

TGFC Meeting Minutes

Present:

TGFC: Simon Colebrook (PST), Donald Vass (PST), Barry Dewing (PISA), Howard Benfield (DSA), Barry Thompson (NB), Roy Gregory (CB), Kev Ryan (CB), Steve Tovey (CB), Ian Marshall (Chimes), John Brindley, Graham Price (808), Suzy King (808), Andrew hunt (CB), Emma Mann (CB)

PFC: Eric Eisner, Andy Redman, Mark Catlin, Johnny Moore, Anna Mitchell, Tony Brown,

Apologies:

TGFC: Mike Fulcher, Pam Wilkins, Dan Taylor, Spencer Green, John Cannings, Gemma Raggett, Steve Cornell-Davis, Tony Needham, Dan Taylor, Peter House

1	Meeting Opened 10.00.am Saturday 02 November 2019
2	<p><u>Questions:</u></p> <p><u>Ground Delevopement:</u></p> <p>The Milton End development was discussed, Pfc plans are ready for submission. Mark Catlin said that real life drawings will be ready for public viewing shortly . He had hoped they would be ready this morning . However Drawings have been sent back to tweak not yet returned.</p> <p>Pre-planning and feed back from Portsmouth City Council (PCC), the options to let the fans know of the development stages and meetings with Network Rails were all discussed.</p> <p>The overall infrastructure for a walk way, improvements at Fratton Station and the obstacles were discussed at length.</p> <p>Mark Catlin said that there is a lot of positive support in discussions with PCC re walkway however footbridge to walkway also needed; and it was acknowledged that Network Rail is very slow to make any descisions.</p> <p>It was acknowledged current political uncertainty was a further obstacle. As a consequence the club confirmed; they did not expect project to be completed in time for start of next season.</p>

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	<p>One possible solution to current impasse could be triggered by sale of Pompey Centre which may release part of site which in turn could result in construction of housing and in turn the walkway and rail footbridge.</p> <p>Discussions followed as to what TGFC and Pompey Fans could do , it was agreed to defer action at this point in time.</p> <p>Discussions followed in which Andy Redman pressed the point that what they were trying to achieve was important for city as a whole not just the club, a vision which partners such as Portsmouth University shared and it was important that PCC shared this vision. There was no point constructing 30k capacity stadium if the 30,000 fans could not get there !</p>	
<p>2</p>	<p><u>January Recruitment</u></p> <p>Lengthy discussion was held regarding last January's disappointing recruitment which saw a dip in form. Members also questioned some of the summer signings which had not performed to date.</p> <p>Kenny Jackett was happy with current set up in that in addition to Phil Boardman he also has Roberto Gagliardi covering Europe.</p> <p>Eric Eisner advised that this January they were looking to bringing in quality players who were fit and ready to play from Day 1.</p> <p>Eric advised Board had faith in Kenny and encouraged fans to rally round and be the 12th man and help club progress</p>	
<p>3</p>	<p><u>Academy</u></p> <p>Mark Catlin confirmed substantial investment had been made into Youth set up . TGFC acknowledged that team were showing signs of improvement on pitch as a result of the investment and appointment of Sean O'Driscoll and coaching staff.</p> <p>Discussions followed re achieving higher academy status. Andy Redman said that it did not make commercial sense to take the next step at this point. However both Andy and Mark confirmed they were always looking for a new home for Academy . Mark confirmed discussions had taken place with Rugby camp but they were not interested . However if for example HMS Collingwood became available they would consider.</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p>PITC:- Mark Catlin confirmed the club would continue to support PITC, its fundraising activities and indirect investment but there are no plans for any</p>	

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	direct investment of funds.	
5	Bury Credit Update:- Mark said that further to a unanimous vote at last meeting , a statement would be issued very shortly . There had been un- envisaged issues with Ticketmaster which meant that current the thinking may mean the club is forced credit for next season along with shop credit. The club are also discussing would an option to claim a refund.	
<u>Meeting Closed 10.55am</u> <u>Date & Time for Next Meeting to be arranged: Saturday 16th November (now postponed)</u>		