

Blue & Gold Supporters Trust

Steering Group Committee Meeting Crown & Mitre Thursday 7th January 2010

MINUTES

Attendees: Phil Ellis Julian Gamble Jamie Heaphey
 Amanda Hodgson Matt Lane Ken Rout
 Len Candlish (Notes)

Apologies: Colin Mowles Ray Sherring Neil Timms

In attendance: Kevin Holland

- 1. Appointments** There were no appointments.
- 2. Resignations** There were no resignations.
- 3. Minutes of the Last Meeting** The minutes of the last Steering Group committee meeting held on the 10th December 2009 were read and accepted as a true record.
- 4. Matters Arising** All matters arising will be dealt with in these minutes.
- 5. Sub-Group Reports**

A. Constitution

(i) Bid for the Lease of the Walks Football Ground

Much work has been done in order to meet the criteria set by the Borough Council for the new tenants of the Walks Football Ground. As agreed unanimously at the Trust Director's meeting held on the 28th December 2009, the Blue and Gold Supporters' Trust will proceed with a submission for the lease of the Walks Football Ground.

(ii) Business Plan

Julian Gamble is co-ordinating the compilation of the business plan, which is required to be completed and submitted to the Borough Council by midday on Monday 11th January 2009. Advice has been sought from various sources in compiling this document including Scarborough Athletic, FC United of Manchester, Telford FC and of course Supporters' Direct. Work is well in hand and the deadline will be met.

<u>ACTION:</u>	Julian Gamble	-	Compilation of document and Community aspects
	Phil Ellis	-	Cash Flows
	Neil Timms	-	Marketing Strategy
	Len Candlish	-	Health & Safety Policy and Equal Opportunities Policy

In addition, the following people have to forward their CVs to Julian:-

Phil Ellis, Nigel Barrett, Amanda Hodgson and Len Candlish

(iii) Discussions with Other Interested Parties

- (a) Len Candlish reported that he, Neil Timms and Phil Ellis had held talks with Buster Chapman to see if there was any common ground in the bids. It was apparent that Buster had his own clear agenda for running a new football club, however he has indicated that he would provide for the Trust to have a voting seat on his Board of Directors should he be awarded the lease. What was not made clear was the intended size and make up of his potential board.
- (b) A number of Trust Directors had held 2 meetings with David Handley, where it became apparent that David would not be able to submit his own BP to meet the Borough Council's criteria within the stated timescale. A proposal was made to David that if he was still intent on helping to form a new football club, and achieve his stated ambition, he could come on board with the Trust. He agreed to this way forward, and in order to demonstrate his commitment, he agreed to deposit a sum of money into a holding account which would be managed by 3 signatories, himself and 2 Trust Directors. Unfortunately as yet there is no evidence that any of his agreed financial transactions have taken place. Until any such financial transaction has been confirmed, the Trust will continue with its original business plan. Should these undertakings come to fruition, the committee voted unanimously to submit a BP that included David Handley. This would be subject to a number of safeguards being put into place to protect the Trust and the new football club, assuming that the Trust won the bid for the lease.

B. Membership

- (i) As of today , the membership figures are as follows:-

Individual members	-	187
Associate members	-	1
Corporate members	-	3

- (ii) Len Candlish has been asked by a King's Lynn resident if it was possible to acquire Trust membership in memory of her father who has passed away. This lady's father was an ardent supporter of KLFC, and she would like to contribute in some way to the Trust by joining in her father's name. After discussion, it was agreed that an In Memorium membership would be created. Membership would be by way of a one-off £10 fee.

ACTION: Jamie Heaphey and Ken Rout

C. Community

- (i) Julian Gamble reports that there are now 156 Blue and Gold Junior members.

E. Web Site

- (i) Len Candlish has undertaken to forward a hard copy of the Trust Constitution to Richard Clayton, who will then publish it on the website.

ACTION: Len Candlish

F. Fundraising

- (i) The Christmas Draw has proven to be a great success, realising a sum of £1,139 for Trust funds. Thanks to all who bought tickets, and sold tickets. Particular thanks go to Amanda Hodgson who co-ordinated the ticket sales
- (ii) Julian Gamble confirmed that the Quiz Night scheduled for Friday 22nd Jan 2010 going ahead. The venue is the Masonic Centre on the North Lynn Industrial Estate, and our thanks go to Mark Bradley for securing this venue. Kevin Holland has agreed to publicise this event in his local community newsletter.
- (iii) Julian Gamble has undertaken to renew the Small Lotteries Licence which has expired.

ACTION: Julian Gamble

6. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer is unable to attend tonight's meeting due to the inclement weather, however he has confirmed by telephone that the Trust Account balance is currently £7,403, with £179 being ring-fenced against shares. A formal balance sheet will be attached to these minutes.

7. Chairman's Report

As the Chairman is unable to attend due to the inclement weather, there is no formal Chairman's Report.

8. Any Other Business

- A.** Julian Gamble informed the committee that he had been contacted by SME, who are a multi-national Marketing And Branding organisation, offering their services to the Trust should we be in a position to form a new club. Julian and Len Candlish have since met with their Chief Executive who has indicated that he is willing to provide his services free, but only if the new club will be managed by the Trust for the community. He has offered his advice with immediate effect, and has invited us to contact him again once the decision on the lease has been made.
- B.** Julian has also had a meeting with James Tyers, a former KLFC player and King's Lynn resident. James now runs a major youth soccer coaching school in the USA. He also has high profile connections with a number of English championship teams. Again, James has offered his vast array of knowledge and experience to the Trust should we succeed in the bid for the lease.
- C.** Len Candlish suggested that in the interest of openness and transparency, that we invite no more than 2 Trust members to attend future steering group meetings. Anyone wishing to attend should make their request via the "contact us page" on the Trust website. Attendance will be allocated on a first come first served basis. All present were in favour of this proposal.
- D.** Ken Rout has confirmed that the lunch for Directors and Steering Group members, and their partners will be held in the Crown and Mitre on Saturday 30th January 2010. Ken will 'e' mail the menu to everyone, who in turn can indicate their intention to attend and their choice of meal.

9. Date of Next Steering Group Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 28th January 2010 in the Crown and Mitre at 7pm.

Action: All Steering Group Committee Members

