

Minutes of the December 2016 BCFCSA Meeting – 5/12/16

Present – Les Pegler, Richard Williams, Mark Jones, Mike Ishmael, Matt Johnson, Jonathan Ervine, Einion Williams, Daniel Jones, Glynne Roberts, Rob Lewis, Linda Roberts, Ceri Roberts, Andy Dogan, Syd Bird, Yvonne Thomas, Mike Edwards, Eifion Jones, Dylan Fernley, Dick Rigby, Anora Rigby, Neil Harrold, Syd Bird, Pete Banham, Ian Roberts, Dave Roberts, Kevin Coleman, Jack, Jay Lees, Gwynfor Jones

Apologies – Phil Rigby, Kevin Owen, Pat Jones, Norma Jones

1. Treasurer's Update

As noted previously we have two accounts, the current account and the business reserve account. The current account funds everyday expenses and the business reserve account will fund our contribution to the development of Nantporth.

The current account contains **£1,853.24**

The business reserve account contains **£4, 616.84**

2. Transport

The situation has changed.

The Ton Pentre Welsh Cup match was postponed and the tie has been rescheduled for this Saturday with a 5pm kick off. This means that the Aber away match has been moved from this Saturday to Tuesday 20th December (7:45pm Kick Off).

Consequently we won't be running a bus to either match.

The Ton Pentre match was called off due to an unexpected frost. There was nothing that Ton Pentre could have done about it.

3. Merchandise

The retro shirts from TOFFS will arrive this week. They'll be available from Friday.

We have received a new order of replica shirts.

Our order of scarves should be delivered next week.

We will be holding a Christmas stall in the Deiniol Centre on Friday.

4. Darts Team

Things are still going well.

5. Events

Jon E - "Are we going to host a Q&A evening with the new manager?"

Meeting - "We could hold it at the end of January."

We need to ask Jay about the sportsman's dinner.

6. Deiniol Centre Christmas Stall

We will be running our Christmas stall on Friday. There will be an international market on Friday so hopefully town will be busy.

We need to publicise this on social media.

7. Player Sponsorship

The situation remains unchanged.

We will be offering half-season sponsorships for £50 in January.

8. Bangor in Europe Book

Glynne R – “We’re looking at the end of January for a release date. We’ve met with the printer. Sponsorship and funding are being assessed. We should still appeal for subscribers.

The process will be; finish the book by end of December, send to printer by early January, release book for sale at end of January.”

9. Mid-season Draw

We would like people to return their tickets as soon as possible.

The draw will be made after the Liverpool under23s friendly.

If anyone would like tickets they are still available.

10. AOB

Meeting – “We need to look at the parking situation for the Liverpool match.”

“We should have a Liverpool related prize for the raffle.”

Les P - “I have two points to make; 1. Kev would like to remind us that more people should be using easyfundraising for online shopping. 2. Brain Lucas will be closing the 200 Club so any remaining members should cancel their obligations at the bank.”

Yvonne T- “It would seem that too many people are coming in for nothing via the clubhouse.”

Gwynfor J – “We’ll try and make sure this doesn’t happen.”

Syd B – “We need to look at parking situation. There were cars blocking our property last week.”

Mike Ish – “The BCFCSA has always worked tirelessly to create a good relationship with the club. I fear that we don’t have the same kind of relationship now. We seem to have lost our connection. I’m not even sure who the board is at the moment”

Meeting – “We need to ask the club what kind of relationship they see us having.”

“We’re still the biggest shareholder.”

Mike Ish – “Are we strong enough to challenge as the major shareholder?”

“We need to ask questions.”

“The BCFCSA must take credit for saving the club.”

“In the past we’ve been essential to help and/or save the club but the situation has changed.”

“We have no financial clout now.”

“We may have lost our role but the old board weren’t always as communicative as they could have been.”

13. Jay Lees

1. Andy Legg – Andy didn’t want a contract based on his personal circumstances. He was our choice at the beginning but the board felt that situation hadn’t changed enough to keep Andy on.

Why Ian Dawes? We couldn’t wait and it’s been slightly difficult to get people interested in the WPL that aren’t already connected to the league. On the plus side he has worked with Stephen Vaughan Jr in the past. We’re already looking at restructuring the playing side and Ian is fully involved with that. Hopefully we’ll achieve European football this season.

