

## **Byll Pulman - Manifesto**

I have been a City supporter since the early 1970s when I came with my late father. Since moving back to the west country almost 10 years ago, I have been a regular on the Big Bank and have also enjoyed many memorable away days.

In my personal life, I have over the last three or four years, set up a new charity which I now run alongside my colleague and co-founder. My experiences setting up and running the charity have given me good experience dealing with local council and government departments, building partnerships with other local agencies and businesses and also fundraising and governance. All of these skills will be useful transferable skills and knowledge which would be beneficial to a role on the Trust board.

I have become increasingly concerned recently over a lack of accountability of the Club Board and senior club employees. I believe that as owners of the club, the Trust should be in ultimate control and that its up to us to set the agenda for the club's future and its the responsibility of the Club Board and senior employees to make that vision a reality. Therefore, if I'm elected, my principal goal will be to ensure full accountability including the setting of measurable performance targets for all executives and employees of the club and I will be working toward that aim.

Another area I will work towards if elected, is to increase member engagement by introducing a platform where members can discuss and debate ideas and proposals, put questions to and directly and openly challenge Trust Board members and most importantly vote online for proposals presented to AGMs and SGMs. The intention of this is to break down the 'us and them' mentality I have noticed amongst some trust members and allow them to feel empowered. I also believe that this facility should allow members to vote online on major issues facing the club, for example ground redevelopment, or how windfall money should be directed. I believe this ability to actually vote online on issues will make this platform a success where similar platforms have failed in the past.

The final thing I would like to work towards if elected, in order to bolster the position of the Trust as being in ultimate control of the club, I believe we should return to the Club Chairman being appointed from within the Trust Board.

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Supporters: Mark Edwards, Terry Hall, Dave Dyer