

## **Bangor City Football Club Supporters Association**

**5<sup>th</sup> of March 2019**

### **An open Letter to whoever is running Bangor City Football Club Ltd**

**To:-**

**William Henry Adamson (Present director)  
James Robert Lees and Gordon Craig (previous directors)  
The directors of Vaughan Sports Management Ltd,  
Stephen Vaughan senior,  
Stephen Vaughan junior.**

At the Bangor City Football Club Supporters Association EGM on 28<sup>th</sup> of February 2019 a resolution was passed that stipulated an open letter was to be addressed towards the directors of Bangor City Football Club Ltd, the former directors of Bangor City Football Club Ltd, the directors / owners of Vaughan Sports Management Ltd (VSM) or whoever is actually in charge at Bangor City Football Club Ltd.

The resolution arose thanks to the noted lack of response to our previous attempts at contacting the directors of Bangor City Football Club Ltd.

This open letter covers five main areas:-

1. Club Ownership
2. The Auditors resignation letter dated 15th October 2018,
3. WPL license for 2018-19
4. VSM's offer to sell debt
5. Going forward.

All questions are addressed to all of the people mentioned above.

#### **1. Club Ownership**

The issue, as our members see it, is that since the takeover of Bangor City in 2016 it has not been clear who has been in control of the club. Directors have been appointed and as per their directorial responsibilities they should be in control, but this doesn't always seem to be the case.

Firstly, Vaughan Sports Management Ltd arrived as shirt sponsors, then became stadium sponsors and now claim to be in significant control of the club.

Secondly, since June 2016 both Stephen Vaughan senior and Stephen Vaughan junior have spoken publicly on behalf of the club. Despite neither individual holding an official position within the board of directors they seem to exert some control and could be considered de facto directors with all the relevant directors' responsibilities.

Do de facto directors play any part in the running of Bangor City?

Who was in charge of the club from the start?

Who is in charge of the club now?

## **2. Auditors resignation letter dated 15th of October 2018**

There has been no response regarding the above letter and its worrying contents. The points below relate to the specific points within the letter.

### **a. Inaccurate information provided in relation to loans provided to the clubs.**

What is the source of these loans and why is the information inaccurate?

### **b. Lack of supporting evidence in relation to monies introduced by related party.**

Who are the related parties and how much is involved?

What is the source of these monies?

### **c. Incorrect procedure taken in relation to shares issued**

Shares were issued to VSM Ltd and logged at Companies House but the club's auditors cast doubt on the validity of the shares. Why haven't any of those named above, having received the auditor's letter, taken some action regarding the shares?

Why have they not either legitimised the issue or removed these details from the Companies House record?

Have the accounts for the year to 31/12/2018 been completed?

Have all the relevant auditor's points been addressed?

The accounts of Vaughan Sports Management Ltd dated 31st of January 2018 (one month after the Bangor City accounts) contained no entries regarding the shares they were supposed to own. Why haven't VSM entered their Bangor City shares within their accounts?

### **d. Inaccuracy in relation to input VAT claimed.**

How did the inaccuracy arise?

Since the directors have had at least 4 months to correct the inaccuracy have they actually corrected it? Have they informed HMRC and paid the relevant amount of VAT?

In general, the letter reflects a lack of evidence, as well the lack of robust accounting procedures and internal controls within the club.

What steps have the directors taken to remedy this situation?

What steps have the directors taken to ensure that they carry out their directorial duties correctly?

What steps have the directors taken to ensure they protect the assets of their shareholders?

### **3. WPL licence for 2018-19**

On the pitch the team finished second but were demoted due to financial irregularities. The directors have had ample time to remedy the situation, what steps have actually been taken to remedy the situation?

Will Bangor City pass the tier 1 licence?

Will Bangor City pass the tier 2 licence?

### **4. VSM Ltd offer to sell debt**

The main reason for calling the recent BCFCSA EGM was to discuss an offer from VSM Ltd to sell their debt in Bangor City to the BCFCSA.

The committee asked for further written confirmation of the offer, containing specific information on amounts, conditions etc, but to date do such letter has been received.

Was the offer genuine?

If so please forward the relevant documentation.

### **5. Going forward**

At the present time the club is virtually homeless due to being unable to play a home match in five weeks. We also understand that bailiffs have taken equipment from Nantporth, that utility bills remain unpaid and there is a rumoured six figure debt.

These debts have been accrued under the tenure of all directors and de facto directors. Who authorised these expenses?

What are your plans for repaying the accrued debt?

How are you going to ensure the future of the club and protect its assets in the future?

From,

The BCFCSA Committee.