

Northampton Town Supporters Ltd

Board meeting on 16 June 2022 (via Zoom)

In attendance: Andy Roberts (AR) (Chair), John Morgan (Acting Secretary, JM), Keith

Buckby, Derek Krajewski, Dave Rawlings (DR), Simon Miller

Visitors: None

Apologies: Bob Clarke (Treasurer, BC), Stefan Krywawych, Bob Souster, Ian Atkins

1.	Welcome
	Andy Roberts (AR) welcomed everyone to the meeting
2.	Minutes of meeting – 14 April 2022
	Agreed – proposed Keith Buckby, seconded by Derek Krajewski
3.	Matters Arising
Α	Stand & Land and ACV position
	AR reported that the Trust has until September 3 to submit a bid for the ACV land, approximately 3.61 acres. A meeting was held on with the local company, proposed joint venture partners, to agree the details of a proposal which will develop the land with annual ongoing investment benefit and increased commercial opportunities for the football club. AR has written to West Northamptonshire Council, who own the freehold of the ACV land, with a view to arranging a meeting to discuss the bid proposal. Heads Of Terms have been drawn up by JM, we are awaiting a business plan and site visuals from the company. It has also been made public that Cilldara, rival bidder for all of the Sixfields land under sale consideration, has applied for a judicial review which could stall any sale of land for several months. Thought was given to a position statement, to be issued in late June, outlining the key elements of the proposed deal for the ACV land going forward.
В	The Trust has a number of discounted offers planned for Trust members around the 30 th anniversary. These include the production of a Brew 92 special beer by Phipps, an original and prints of the Bristol Rovers game in 1998 by stadium artist Paul Town, a 1970s players reunion in Northampton, a Story of the Cobblers book out later this year and hopefully a seat at the club's 125 anniversary dinner. Members will be updated with full details around the anniversary offers at the beginning of July.

BC reported that he had no access to the PayPal account and required former treasurer Barry Collins to hand it over and inform the Co-Op that he has resigned the position and handed over to BC. The website link to PayPal has been left open as funds may have to be directed there via the website as we have no alternative payment option at present. BC started to explore various card payment options with terminals or payment direct to Co-op Bank by Bacs transfer. Last month the balance on the main account was £52,544 an update is being sought. The balance in the Travel Club account in April was £11,917, again an update is being sought. At the last meeting it was mentioned that we had spent about £15k last season subsidising long trips and that we should perhaps charge more on the shorts trips to cover that cost. Barry had said he would issue a full schedule of accounts at the end of the season and transfer profits to the Co-op account, and he must do this earlier now the situation has changed. We also proposed to look at profits for Club 500 and transfer those to Co-op and this also needs to be resolved and handed over. It is proposed that Travel and Club 500 money will be shown as income in the accounts.
Cobblers Travel
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A breakaway Teyn Travel group, including Trust director Barry Collins, was set up before a meeting could be held to discuss the Cobblers/Trust Travel club situation. This was noted with considerable disappointment and Barry Collins accordingly resigned from the Trust board. Barry was a founder member of the Trust and served under the late Brian Lomax – the board would like to thank him for his service and, more recently, his work as Treasurer. AR is to meet Barry to discuss a handover of Cobblers Travel business. The board took a view that it is likely going to be very difficult to sustain four travel clubs for Northampton Town FC in the coming months. In consultation with former Trust chairman Roger Averill, who is active in the Cobblers Travel club, it was agreed to look at the initial fixtures when published and take a view regarding the travel club from there.
Membership Report
AR reported that Trust membership has remained constant at 710. AR is presently updating the Membermojo software and he and KB have agreed to meet, probably in July, to establish how best the software can assist the Trust's membership application and communications, also renewals. It is important that the new membership system is fully aligned with an updated website and payment mechanism.
Club 500
No update
Correspondence
Two messages in response to the member ACV update – from Gary Cox and Dale Church. The latter's email will be circulated to the board.

9.	AOB
	 DR said it was important that the Trust had a robust communications plan around the ACV land plans and suggested that Cobblers fan influencers and supporter groups should be targeted by our messaging. AR said he would nudge West Northants Council and our proposed business partner for an update in time for the next meeting and that he would circulate a proposed reply to the council who have requested confirmation of liaison representatives for the coming year.
10	Date of Next Meeting
	14 July 2022 via Zoom at 7.30pm