



# NUNEATON TOWN SUPPORTERS' CO-OPERATIVE

Meeting opens at 7.30pm, Coton Sports Club, 16th November, 2016

**Present:** R. Barnes, B. Bruce, M. Turner, J. Hobson, D. Hall, J. Skuce, P. Davis, M. Ball

**Apologies:** R. Miller

**Minutes of last meeting:** Signed off as true record.

**Treasurers' report:** G/A: £7591.57 C/F: £7825.07. Received: Membership fees £4. Donation £20. Payments: Christmas Raffle Tickets £34.80. FCA Fees £60.

**Co-opted on to committee:** Simon Forsdick.

**Report back from James Mathie:** The chairman reported on a phone call with James Mathie. James told of a phone conversation with the football club chairman, Lee Thorn. He had outlined the procedure for the Co-operative to prepare their bid for the club and ground. A further email has been sent to Lee Thorn outlining several points. This was read out to the committee. A reply was hoped for as soon as possible from him. It was pointed out, that, if Lee Thorn had responded to emails in the past, we could have been three months further down the line with this process. If a quick reply isn't received, we should point this problem out to our members.

The committee spent a further hour discussing details of the bid and structuring of different models for ownership, and efforts to contact any interested parties on coming on board with us.

It was suggested that some marketing within the town, would need to be done to give some idea of interest in investment.

The recent restructuring of fan ownership at Telford Utd, from fully fan-owned to being able to invite investment from outside parties, was voted in by 97% by their membership.

**Website and communication:** Ben continues to work on communication with the members, via blogs and emails, but was concerned about keeping the momentum up, to help our members believe that a fans' buyout is possible. Perhaps explaining the possible ownership models would help.

**A.O.B.:** Roger reported on a covenant being signed between the football club and the Army, based at Bramcote, for training purposes. During phone conversations regarding this, Roger had spoken to Guy Branston, who told him he no longer worked at the football club. Our chairman told the meeting of message from Paul Egan, club physio, thanking the Co-op for their help to him over the past few years, and telling him that he had also left the club.

Roger asked about the position regarding the club shop. After a discussion, it was agreed to hold on at the moment, due to the position of the club. To be possibly pursued in the future.

Ben reported a charity appeal from FCUM for old clothing. We are playing them twice over the next two week, any contributions welcome. Also he has been talking to Jim Astley regarding a return to the Co-operative board. Old programmes, rescued from the club would soon be going on sale on eBay.

Dave Hall asked about producing a newsletter in the New Year.

Mike thanked Roger for carrying out the Remembrance ceremony again this year.

Next meeting: Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November, 7.30pm Coton Sports Club

Meeting closed 9.10pm

