Candidate Statement – Nick Brodrick

Proposer: Rob Dickinson Seconder: Bob Cole

My life long love affair with Torquay United began in January 1965 watching the late Robin Stubbs score two magical goals in that FA Cup Third Round 3-3 draw with Tottenham Hotspur.

From 1968 to 1971 I watched when I could whilst going through teacher training at St Luke's in Exeter then finding a teaching job in Hertfordshire, moving to another one in the same county as Headmaster.

Subsequently, Headships followed in Kent and Berkshire. Whilst for many years I could only follow results from afar moving to Wokingham in 1993 meant round trips were possible. So from then on I became a season ticket holder and have sat in the same Family Stand seat ever since.

During these years our three children would accompany me with my son Tim being a match mascot on two occasions, the second helping Neville Southall to warm up!

Now living in West Somerset the journeys to Plainmoor are considerably shorter which allowed me to join the TUST board in 2018.

In my time on the board I have led the original Matchday Ambassadors, met regularly with the previous ownership's CEO George Edwards to try to re-engage TUST with the football club, been a part of bringing together the Bryn Consortium and setting up Paint Up Plainmoor.

In 2022 I was appointed Chairman and two years later following TUST's successful Community Share Issue I joined the football club board as a director a position which has recently been renewed for a further two years.

I am proud to have led the trust through the challenges of administration and then the re-emergence of Torquay United, the increase of our membership to almost 1200 and the current Forever Yellow fund raising, now up to £89,000.

Being involved in the running of a professional club is almost a full-time job but I have a great team on the TUST board who willingly give of their time to ensure we all have a sustainable football club for future generations to enjoy.

Nothing in football stays the same and I believe I still have the energy and motivation to lead the Supporters' trust to face whatever challenges lie ahead.