



Minutes of Bradford City Supporters Board Meeting

Venue: University of Bradford Stadium

Date: Thursday 28/09/2023, meeting commenced at 7.30 pm

In attendance: Tony Bates (Chair), Steve Gorringe, Adam Baker, David May, Christine Tarren, Jonnie Carrington, Marco Townson (BCAFC), Ryan Sparks (BCAFC).

Apologies for Absence: Wayne Robinson, Ian Taylor

### **1. Welcome & Introductions**

The Chair welcomed all members present and noted apologies

### **2. Supporters Board Membership Changes**

The Chair confirmed the resignation from the Supporters Board and also the Secretary Role of John Barker. John has been a great addition to the Board in his 2.5 years with us and has taken the decision to step aside so fresh membership can pick up the reigns and also to allow use to aim more diverse membership. The Supporters Board and Club would like to place on record their thanks to John for his input and also for his role as Secretary.

The Chair also confirmed that after an offline discussion with Supporters Board member Richard Johnson he has decided to vacate his position on the Board. Richard has been unable to attend the Board for some time due to personal circumstances and has decided that a space no longer needs to be reserved for him. The Supporters Board wishes Richard well for the future

### **3. Secretary Role**

With John's resignation the Secretary Role is currently Vacant. Wayne Robinson has offered to support his role until we have completed the recruitment of new Supporters Board members and then we can discuss the wider uptake of this role. Wayne was thanked for his support with this. Jonnie also offered to help with Secretary role if Wayne unavailable too.

### **4. Review of Minutes/Actions from previous meeting**

The Minutes of the 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023 Meeting, having been circulated were accepted as a true and correct record together with the separate circulated Action Log which forms part of the record of meetings.

Matters arising from these documents were as follows:



- a. The proposal awaiting approval by council to extend road closures after games to increase road safety for spectators may be delayed due to staffing changes at the council. The Club keep this on the agenda and will update
- b. The recruitment drive for new members on the Supporters Board is now live on the social media channels. We will follow same selection process as last time

#### **5. Updates from the Club not captured on Agenda**

- a. Cycle racks. The club confirmed that the cycle rack installation is now complete at the ground. The Club and the Supporters Board would like to place on record thanks to the City gent for their funding of this work.
- b. Feedback from Governance Meeting. Marco raised the recent Club Governance Meeting in which the Supporters Board were invited to attend. Jonnie attended on behalf of the Supporters Board and fed back he found it very useful. The aim is to maintain our participation in this meeting with Jonnie being the regular attendee, but others to provide cover if needed.

#### **6. Questions from Fans (responses in italics):**

- a. Change to rules around bringing certain items into ground – namely flasks  
*Stewards have been informing fans that 'flasks will soon be banned'. No comms from Club on this as of yet. Marco will take back to internal meetings as this change has not yet been confirmed. To feedback at next meeting.*
- b. Ladies Hand dryer in main stand out of order for some time  
*Club to take this issue back to relevant team for repair/replacement*
- c. Players Memorial from 2016 – is this still on display?  
*Club staff who were present in meeting were not employed by Club in 2016 so are unsure which memorial this refers to. Chair to feedback to person raising question asking for more information*
- d. iFollow Audio Service – can club influence the amount of pre and post game coverage as this has decreased this season?  
*Club are liaising with EFL about this issue, confirmation since meeting that EFL have made amendments to the settings now which means that there is now extended pre and post match audio coverage included as standard*
- e. Is it possible to purchase physical copies of the 'Take me home Midland Road' song?  
*The club do not own the rights to this song and as such cannot sell any copies. It is possible to stream online on various websites including Soundcloud and YouTube.*



**7. Working Group Update:**

Adam to schedule a refresh meeting about this initiative.

**8. Community Foundation Partnership Update:**

Wayne had a good meeting with Ian and Lizzie last week where we talked around various projects that may be suitable for application to the PL Fans Fund. We're exploring a potential project aimed at supporter wellbeing initiatives and young fan engagement. Time is short for this round of applications..... I feel at this stage it's more likely that the next round is more realistic for the application which is towards the end of the year. There's some work to do around feasibility of an area to host the project etc. and checking compliance with the funding rules so I'll share more on that as it progresses.

**8. Any Other Business**

- a. No AOB raised

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2023 via Microsoft Teams

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.