

Exeter City AFC Supporters Society - Trust Board Meeting  
10<sup>th</sup> March 2016

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**Trust Board Meeting Minutes – Part A**

**19:30 – 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016, St James Park – Courtenay Room**

**Trustees Present:**

Martin Weiler (MW), Elaine Davis (ED), Paul Farley (PF) – arrived @ 19:00, Richard Clutterbuck (RC), Peter Martin (PM), John Kanefsky (JK), Paul West (PW), Neil Le Milliere (NLM), Clive Matthews (CM), David Hitt (DH)

**Officers Present:**

Nick Hawker (NH), Andy Beer (AB), Steve Chudley (SC), Peter Holding (PH), Alice Cooke (AC)

**Guests:**

Rob Durie, Nick Bray, Ray Taylor, Martin Parr, Pamela Miller, Julen Beer, Spike Sussex

**A/01 Apologies**

Apologies were received from –Laurence Overend

**A/02 Minutes of last meeting – 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

**Proposed:** Martin Weiler

**Seconded:** Richard Clutterbuck

**Carried**

**A/03 Matters arising from minutes**

PM confirmed that the Club had agreed to help cover the shortfall in relation to the coaching costs to the Liverpool replay.

NLM queried whether the lighting around 'The Park' had failed – ED confirmed that it simply hadn't been switched on!

**A/04 Reports from sub-boards and working groups**

i. **Finance & Governance**

(refer to documents provided)

Proposal: To appoint Simon Gould as the Trust Accountant

**Proposed by:** David Hitt

**Seconded by:** John Kanefsky

**Carried**

NH said that he would provide some IT related costs attributable to the Communication Group for future budgeting.

ii. **Trust Ownership & Membership**

(refer to documents provided)

PM commented that at last year's Supporters Direct conference FC United of Manchester presented on their 'story'. NLM observed that theirs was a very different evolution to our own and this year David Treharne would compose a presentation that would tell ECFC's story – pitfalls and all!

iii. **Community**

(refer to documents provided)

PF noted that the World War Two memorial would be erected during the following week.

MW asked for approval for the Trust to join the Dementia Group:

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**Proposed by:** Martin Weiler

**Seconded by:** Neil Le Milliere

**Carried**

MW commented that the consultation regarding the ECFC formation date being changed to 1901 was in progress.

NLM commented that he would be participating in the Bobby Moore Cancer Fund trip to Wembley Stadium.

Guest, Rob Durie, noted that he was working at the University and would be interested in how he could help the Community group.

iv.

**PR & Communications**

AC noted that she was in conversation with Sean Devine who was keen to become involved with the Trust. PF said that he would follow this up.

NLM noted that Richard Logan had been at the Cambridge game and that he was due to appear as a guest in hospitality at the Good Friday game.

**A/05 Any other Business**

**i. Members Questions**

Pamela Miller asked if the Trust could help provide assistance with the young Academy player's meals, etc. ED said that she would talk to the Academy about their needs and provide whatever help we could.

Nick Bray asked what provision had been made to ensure the safety of the Club, aware of the current income status.

PH explained that the Trust had greater visibility of cash flow and finance in general. There was now a three year prediction plan with full transparency around its performance. ED added that the new Finance Director had added considerably to the visibility of the plan, which was updated and reviewed on a regular basis. PF said that windfall monies were not included in the plan (e.g. cup runs/transfers).

Nick Bray asked if the TB had considered suspending or reducing the payments to the Club.

PH noted that this was a matter for the membership but at present, the payments would continue. In any case, the Trust was committed to sustaining a £50k reserve in its own accounts, which it now held.

Nick Bray asked about the acquisition of additional shares in the Club.

ED commented that this was always in discussion and that the TB were currently looking at a possible solution that was being discussed with the Club.

Ray Taylor asked if the Club were interested in Promotion.

ED said that both the Club and Manager wanted this. PH noted that as such a significant amount of the Matt Grimes money was spent on the Squad for this season.

A guest commented that the 'mood music' at the Trust was more around survival than progress, noting that the Trust shouldn't be afraid of change.

Another guest commented on the benefits and passion he felt for being Trust owned and how much worse it might be otherwise.

ED said that all of the views expressed would be passed on to the Club Board.

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ii. **Red or Dead Priority Status**  
(Refer to paper)

NLM asked about retaining the 'priority status' of 'Red or Dead' contributors.

Everyone present agreed that those who completed the 'Red or Dead' target (individually or members of a group) should retain their lifetime priority status. Any people or groups who failed to meet the target would not.

**A/6 Date of Next Meeting**

TBC