

Nuneaton Town Supporters' Co-operative

1. Meeting opens 7.35pm on 14th March 2013 at Coton Liberal Club.
2. Present: Jim Astley, Ben Bruce, John Hobson, Dave Hall, Pete Burdett, Ray Miller, Martin Ball, Jim Skuce, Mike Turner, Andy Briggs, and Roger Barnes.
Apologies: Ben Bruce, and Mark Mortlock.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true and accurate record

Action Plan

1. Plan Newsletter – All - ongoing
 2. Prepare for AGM – Jim A – ongoing. Jim A and Mike to meet on 18/3/13.
 3. Investigate process for Model Rules – Mike - ongoing. Jim A and Mike to meet on 18/3/13.
 4. Arrange meeting with Ian Neale regarding Sportsman's Evening – John contact IN
 5. Prepare posters – Ben – Distribute posters – all. Ben had produced some posters but the Club requested some amendments, which had led to a delay.
 6. Investigate turnstiles – Jim A – ongoing.
 7. Register ground as a 'community asset' – ongoing – Mike (see agenda)
 8. Contact Ian Neale regarding Localism Act – Jim A – To be done.
 9. Amend and distribute Fan Director Update – Jim A – done.
 10. Research SLO – Jim A – ongoing.
 11. Arrange meeting with Rugby Club – Jim A, Mike, Ben and John – completed (see agenda).
 12. FA Cup Bonanza – Jim A – see agenda.
 13. VHS to DVDs – Jim A and Ben – not done.
 14. Store Room/ Kit Room – All – see agenda.
 15. Review Membership – John – ongoing.
 16. Contact Jacqui Forster at SD regarding FSA – Jim A – done. Jim read out Jacqui's reply. It was agreed to change the name to 'Nuneaton Town Supporters' Society Limited' T/A Nuneaton Town Supporters' Co-Operative.
4. Chairman's Report – John said he had nothing to report.
5. Secretary's Report – Jim A explained that Mark Axon had resigned due to work commitments. The Board thanked him for his contributions over the years and hoped to see him back if/when his commitments allowed.
- Jim A said a rough date of 13th May 2013 has been set for the AGM. It was agreed that Mike and Jim A would meet on Monday 18th March to discuss the AGM and Model Rules in detail.
- Turnstiles – Jim A said he had some communication with Ian Neale regarding the Club's request for assistance with providing a turnstile/turnstiles. Dave suggested that we could buy one and retain ownership, while perhaps putting a plaque on it? Dave added that getting thrown out of this league for failing to meet ground grading would be devastating. Roger suggested looking for a second hand one from somewhere. John said we should first ask what the Club are doing before we can make an informed decision. Jim a said he would speak to Ian Neale on Saturday after the Lincoln game and would email board members as this is time sensitive.
6. Treasurer's Report – Ray said the money from Easyfundraising.com had arrived. Mike asked if the FSA had sent an acknowledgement to say they had received the change of rule notice, allowing the Co-operative to publish an examination of accounts instead of a full audit? Dave said no. John said he would telephone the FSA and chase up. Roger said he would write to the FSA and request an acknowledgement if required.
7. 200 Club – Dave said that he was still trying to get people to pay by standing order, rather than cash where possible.
8. Fan Ownership – Localism Act – Mike said that the form had been filled in and had sent the letter to the Council. The process takes around eight weeks.
9. Rugby Club Meeting – John gave a short report from Jim A, Mike and John's meeting with the Rugby Club from the day before. John said they met with Chairman Robert Ryan, who was found to be an upfront and honest chap. The Rugby Club was in no financial position to pay for the road. Robert said that the Football Club were responsible for fifty per cent of the road and that they were very open to discussions on future fund-raising or grants (Jim A said he would contact Supporters' Direct about possible grant), Ray said that as they own the land, applying for grants may be much easier. John suggested that we could get a working party together to offer a short-term solution. Andy said he had a whacker plate that he could lend to us if required. Mike suggested that we contact the Club and ask them to remind supporters that there is a path along the road that can be used.

10. FA Cup Bonanza/Sportsman's Evening – John said he would contact the Club and arrange a meeting. Pete asked if we jointly arranged the event and it made a loss, would we share the loss with the Football Club? John said that these are the sorts of things to discuss at the meeting.

11. Store Room/Kit Room – Jim A said that Pete, Jim S, Ben and Jim A's brother Tom had attended the toilet block on three different occasions. The wooden partitions had been removed, as have the urinals, WC's and cisterns. Tom had also removed the boiler. Pete had gone back and put all the items into a skip, and had cleaned the room. Jim A said he would talk to Ian Neale about the next step.

12. Newsletter – Jim A said he would send some stuff to Martin. Martin said he was waiting for some stuff from Ben.

13. Any Other Business

- Jim A said he had received an email from Ian Neale saying that Club were wearing black armbands and having a minute's silence in memory of the recently passed Boro' goalkeeper Arthur Barber.
- Jim S said the Club should be alerted that the row of conifers currently located by the old toilet block will continue to grow and could cause the Club problems soon, with the roots causing damage.

14. Next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 28th March 2013.

Meeting ends at 9pm.

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12. FSA Acknowledgement – John.
13. Work Party for potholes?
14. Contact Club about fans walking on path by Rugby Club.
15. Newsletter – All