



We Own Our Football Club

Exeter City AFC Supporters Society Ltd

Trust Board Meeting Minutes Part A

Meeting held on Zoom

Date: 17th January 2022

Trustees present: Nick Hawker, Elaine Davis, Nick Edwards, Pete Ferlie, Doug Gillard, Clive Harrison, Richard Knight, Neil Le Milliere, Julen Beer, Kayleigh-Jade West.

Apologies: Mark Cordell, Will Barrett

Officers Present: Steve Chudley (Finance Officer), Phil Burden (Secretary), Celia Lowman (Membership Secretary)

Apologies: Pete Cordwell (Minute Taker)

Member Present: Alistair Yates

Part B Summary

Under Part B of the Trust Board meeting, the Trust Board conducted the following business:

1. Manager Matt Taylor was the guest of the Trust Board and he briefed the Board and answered questions on the season so far, player contracts and his view of the squad going forward.
2. Received feedback on the last Club Board meeting from the Trust Nominated Directors.
3. Received a report on early proposals to increase the Trust's shareholding.

Approval of minutes from December Meeting

Approval of Part A minutes proposed by Neil Le Milliere, seconded by Elaine Davis

The minutes were unanimously approved with 1 abstention.

Matters Arising

It was reported that the issue of missing membership payments from the club is likely a Spektrix user training matter and is being resolved.

It was reported that it is less likely that the club will require a loan for the CHTG development. What may be required is for the Trust to underwrite the purchase of certain "nice to have" items, so they can be provided at the start whilst fundraising for the items is undertaken. A list of these "nice to have" items is expected by the end of the month.

There is not a date for season ticket announcements for next season yet.

Update of Part A matters from Chair.

Feedback from the chair was included in the meeting pack. This covered, crowd behaviour, increasing Trust share ownership, the Trust Ethos, the Trust Survey and copy deadlines for the Trust newsletter. No questions were received.

Any Other Part A business

None

Working Group Updates

Finance and Governance Group

A FGG report was included in the meeting pack. The club is undertaking a capital expenditure review (CAPEX) to be reported at the March club board. It was noted the FGG would benefit from some additional members.

NH reported that at the FSA Awards he had been approached by an academic from the University of Northumbria about work he has undertaken on the alternate presentation of club accounts aimed at supporters. An example had been circulated to the meeting. NH requested attendees to review provide feedback with the aim to adopt this ready for presentation to members and supporters at the 2022 AGM.

Ownership and Membership Group

OWMG meeting minutes were included in the meeting pack. It was noted that plans are underway for a fans forum in February.

Progress on development of the Trust Members survey which will be undertaken in conjunction with Exeter University was reported. It was confirmed that following the survey the trust will be provided with the raw survey data minus personal details.

Community Working Group

The next community group meeting was planned for this week and a South West Trusts Meeting next week. A presentation will take place to Exeter Foodbank in relation to the Bradford City cup replay profit donation. It was noted Bradford City made a similar presentation at their last home game. The club was to be congratulated on this initiative.

The trust will host representatives of Hartlepool United Supporters Trust at our upcoming home game.

Communication and Engagement Group

JB reported that he will shortly meet WB to formally handover the chair of the comms group along with looking at the activities required from the comms strategy going forward.

PB reported that trustees and officers had met with the Exeter City Disabled Supporters Association to offer help and would forward some material for inclusion in the next trust newsletter.

Any Other Business

ED reported that the COVID 19 memorial plaque had been received and a location for it in the memorial garden was being identified.

AY observed that stock levels and size ranges in the club shop over Christmas were disappointing and that the shop website had out of date player pictures.

Date of next meeting:

Monday 14th February at 19.30