**Exeter City AFC Supporters Society Ltd**

**Trust Board Meeting Minutes Part A**

**Meeting held in Boardroom and on Zoom**

**Date: Monday 11 November 2024**

**Trustees present:** Nick Hawker, Will Barrett, Julen Beer, Steve Chown, Nick Edwards, Latoyah Egerton, Pete Ferlie, Clive Harrison, Richard Knight, Debra Noble, Neil Le Milliere

On Zoom Doug Gillard,

**Apologies:**

**Officers Present:** Dean Matthews (Secretary), Pete Cordwell (Minutes Taker), Steve Chudley (Finance Officer),

**Apologies:**  Ryan Ilott (Membership Secretary),

**Trust members present.** George Martin, Steve Dart, Mike Summers, Paul Mills, Shaun Dart, Christopher Wickens, Tony Badcott

**Apologies.** David Thompson

No conflicts of interest were declared

The meeting welcomed Layotah Egerton, newly elected Trustee and the three trustees who had been re-elected.

**Approval of minutes from October 2024 meeting**

**Matters of Accuracy**

In minutes of Community Sub Committee, the name was ***Liam*** Scully not Paul Scully

Approval of Part A minutes for October, proposed by NLM, seconded by RK.

The minutes were approved with one abstention (Trustee absent from last meeting).

**Matters Arising**

FSA Audit of Policies has no cost.

Still no news on the app which was to be introduced in November.

Strategy Document is now complete, but the three year plan needs to be added.

Constitution. Model rules have still to be discussed.

Purchase of OTR now complete

ACV. No developments

Recovery Room. No delivery date yet. NH to consult with JQ.

Phoenix AGM. Facilities disappointing. Comments back to Patrick Cunningham.

**Election of Chair of Trust Board**

There was one nominee, Nick Hawker, who accepted the nomination

Proposed by NLM, Seconded by JBA

Nick Hawker was elected as Trust Chair

The meeting offered its congratulations.

**Election of Working Group Leads**

**Finance and Governance**

One nominee, Nick Edwards, who accepted the nomination

Proposed by CH, seconded by PF.

Elected unanimously.

**Owners and Membership**

One nominee, Richard Knight, who accepted the nomination

Proposed by JBA, seconded by DN

Elected unanimously.

**Communications and Engagement**

JBA agreed to continue as Working Group Lead, as an interim, until Latoyah Egerton, was able to take over in estimated three months’ time. WB would also assist until takeover was completed.

Proposed by PF, seconded by NE.

Approved unanimously.

**Community**

One nominee, Steve Chown, who accepted the nomination.

Proposed by JBA, seconded by WB

Elected unanimously.

**Digital Membership Cards**

These were agreed at last meeting.

Sample images were considered. Option to have QR code was reserved. Photos from membership system would be used if the member had uploaded one, otherwise a filler would be used.

The meeting was happy to press ahead with these digital membership cards.

**Letter from Northampton Town**

NH explained that this was in response to the Football Governance Bill and outlined our history of good relations with Northampton. There was a concern that owners would nominate ‘puppets’ on to Working Groups, not allowing Supporters’ Trusts to have their say.

The meeting agreed to support Northampton’s letter and suggested a separate letter to Steve Race, Exeter MP

Trust member, SD, had concerns about paragraphs 6 and 7, as our Supporters’ Trust is the owner.

NLM gave some background to the issue, pointing out that all other community owned clubs are non league, leaving the EFL in a difficult position.

SD suggested a resolution could be submitted to the FSA AGM. NH felt this was unlikely to have any effect. He also felt that there was a disappointing attitude towards Exeter as a Trust owned club. The meeting was very surprised to learn that the FSA is funded by the FA.

SD said he would write a letter to the FSA.

**Any Other Business**

Next meeting of Community Working Group would be November 28 at 6.30.

January 6 is twentieth anniversary of famous 0.0 at Old Trafford. Celebrations could involve the museum, the Senior Reds and a Fans’ Forum.

NLM. Legally our policies do not have to go out to members, but it might be a good idea to “push out” some policies to members for comment. The FSA thinks it’s good practice. There was a suggestion that a Trustee could be responsible for a policy and coordinate the responses. NH has sent policies and constitution to FSA. They have made some comments which need to go to next meeting and then to members.

CH. Supporter Experience Committee is in Part A meeting pack. Offered to answer any questions.

WB spoke about EFL week of action. Hannah Kumari, Fans For Diversity, is coming to next game.

PF. Women’s Fans’ Forum next Monday. Cowshed primroses are back, behind the away end, courtesy of Des from Dawlish,

DG. Second quiz next week.

Update from South west Supporters’ Trust. Discussed the Football Governance Bill and the different clubs’ responses. We received thanks from other clubs for help given.

Trust member GM asked about relationship of Wrexham and other clubs, especially as their Supporters’ Trust agreed to sell to the movie stars. NLM. They received lots of threats to persuade them to sell.

The results of the resolutions from the AGM were given, as minutes are not available until agreed by next AGM.

Trust member TB asked if Zoom link could be sent to all members, rather than having to ask for one.

Trust member ShD offered thanks to Trust Board, as the only member in Humberside!

Trust member SD thanked Trust Board for offering to put policies out to members

Trust member CW thanked everyone for all their hard work.

**Date of next Meeting: Monday 9 December**

**Future meetings**

To be agreed for 2025.