

# Nuneaton Town Supporters' Co-operative

Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2011, at Liberty Way

Present: J. Hobson, R. Miller, J. Skuce, M. Turner, D. Hall, P. Burdett, M. Ball, A. Briggs

Apologies: J. Astley, M. Axon, R. Barnes

Meeting starts at 7.15 pm

3. The minutes of the previous meeting was taken as a true and accurate record.

4. **Chairman's report:** John Hobson and Mike Turner reported on Alan Cooper's funeral, saying that there had been a good turnout of members of both the Co-operative and BISC paying their respects to him.

John spoke of the email he'd sent to the football club regarding the Co-operatives' response after the meeting with the football club (27/10/11) and the email received, stating, that the football club thought the Co-operative were being very negative to matters raised at the meeting. John expressed his extreme anger at the reply he had received.

Dave Hall suggested it was a response down mainly to the pressures the football club board were under at the moment, due to poor cash flow from the lack of home fixtures during the last couple of months.

The committee agreed that this was possibly the contributing factor for the tone of the reply.

Andy Briggs suggested that the committee wait for any further approach from the football club, he stated that the Co-operative had plenty to concentrate on at the moment with Christmas raffle, AGM etc.

John spoke of the Legends event, and he said someone like Mark Grimes, with his connections, would be invaluable if ever the Co-operative were to get involved in this event.

5. **Secretary's report:** Jim said via email (absent due to work commitments) that he'd been in contact with Jacqui of Supporters' Direct via email and she was generally approving of work done so far. She mentioned some football trust's that might be able to help with advice regarding board representative if needed.

6. **Treasurer's report:** Ray said that some work was still to done regarding the old Trust's accounts.

7. **Communication with football club:** Covered by chairman's report (4)

8. **Memorial Garden:** Mike Turner handed the treasurer a cheque from BISC for £200 towards the costs. He reported that he had drawn up a programme for Saturday's dedication service and outlined it to the meeting. He said that the Press and radio had been approached for coverage, and it had been posted on the fans' forum and Facebook.

The bench was in place but needed some brackets to anchor it down.

The chairman expressed a special thanks to everyone who had worked so hard on the project over the last 4/5 months.

9. **Christmas Raffle:** John presented 10 books of raffle tickets, for members' to sell for the Christmas raffle. Prizes were now coming in, including hamper, wine, spirits, jigsaws, possible vouchers, Christmas cake, toiletries, address book etc, more needed!

10. **A.O.B.** Peter Burdett said that he thought the football club, as a grateful gesture, could have invited some people who had worked on the Memorial Garden to the pre-match meal, instead of looking for payment for them to attend, after all their good work on the project.

Mike Turner mentioned suggestions he had made to the football club chairman regarding groups such as Stroke Club, OAP clubs and the like getting involved in the Community Garden. It was suggested that community vehicles could be used for transporting them to and fro. Perhaps Rotary could be involved. It was suggested that a document could be prepared and sent to any such groups who might be interested. Andy Briggs volunteered to do any photography, if needed.

Martin Ball had started revamping the Corporate Members' leaflet. We need to work on getting Corporate members involved. Approaching local businesses was suggested, also the local MP might be met and approached to join.

An initial fee of £50 was suggested to start it off. Andy Briggs said his firm would be interested, but suggest that the Co-operative's website must be completed first, so that any interested businesses can see a slick presentation with that. Businesses would benefit from exposure on the website, Co-operative literature, and possible future scoreboard advertising etc.

11. **Date for next meeting:** November 24<sup>th</sup>, 7.00pm, Liberty Way.

Meeting closed: 8.30pm