

## **Northampton Town Supporters Ltd**

## Board meeting on 10 March 2022 (via Zoom)

In attendance: Andy Roberts (Chair), John Morgan (Acting Secretary), Robert Souster,

Simon Miller, Derek Krajewski, Dave Rawlings

Visitors: Kevin Simons, Andy Freeman, Jeffrey Roy

Apologies: Ian Atkins, Keith Buckby, Bob Clarke, Barry Collins, Stefan Krywawych

1.	Welcome
	Andy Roberts (AR) welcomed everyone to the meeting
2.	Minutes of meeting - 17 February 2022
	This meeting was not quorate – email decisions from the January meeting were agreed and a general discussion about the Sixfields stand and land deal took place.
3.	Matters Arising
A	Stand & Land and ACV position
	Andy Roberts (AR) summarised that the deal between West Northants Council (WNC) and County Developments Northampton Ltd (CDNL) – which is owned by Northampton Town Football Club (NTFC) – was agreed at WNC Cabinet on 8 March.  As Asset of Community Value (ACV) holder for land at Sixfields, the Trust now awaits official notification from WNC of their intentions on land disposal.  It is understood that a section of the ACV land, relating to the old athletics track land behind the East Stand, will be the freehold title of NTFC with development on it restricted to that which directly benefits the football club and the local community.  The Trust will consider its options under the Localism Act once notification is received.
В	30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Trust and NTFC 125 years
	AR reported that St Crispin's Social Club in Northampton had been provisionally booked, a date in late September/early October, for a reunion of 1970s NTFC players. Admission would be discounted for Trust members.  Phipps NBC brewery will be producing a Trust Celebration ale later in the year. Trust discount to apply.
	It has been agreed to commission a painting of the Bristol Rovers 1998 match at Sixfields and for prints to be made available for sale. Trust discount to apply. Bob Souster (BS) to take forward with stadium artist Paul Town.  The Trust will also purchase a table at the end-of-season gala dinner to mark NTFC's 125 <sup>th</sup> anniversary. A ballot of Trust members interested in attending will be held.
С	Membership fees/review
	AR said that the membership review would see a) life membership status unchanged b) scrapping of multi-year deals and c) the introduction of a flat rate annual fee of £10 for individual adult membership, £5 for under-18s and £100 for a new corporate membership. Members discussed how best to incentivise corporate membership and will take a decision as to when the new fees would be introduced.

1	Treasurer's Report
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	Bob Clarke (BC) circulated a report via email:-
	Barry Collins (BCol) advised he is getting the Co-op statements and the last balance, including PayPal money, is £54,955.
	B Col is taking or has taken over the Travel Club accounts from outgoing secretary Helen Hickman.
	There is scope to transfer at least £2,000 from each balance on the Travel Club, £11,048, and Lottery Club 500.
	I have established contact with Easy FundRaising which looks interesting and potentially lucrative for the Trust if set up and worked correctly, with no cost to us. The total raised so far has been £560.81 and this has been transferred to our bank over an extended period maybe years, but the account is virtually dormant. If we can get members and
_	others to buy in it could work for us.
5.	Cobblers Travel
	No update
6.	Membership Report
	No update, the handover with former Membership Secretary Stuart Taylor will take place in the next couple of weeks.
7.	Club 500
	No update
8.	Correspondence
	The only correspondence has been with West Northamptonshire Council officers and members via email in relation to the stand and land development.
9.	AOB
	AR then went around the table to see if members had any other business to discuss: -
	<ul> <li>Dave Rawlings (DR) felt that the Trust needed to be at the forefront of bringing together supporters around future infrastructure plans for the football club and stadium site. John Morgan (JM) said it was important that any fan-led initiatives were backed up by a robust business plan. AR felt that a conversation about infrastructure at NTFC was long overdue and hoped that a partnership approach involving the club, council and supporters could look at ways of supporting, enabling and funding any fan- led initiatives.</li> </ul>
10	Date of Next Meeting
	14 April 2022 via Zoom at 7.15pm