

Exeter City AFC Supporters Society Ltd

Trust Board Meeting Minutes Part A

Meeting held via Zoom

Date: 5 October 2020

Trustees present: Nick Hawker, Will Barrett, Jon Beer, Mark Cordell, Elaine Davis, Doug Gillard, Clive Harrison, Pete Holding, Richard Knight, Pete Martin, Neil Le Milliere, Yasmin Western.

Officers Present: Steve Chudley (Finance Officer), Phil Burden (Secretary), Alice Cooke (Press and Media Officer), Pete Cordwell (Minutes Taker)

Part B Summary

Under Part B of the Trust Board meeting, the Trust Board:

1. Received information from the Chief Operating Officer about the progress of iFollow.
2. Received feedback from the three Trust appointed directors from the last Club Board meeting.
3. Discussed the Feasibility Study of an Alternative stadium.
4. Received information about the repayment of the Trust loan to Club.
5. Discussed the application to make the stadium an Asset of Community Value.

Approval of previous minutes.

Approval of Part A minutes for September proposed by Mark Cordell, seconded Elaine Davis.

The minutes were unanimously approved.

Matters Arising

Return to Stadium comments on Facebook. Will Barrett is looking at the social media policy to see if it needs updating.

Neil Le Milliere said that FECRACE had not been contacted or informed about reopening issues. Window behind them could offer COVID-free service - *Nick Hawker to raise issue with Justin Quick.*

Election - Yasmin Western said a group was getting together to create a comms strategy around the forthcoming election: There is a need to push the closing date for nominations.

Trust Approval required for Grecian Centre sub-lease

The Club Board has asked the Trust Board to debate this. Approval is needed. CCT is to apply for a £25,000 grant for improvements to the Grecian Centre. CCT would then lease the Grecian Centre.

The meeting was informed that this application for a grant for the improvements was to Coastal Waste.

Some concerns about the application were raised:

- 1. The plan was missing from the proposal pack*
- 2. The Trust had already spent money on refurbishing the room*
- 3. The Grecian centre was not on the website as being for hire*
- 4. Time allocation for the room was vague*
- 5. The Trust would be responsible for paying back the grant if the lease ended early*
- 6. There were no details of usage or of notice period*
- 7. There appears to be no mention of the length of the lease in the conditions for the grant approval*

The vote was paused until the Trust Board has received information from the proposers of the lease regarding the conditions of the grant and of the 7 years occupancy.

Membership Secretary

Richard Knight informed the meeting that there had been 8 applicants. 5 had been interviewed last Friday and a decision would be made this Wednesday. There would be time for a handover.

Neil Le Milliere had been phoning members for whom we have no details. 5 had been traced.

Trust Board AGM resolutions.

Nick Hawker informed the meeting that the government had lifted AGM restrictions until the end of the year. The AGM could therefore be held over Zoom.

Nick had a reservation that we could not confirm Trust membership over Zoom. A Webinar could be held. Doubts were expressed about the quality of the Wifi at the ground.

Neil Le Milliere had attended a couple of AGMs', one with 120 people, by Zoom and all had gone well.

It was agreed to hold the AGM by Zoom.

Any unnecessary proposals should be laid aside for this year.

Steve Chudley said the accounts could be agreed by email - Phil Burden and Will Barrett will get together to start planning the AGM

Club Articles of Association and Share Register

Pete Holding will send out the Articles to Board Members by email. It will include "track changes"

The meeting will take place on 29th October. If the Articles are approved at this meeting they will be fit for purpose – a great achievement.

There is a need to look at payment of directors and how the % shareholding is publicised.

Any other business

Nick Hawker gave a thank you to Pete Holding for his work on shares and articles and to Clive Harrison for his work on safeguarding. Both were significant achievements.

Neil le Milliere asked if it was possible to reschedule the Monday Board meetings because of a clash of commitments. ***Proposal. Meet on the Wednesday after the Club Board meeting.***

Will Barrett said Trust snood is now available on Club Shop website.

Elaine Davis informed the meeting that Trust Young Player of the Year Lewis Wilson had received his trophy. Photo with accompanying tribute will go to Will for the website.

Doug Gillard reported on progress with Helen from Literary Works. Will has details for Rob Casey. We need to involve CCT and journalist David Goldblatt. Update to follow.

Yasmin Western mentioned the podcast group is doing an interview with the Jack Leslie group.

Date of next meeting

9 November 2020