



# NUNEATON TOWN SUPPORTERS' CO-OPERATIVE

Meeting opens at 7.30pm, Coton Liberal Club, 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2016

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

**Apologies:** R. Miller

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

**Treasurers' report:** G/A: £8267.87 C/F: £7801.07. Received: Membership £10 + £3 donation. 200 Club share for August, September, October £541.50 (20% to contingency). Payments: Wreath £25.

**Supporters' Direct/Fan Ownership:** The chairman reported an initial telephone conversation has taken place between the football chairman and James Mathie of Supporters' Direct. Details of the sale, from the estate agent, have not appeared online yet.

**Website/Communication:** No pictures have been received for Ben's proposed gallery, but the online membership form now appears to be working, with one coming through up to now. He asked for more details of Twitter and Facebook login details and an up to date copy of email addresses of the membership.

**Membership:** Ben suggested that we push for more corporate members, and asked what they got for this. This benefits were outlined to him. He asked how we could up the benefits for them. Several websites of other trusts were suggested as possibly places for ideas for this. This could be used for a possible pitch to attract more corporate interest. He has also looked into a database for membership, but this, perhaps was not cost effective and the moment.

**Sub-committee meeting (Rugby Club):** Roger reported on the meeting, and Jim Skuce produced minutes of this, which was generally very amicable. The possibility of a sporting trust was talked about, involving several sports bodies in the town, and the possibilities that this could bring about. There also seemed to be a desire to up the ante with the football club by some members of the rugby club committee. There seems to be some dispute over parking returns. Roger texted the rugby club chairman the next day about this, and asked them to back off a bit. At the following game, on the Saturday, the rugby club erected barriers half way down the entrance driveway and were trying to charge football supporters, going to park at the football ground, a £2 parking fee. Roger will contact the rugby club to ascertain if this is their policy at football club home games in the future, and report back to the committee. It was agreed that we should try and retain a working relationship with the rugby club for the benefit of our members. Another meeting with the rugby club has been arranged for Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> November, when Roger suggested that the rugby club should be approached about a meeting with them, and Supporters' Direct.

**Remembrance Day:** The form of the short service was discussed. Roger would conduct proceedings. Wreath has been purchased. This football club would be contacted and invited to attend.

**Charity quiz support:** The monthly charity quiz at Griff & Coton on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, 8pm, will be for T.O.D.I.N.C, a charity for children suffering from diabetes, which is supported by David Parnell, one of our sponsors. We have been asked if we could provide a team for this, and possible prizes. It was agreed that we should support this event. Details would be emailed out to our members.

**A.O.B:** Dave Hall asked about the whereabouts of the wheelchairs. Roger found out that they are in the storeroom at the ground. They needed to be put out on match days. This would have to be done by the stewards. Ben raised the idea of the shop being opened after enquiries from members, sale of the club permitting. He has also been asked about a possible meeting between fans and the football club team management. State of the toilets and the frost covers were also raised by members.

Next meeting: Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November, Coton Sports Club. 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.45 pm.

