



MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

Monday 20th May 2024

Present: Nick Brodrick (NB) – chair, Ali Bryant (AB), Rob Burkitt (RB), Bob Cole (BC), Rob Dickinson (RD), Sam Druiff (SD), Jon Gibbes (JG), Matt Gorman (MG), Michel Thomas (MT), Rick Williams (RW).

Apologies: Robin Causley (RC), Shaun Tanner (ST)

24/49	<p>Minutes of the meetings held on 9th April and 7th May 2024 The minutes of the meetings were tabled and approved,</p> <p>Minute 24/48 – MT reported that Ollie Tomlinson would be collecting his Ian Twitchin Trophy shortly and it was the Twitchin family’s wish that the shield should be displayed at Plainmoor.</p>	
24/50	<p>TUST / Bryn Consortium partnership</p> <p>a) TUST member consultation The draft consultation document previously approved via e-mail was signed off for distribution to members. The deadline for responses was set at 31st May.</p> <p>b) Meeting with Michael Westcott M(W) and Joe Lovell, 13th May 2024 Notes of the meeting had been previously circulated for information. RW summarised the key points.</p> <p>It was noted that detail of how the relationship with the Bryn Consortium and TUST’s equity interest in the Club would work depended on further information from MW in due course.</p> <p>Suggestions raised at the meeting for feedback to the consortium included; half-season tickets, cash payments at the ticket office, abolishing the unpopular £2 surcharge for matchday ticket purchases and looking at a benefits package for club members (similar to the Evergreen scheme at Plymouth). NB to feedback to MW.</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">RW</p> <p style="text-align: right;">NB</p>

<p>c)</p> <p>d)</p> <p>e)</p> <p>f)</p>	<p>TUFC board nominations There was further discussion about the procedure for appointing fan representatives to the club board. RW to consult ECFC on their policy. MW had indicated his desire for a younger representative. SD expressed his interest in this role and other potential candidates were mentioned.</p> <p>Stadium refresh Following a request from MW for TUST to lead on this project, NB, RD and the club maintenance manager had carried out a survey. RD was thanked by the board for the excellent report that he had produced scheduling the necessary works.</p> <p>Over 60 volunteers had come forward including a number of experienced tradespeople. NB had been in discussion with several suppliers who were keen to contribute and he had meetings arranged with them the following day. It was hoped the club could offer sponsorship packages in recognition of materials donated.</p> <p>The need for one or more experienced project managers to lead the works was noted and NB would contact the pool of volunteers for suitably qualified people. If someone suitable is identified a planning meeting with TUST board representatives would be required. Where possible, a TUST board member would participate in each group of volunteers.</p> <p>The works are to be carried out over several days and refreshments and snacks would need to be provided, either by the club or by TUST.</p> <p>AB to check the insurance requirements and whether TUST's policy would cover these works if necessary.</p> <p>MT raised the need for additional handrails for the lower steps in Bristows Bench as this was considered a health and safety risk. NB to add to list of representations to MW.</p> <p>There was some discussion about methods of refurbishing the faded seats in the Family Stand using heat equipment. To be raised with the project team.</p> <p>RC had commented that this project could be the first of many opportunities to engage volunteers in tasks around the club and it is important to get it right and make a good impression.</p> <p>Meeting with Council representatives NB is arranging a meeting for MW with Council members and officers with RC and BC attending.</p> <p>National League AGM MW had invited TUST to send a representative to the AGM at Celtic Manor on 7th/8th June. SD volunteered for the role and the board agreed.</p>	<p>RW</p> <p>NB</p> <p>AB</p> <p>NB</p> <p>RD</p> <p>NB</p> <p>SD</p>
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<p>24/51</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p>	<p>Fund raising</p> <p>Community Share Issue MG updated on the latest position and shared a draft brochure that he and BC had produced. He stated that there were a number of issues that required clarification before the details of the scheme could be finalised (as mentioned in 24/50 above).</p> <p>It was agreed that the timing of the CSI was critical and possibly not as urgent as previously thought, particularly with the potential clash with season ticket sales. MW would need to advise on when the capital was required but a launch to coincide with the start of the season may be appropriate.</p> <p>The board nominated a working group of MG BC and RW to continue the project with JG also involved if he is available.</p> <p>Other fund raising NB advised that a presentation of Neil Warnock's one man show was planned for 28th June at the Princess Theatre with proceeds going to the club. MW had asked TUST to provide volunteer support and also offered an opportunity to promote TUST in the lobby area.</p> <p>SD will liaise with Charlie Baker over plans for a separate fund raising event for TUST.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>SD</p>
<p>24/52</p> <p>a)</p> <p>b)</p> <p>c)</p>	<p>Partner organisations</p> <p>Community Sports Trust (TUCST) MW has indicated a desire to work closely with TUCST.</p> <p>Women's Team Likewise, MW wants to bring the Women's team into the club fold. He has been given the manager's contact details.</p> <p>SW Supporters Trust Group The next meeting is on 5th June. NB preparing the agenda.</p>	
<p>24/53</p>	<p>Media, PR and marketing The significant shift in communication policy by the club and its new owners was noted and welcomed. The support of the local media for the new regime was also noted.</p> <p>MW had suggested that TUST may wish to look into new promotional boards for future events and had provided examples. RW to pass details to RB to contact local suppliers for quotes.</p> <p>The club's fan survey for new away kits was noted as a successful marketing campaign with a huge response. While the modern designs were understood the board noted comments from supporters that a more traditional style using yellow and blue was needed for the home kit. NB to relay these views to MW.</p>	<p>RW/RB</p> <p>NB</p>

	<p>Consortium member Tom Allen had circulated a draft fan survey questionnaire for TUST to comment on. A number of points were made and AB volunteered to co-ordinate these into a response to TA the next day.</p>	AB
24/54	<p>Any other business</p> <p>(a) TUST Strategy RW noted the need for the Strategy Team to review the Strategic Plan as circumstances had changed considerably. This will be done over the Summer after which the ST is likely to become dormant.</p> <p>b) TUST name A question over the use of the name TUST or the TUST or the Trust had been raised at a recent meeting. It was agreed that TUST was a widely recognised name and should be retained.</p> <p>c) TUST social MT and BC proposed a social evening for board members. All agreed it was a good idea and they will liaise to find a suitable date and venue.</p> <p>d) Chairman's duties The amount of time that NB puts into TUST business and travelling from his North Somerset home in particular was hugely appreciated by the board and members offered their assistance to deputise for him if necessary for local meetings etc. It was also noted that he declines any contribution towards his expenses despite previous offers by TUST to assist.</p>	<p>BC</p> <p>MT/BC</p>

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Monday 17th June 2024 at 6.30pm

Chairman's signature.....Date