

## **Minutes of Bradford City Supporters Board Meeting**

**Venue: Midland Hotel, Bradford**

**Date: Tuesday 28/04/2022, meeting commenced at 6.40 pm**

**In attendance: Ian Taylor (Chairperson), James Molyneux, Steve Gorringe, Tony Bates (Vice-Chairperson), John Barker, Manny Dominguez, Adam Baker (online), Wayne Robinson, Kate Eveleigh, Christine Tarren, Ryan Sparks, Marco Townson.**

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

**Apologies had been received from Keith Taylor.**

### **2. Minutes of April 4th Meeting**

**The Minutes of the 4th April Meeting, having been circulated were accepted as a true and correct record.**

### **3. Matters Arising**

**The Chairperson reiterated the condolences of the full Supporters Board to Christine on her bereavement.**

**The Supporter's Board to be involved in the drive to refurbish the seats in the Kop.**

**It was essential that volunteers from the Supporters Board assist in the May 7th Bucket Collection.**

**It was noted that the Under 19's fixtures are listed on the Official Club website.**

### **4. Report Back from the "Questionnaire" Team**

**Wayne Robinson reported on the draft Questionnaire, which had been previously circulated. It was agreed to add "means of transport" to home matches to the Questionnaire. Club offered a signed shirt to incentivise responses.**

**Marco Townson agreed to undertake a compliance review.**

### **5. Report Back from Working Party Team**

**A meeting had been arranged for Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May with the Club.**

## **6. Report Back from the Junior Football Initiative Team**

The Vice-Chairperson circulated a draft Project scoping document for comments and additions which would also form part of a compliance review.

Following the compliance review, the Vice-Chairperson would also liaise with Alan Nevison.

## **7. Report From the Club**

CEO Ryan Sparks delivered his regular report on off-field activities and answered all questions put by members of the Supporters Board.

Key points and answers are listed below:

The new Head of Recruitment would be in position and announced on Monday, 2nd May.

Season Tickets sales at w/c 25th April were approximately 3,500.

The Club shop was to be relocated to have a pitch side view and location, which would also host ticketing.

The commercial offering continues to be strengthened, essential as energy costs could be an extra £100,000 in the next 12 months.

Environmental sustainability is essential, not solely for budgeting but as an essential part of growth and partnership as this area was raised by all potential partners. The Club was discussing and studying how other clubs were approaching this area.

A new long-term agreement for Kit manufacture and supply would be announced on Monday, 23rd May.

A member of the Supporters Board requested that female gnomes be added to our retail offering.

## **8. Any Other Business**

The Chair asked each of the attendees in turn for subjects and views for discussion, the following subjects were raised:

James Molyneux requested that means of transport to home matches be included in the Questionnaire (minuted in item 4).

Steve Gorringe requested information from the Club on the closure of Midland Road to home supporters after a recent match. CEO Ryan Sparks explained that this was necessary to prevent disorders – which have increased in the current season – failure to take actions to deal with disorder would have grave and massive consequences.

A second subject raised was that Stewards in position at Holywell Ash Lane must ensure that the one-way traffic flow was observed.

**9. Date of Next Meeting Thursday 26th May 2022, 7.00 pm – Online via Teams Meeting**

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.