.

2.15 **All** to send NT any issues on ownership and dates in Business Plan, with any other comments (by September 17th).

2.16 **NT** to update Plan and distribute prior to next meeting.

2.17 **DC** to approach Wayne Nash about bearing the cost of annual refurbishment of the Fred Keenor statue.

2.18 **PH** to invite Tom Gorringe to the December Board meeting.

2.19 **All** to provide status of APs to JI prior to the next meeting (by September 24th).

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Over £200 had been raised for Tŷ Hafan so far through the T-shirt sales, with just a few left to sell. Thanks to JD for organising the T-shirts.

3.2 A member had raised an issue regarding problems with ticket purchases. This was passed to Tom Gorringer, who has provided a full response and apology to the member.

3.3 TH and JI had presented Eric Harmer with an honorary Trust membership prior to the first home game.

4. Correspondence

PH had drafted a letter to send to female members for a proposed meeting. It was noted that International Women's Day is March 8th. Although March 8th 2014 is a match day holding an event close, perhaps Thursday or Friday, to International Women's Day would give it higher profile.

5. Chair's Update – DC for TH

None not covered elsewhere.

6. Business Plan Review

NT walked the meeting through the main points in the Business Plan for 2013/14 and its structure, as agreed at the Planning meeting. Thanks to NT for producing this.

7. Finance Report - KM

KM had circulated the accounts for the 8 months to 23 August 2013. As most of our costs are in the first half of the calendar year, the August figures show a further reduction in the loss for the year to date, to £407. Net assets stand at £20k. Remaining funds held for the Fred Keenor appeal will be held separately and used as and when agreed.

8. Group Reports

8.1 Fred Keenor - DC

8.1.1 Final wording for the commemorative plaque had been agreed, which has now allowed this to be produced. The cost will be £575 to inc vat and delivery.

8.1.2 The statue will need an annual refurbishment in order to maintain it. The cost for this is around £550.

8.2 Membership - JI

8.2.1 As at the end of August, there were 634 active members, compared to 648 at the end of July.

8.2.2 The group has pencilled in Thursday November 21st at the Grape & Olive in Wedal Road for the 92/93 event, although confirmation awaits availability of Rob Phillips and key players and whether a more suitable venue can be found.

9. Standing Items for Future Agenda

As already agreed.

10. AOB

10.1 The second A-frame has been acquired for the Trust Office.

10.2 PN reported that the joint statement with the Swans Trust will be issued earlier than previously planned, depending on when police statements are issued.

10.3 Several media interviews have been given.

10.4 Following a request from TH, DC had tried to make contact with Mark Evans of Merthyr Tydfil Supporters' Trust re arrangements for a skittles match on September 13th. DC had not been able to make contact with Mark or other MTST Board members but he will persist. DC requested that those present let him know of their availability in case the event does go ahead on the 13th.

11. Dates of future Board meetings

All meetings to start at 7pm. (Secretary's note: the Llandaff Institute has been booked by BM for all agreed dates.) Dates to the end of 2013 are as follows:

- Tuesday October 1st
- Tuesday November 5th
- Tuesday December 3rd

End of meeting