# **Cheltenham Town Supporters Society Ltd**



**Board Members Meeting** 

Tuesday 16th January 2024 8pm

Via Discord

## **Minutes**

#### **Present**

James Young (JY), Leo Hoenig (LH), John Cooper(JC), Jenny Hancock (JHanc), Jaimie Henderson (JHen), Sam Lear (SL), Sam Nair (SN), Simon Watten (SW), Dave Beesley (DB), Ryan Grimmett (RG)

### **Apologies**

#### None

Outstanding from previous meeting on 11th December 2023

- JY has made contact with Ryan, who has joined us this evening, was welcomed to the board and all round introductions made.
- JY still to provide AGM minutes for website.
- SL confirmed that there is a plan in place for forthcoming dedicated LGBTQ+ fixture, likely 17<sup>th</sup> Feb v Port Vale. Sam to let the board know via Discord if there is anything we can to assist.
- JC and JHend still to liaise re members who need to use new payment system.
- DB still to investigate whether integrating Memberful and Discord to form a members chat platform is viable.
- DB to look at Trust website and see if we can make minutes more easily accessible.
- JHend still to provide sales figures for second shirt.
- Bicycle rack proposal for discussion below
- Cheltenham Lottery- for discussion below
- JC has submitted accounts to FCA.
- JY still to draft message to send to lost investors with option of transferring to standard membership.

	Discussion	Action
1.	Proposal from Paul Baker (PB)  The Trust were contacted by PB this week with an offer to purchase a substantial number of his shares in CTFC	JY, DB and JHanc to meet PB 17/1/24 and

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	[SENSITIVE PERSONAL FINANCIAL DETAILS REDACTED]. This would increase the Trusts holding to around 15% and make us the 3 <sup>rd</sup> largest shareholder. PB would retain a 10% stake in CTFC. This was discussed fully and at length by all and put to the vote. A unanimous decision to accept the offer was reached. This in line with our rules which allow the board to sanction expenditure up to £20000 at board level. 3 board members [NAMES REDACTED] have offered modest short term interest free loans to the trust to avoid a staggered payment arrangement.	accept offer, discuss the next steps. JY to contact FSA for advice on documentation required for loans and shares transactions
2.	Cycle Provision Our cycle provision proposal is ready to put to the CTFC board. DB expressed some concerns that it will raise objections from some Directors on the Club Board. On discussion it was agreed this is something that fans and our survey have highlighted a need for and ties in with green and sustainable approach to transport. Also, important alongside above discussion to be able to demonstrate to fans that we are listening to them and investing in facility improvement at the ground.	Decision made for DB to progress our cycle rack proposal by taking it to the board.
3.	Cheltenham Lottery JC has provided a crib sheet to the board ahead of meeting. Lottery principal is no risk to trust, generates regular income, supports other good causes and gives us another way to engage with supporters and could replace our previous 50/50 draw. It was agreed that we would sign up to this and roll it out.	JY and JHend to draft a message to role out to members and on social media platforms.
4.	Governance Audit Report has been received from Nic Cave at FSA and shared with board. Several areas need addressing, to include adopting latest model rules, updating side policies, board member skills audit and trust/supporter engagement plan.	JHanc will set up meeting with Nic from FSA to start process
5.	AOB  JHanc raised the issue of awareness and presence in the ground of HerGameToo partnership, basic message on abuse reporting helpline publicised by club.	JHanc will discuss with Kelly ( HGT Ambassador) and Kaylene (Club SLO)
6.	Next meeting Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 8pm via Discord	