Neil Thomas and Steve Owen have been released from their coaching posts.

2. Stephen Vaughan Jr - He was worked unofficially for us since the summer. The role is now official. The quality of our playing staff is due to VSM,
3. Club Structure - The board have only taken over Bangor City FC Ltd. Nantporth CIC still own the leasehold of the ground. We’re now in negotiations over this matter because we’d like to control everything. It would make more sense from a financial point of view to control everything as we would be able to generate more income.
4. New Stand - We’re in negotiations with Rushden and Diamonds to acquire one of their stands. We would take the main steelwork and base the new structure upon that. This is the

most cost-effective method of getting a new stand. The FAW say that we would need at least 1,500 seats to host European matches.

5. Next Season – We are looking at going full time and there are two potential models. 1. Traditional full time model. 2. Hybrid model. The second option would allow players to keep their everyday jobs.
6. Investment – Since we have taken over we have invested heavily in the club and put it on a stable basis.
7. Foundation – We hope to create a BCFC foundation. This would act as an educational facility and our ground facilities would be used for this. This could be an important income stream for the club.
8. BCFCSA – We would like the BCFCSA to nominate a person to become a board member. They would be able to attend regular meetings. This would help with communication and help to create a bridge between the board and supporters.

Questions from the floor

Ian R – Is Dawes the full time manager now?

Gwynfor J – Yes

Dave R – When the club goes full time where will training be held?

Jay L – Hopefully more in Bangor next season.

Geraint P – You're a business, what will happen if you don't hit your targets?

Jay L – Hopefully the proposed foundation will help us to fund things. At the moment we've planned for all the costs. The worst thing that could happen is not qualifying for Europe for 4 consecutive years.

Les P – What will the new stand look like?

Jay L – It will be a proper stand with seating due to UEFA regulations. We're due to visit Rushden soon with Dilwyn so hopefully things will be sorted by the summer.

Mike Ish – Have you looked at Safe Standing? We had a roadshow here last year.

Jay L – The FAW have told us that they'd prefer a proper stand with seats as safe standing isn't permitted in UEFA matches. The FAW have been singing our praises recently but there are three issues; 1. Internet access for journalists. 2. Extra Seating. 3. Keeping the pitch to the required standard. We may install a Hybrid pitch to solve the last point.

Mike Ish - The BCFCSA has always worked tirelessly to create a good relationship with the club. I fear that we don't have the same kind of relationship now. We don't even know who the board are.

Jay L – In January there will be a board re-shuffle. A couple of the board members have business commitments abroad. Nick Wood will be coming on to the board as will a person that the BCFCSA nominates. We can schedule bi-monthly meetings from then on.

Mike E – Has there been any discussion about the new manager relocating?

Jay L – Not as yet but something may be sorted out next season.

Ian R – Has he got his coaching badges?

Jay L – He has an A license and he's enrolled on a pro license course.

Les P – There are a couple of issues around the Liverpool match. 1. The Pre-sale? 2. Car parking

Jay L – 1. We have to have a presale because we can't sell tickets as yet. 2. One idea is a park and ride where our fans agree to meet in a certain place and be picked by a double decker. Thankfully we have a month to sort something out.

Einion W – Has there been any movement on the Sportsman's dinner?

Jay L – We're still trying to sort that out, hopefully we'll be able to host it here.

Dylan F – Could you expand on the education idea?

Jay L – We're looking at extend the clubhouse to provide decent facilities, we would look to be doing a course that's related to sport. We'd also like to extend the facilities for the purpose of entertaining guest / sponsors.

The trouble is that the Nantporth CIC own the leasehold of the ground and we pay them the rent, and the CIC pays the council. We'll need to streamline this situation in order to create the best situation for the club.

Dylan F – Could you comment on Stephen Vaughan Snr’s connection with the club?

Jay L – He is not a director, he can’t be a director and he’ll never be on the board. He is the sponsor, we haven’t hidden that fact because he was at the press conference in June.

We think that he can provide a wealth of knowledge on how to run a football club due to his experience. Therefore his expertise is from a football perspective rather than a business perspective.

Date of Next Meeting – To be confirmed