



# NUNEATON TOWN SUPPORTERS' CO-OPERATIVE

Meeting opens at 7.35pm, Coton Sports Club, 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2017

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

**Apologies:** R. Miller

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

**Treasurers' report:** G/A: Figures as last meeting. Accounts signed off and paid.

**Community Ownership:** Harry reported a problem with his laptop, and been unable to send out details. But he's done more financial modelling and had conversations with James Mathie of SD regarding time scales and investment etc, James would offer any further help needed. The ways other clubs had gone about community ownership was discussed with James by Harry, also potential sponsors.

A bullet pointed financial account was suggested, by the committee for presentation, eventually.

He said that he would present up to date account to the board members by the weekend.

**Nuneaton RFC:** Three members of the committee met with representatives of the rugby club on Monday evening, and were left in no doubt about our feelings regarding the recent escalation of events in their dispute with the football club.

Their chairman stated that he was not present on Saturday when the catering facility doorway was blocked, with staff inside. He said that it was a sub-contractor that was responsible. This was disputed by members of our committee at our meeting. The rugby club chairman did say that he would investigate the latest happenings.

They were told that, whoever was responsible, they should make a public apology to the girl involved.

Several members of our committee expressed their disgust at these recent developments from the rugby club, and found it difficult to have anything to do with them at present.

It has also been suggested to the rugby club chairman, by one of our committee, on Facebook, that his recent inflammatory comments on there were not helping the situation between the two sides, and alienating our members towards the rugby club.

It now appears that the football club are disputing the exact boundaries of their land, but the rugby club are saying that this is clear on their deeds, and would show anyone. It appears that the two sides may be referring to different deeds.

One member of our committee had taken some private advice on this, and it was suggested that it could take expensive legal work to define these disputed boundaries which the Co-operative could not get involved with.

The rugby club said that if the present offer by the football club, for them to play on the pitch had been made at the start of the season, they would have accepted it.

The Co-operative would continue to seek ways of trying to resolve the dispute.

It was decided at the end of the meeting that contact should be maintained.

**2017 Planner:** Two dates have been suggested for an end-of-season event, yet to be decided. Ben is confident it could be a success for ourselves and the football club. Ideas were suggested for voting by members for player of the season etc. More details to follow regarding catering etc. The football club seem keen for this to take place. The Mary Ann Evans Hospice would again be designated cause.

**Newsletter:** A start has been made on this, but more copy was needed as soon as possible. A copy of progress so far would be emailed out to committee members. A six sided, three-fold A4 sheet was shown, which would cost £40 for a thousand.

**Board Structure:** Roger has spoken to Ray regarding his re-election, but his feelings are that at present he doesn't feel well enough to carry on. Thanks were given to Simon Forsdick for his efforts whilst he was onboard. He hopes to return as soon as his personal situation enables this. Another member, Jonathan Collett, unfortunately cannot join the board at present due work commitments, but has offered to help in his field of expertise

**AOB:** 200 Club March draw on 25<sup>th</sup>, at game versus Flyde.

The taking over of the club shop by the Co-operative for next season, was again discussed. A draft on this would be produced. Online sales etc could happen.

Possibility of stall in town to publicise NTSC, Ben to investigate.

Meeting closed 8.55pm. Next meeting: Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Coton Sports Club.

