



NUNEATON TOWN SUPPORTERS' CO-OPERATIVE

Meeting opens at 7.40pm, Coton Liberal Club, 19th October, 2016

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

Apologies: R. Miller

A member, Ben Mayne, was introduced to the committee, and express his concerns about the football club at the present time. Following a discussion with the committee, about the situation, Ben then left the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting: Signed off as true record.

Treasurers' report: G/A: £7859.67. C/F: £7679.77. Notes: Cheques issued to: SD Membership £100, 1&1 Internet (FTTT Website) £100.66, Nuneaton Trophies: £45 (replating George Brindley trophy)

Supporters Direct/Fan Ownership: The chairman reported on a conversation with James Mathie of Supporters' Direct. One of the points being the ACV on the ground. His interpretation was that this would stand. It was agreed that we needed confirmation of the ACV, from the council, in writing, although this had been confirmed by telephone recently. One member voiced his concerns about the current town plan regarding land in the borough. It was suggested that we should try and arrange a meeting with the council, with whoever deals with these matters. Mike Turner would try and arrange this. James has been supplied with two numbers on which to contact the football club, about our wish to acquire the ground and football club. The football club chairman's email, asking to see our business plan for owning the club, was suggested to be pointless when no figures for the sale of the club and ground have been released. You wouldn't consider buying anything without knowing the price.

One member suggested that we should try and meet the rugby club's officials, following further break downs in their relationship with the football club, this was agreed, and Roger offered to try and arrange a meeting with them and a Co-operative sub-committee (Roger, Ben, Peter, Jim) as soon as possible.

Intellectual Property names to be investigated.

Website: Ben continues to do good work on our website, with lots of good ideas to improve it. Any other suggestions welcome. He's also been working on the membership form online. Mike suggested Easy Fundraising being included, with Christmas coming up. Monthly email to members.

Membership: Suggestion of approaching ex-players to join, would cause interest and possible further members for the Co-op.

Sub-committee on Community: Roger reported on the latest meeting with Guy Branston of the football club. They are hoping to use the facilities at Ambleside, with a reciprocated effort from the football club, following a meeting with them. Stockingford and Bulkington are not interested. The local college could be a possibility for catering at the club? The whereabouts of our wheelchairs to be brought up at next meeting.

200 Club: No membership forms have been received from the football club. Dave Hall read out the names of members whose contact details still need to confirmed, after the theft of his bag a few weeks ago. Committee members were asked to help with this, where possible.

Remembrance: Mike Turner to source wreath, Roger to do proceedings. 2pm, Saturday, 12th November (Stockport game). Guy Branston to be contacted for possible football club involvement on the day.

AOB: Ben brought up questions from fans:

1. About fan ownership, and the involvement of outside parties. It was stated that we have always said that we would consider this.
 2. Would we be interested in just the club and not the ground. Supporters Direct suggest we would need to own both.
 3. Are the club really interested in dealing with the Co-op, and would they be prepared to wait while the money to buy the ground was raised? The answer was, we do not know that at the present time, to both parts of the question.
- Jim Skuce offered to become more involved in outside meetings where possible.

Action Plan: **Council/John; Rugby Club/Roger, Peter, Jim, Ben; SD/John; Intellectual Prop/Ben; Membership/Ben; Inquiry at Loveitts/Peter; Wheelchairs/Roger.**

Meeting closed. Next meeting: Wednesday, 2nd November, Coton Sports Club, 7.30pm

