

Appendices for the
BCFCSA EGM

on

Wednesday 10th April
2019

Appendix 1 - Background to the Incorporation and the Supporters' Trust proposals

29/1/19 - Agreement that we should accept legal advice that BCFCSA should become an incorporated body.

28/3/19 (EGM) - It was noted that Supporters Direct recommends that the way forward for the BCFCSA is the creation of a Supporters' Trust (legally a Community Business Society (CBS)), the main features being:

- Registered with the Financial Conduct Authority
- Exists for the benefit of the community
- Not for profit: money reinvested to meet objects or kept as reserves
- One member one vote
- Majority elected board
- Annual affordable membership fee
- Limited liability for members, providing protection to shareholders similar to that of Companies
- Ability to raise money in a cost-effective way through community shares should the need arise
- Benefit of model rules used by 200 other groups all with similar aims, with various protections, and additional side policies available
- Flexibility to either be a supporters' organisation or a vehicle to own and run a club

It was agreed that we accept the advice subject to the final agreement of a further EGM to which Supporters' Direct would be invited.

10/4/19 - It is proposed that the Bangor City Supporters Association becomes a CBS with the name Cymdeithas Cefnogwyr Dinas Bangor Cyfyngedig / Bangor City Supporters' Society Limited with the following constitution:

The Society's objects are to benefit the community by:

- 4.1 encouraging and promoting healthy living, wellbeing and the sport of Association Football in Bangor and in the wider community of North Wales in its entirety
- 4.2 being the democratic and representative voice of the supporters of the Club and strengthening the bonds between the Club and the communities which it serves;
- 4.3 achieving the greatest possible supporter and community influence in the running and ownership of the Club;
- 4.4 promoting responsible and constructive community engagement by present and future members of the communities served by the Club and encouraging the Club to do the same;
- 4.5 operating responsibly and encouraging the Club to do the same; democratically, fairly, sustainably, transparently and with financial responsibility and encouraging the Club to do the same;
- 4.6 being a positive, inclusive and representative organisation, open and accessible to all supporters of the Club regardless of their age, income, ethnicity, gender, disability, sexuality or religious or moral belief;
- 4.7 respecting, promoting and valuing the history of Bangor City Football Club.
- 4.8 actively engaging with, and involving, the whole community, and working with partners who share our vision for a cohesive and inclusive future, to maintain and develop sustainable competitive football in Bangor.

The Constitution has been framed to provide the flexibility to either be a supporters' organisation or a vehicle to own and run a club. It is recommended that you accept the proposition to strengthen us as a supporters' organisation in this way..

The manner in which the Trust operates in the short and medium term is the subject of separate proposition.

*If there is a majority vote in favour of the new rules
New CBS incorporated, all assets and liabilities transferred
across (including membership on same terms, club
shareholding, bank reserves etc)*

BCFCSA trades as a CBS

If the majority is against the proposition, Bangor City Football Club Supporters' association remains unincorporated.

Appendix 2 - A new club

We realise that the phrase “new club” could be a worrying for some. We’d like to reassure everyone that we’re not disowning our club or its history, Bangor City is still our club and it will always be our club.

If this meeting decides to form a new club they would be creating two things; a safeguard that ensures football’s presence in the city of Bangor and an insurance policy if the unthinkable were to happen and our club ceased to exist. A new club would not be a vehicle of direct opposition to Bangor City.

Why found a new club? As major shareholder we simply could not accept the idea that the city of Bangor would be left without a senior club. We feel that the present structure of Bangor City is unsustainable. Information in the public domain shows that the potential liquidation of the club has been, and continues to be, a risk. Speed of action is crucial for two reasons; 1) The deadline for registering new clubs is 1st June. 2) If the club goes bust this summer, and a successor club hasn’t already been founded, the city will be without a senior club for at least a year.

The license failure, demotion and raft of unpaid bills have led to falling crowds and an atmosphere of mistrust. To make matters worse there also appears to be a culture of denial and a cloak of secrecy rather than a coherent plan to rectify the situation.

An informal offer was made to BCFCSA that involved “taking over” the club for £1. However this would have involved accepting the substantial known debt, as well as the rumoured hidden debts. Interestingly this move echoed a similar offer made to the supporters of Chester City when their club was in its death throes. We cannot and will not engage with the club on anything other than a formal and business-like basis.

Therefore we believe that the formation of a new club is the best way forward. On a practical level, we are the guardians of Bangor’s football heritage and we need to ensure that there is a club that truly represents the city and its people.

A new club could be just the sort of untainted vehicle that begins the process of our football club’s restoration. It could be the starting point for a positive and inclusive process that not only allows us to eventually re-take control of Bangor City and Nantporth but also allows all stakeholders (the club, the fans, the local area and local businesses) to create a mutually respectful partnership.

A new club could also re-energise the Bangor football community. It could help to foster a new outlook, one that allows the football fans of Bangor to reconnect with each other and restore the feeling that attracted everyone to our great club.

We have already taken some initial steps in preparation for a potential new club. We have contacted the FAW, to ascertain what is required, and local stakeholders, to garner support, and both groups are supportive of our approach. These preliminary moves allowed us to take the practical steps of securing a Tier 3 complaint ground, approaching a well-respected local management team and come to preliminary agreements with a kit supplier.

If we vote to found a new club we would need as many people to join the Supporters’ Trust as possible. The FAW have intimated that the size of our membership could determine the level of the new club within the Welsh football pyramid, i.e. the more members we have the greater the chance of entering the football pyramid at a higher level.

As supporters of Bangor City we need to remember that there is more that unites us than divides us. Bangor City is still our club and it will always be our club. A new club would also be “our” club so both clubs would be inextricably linked by the fact we are all Bangor fans. To borrow a song lyric from FC United there would be “two clubs but the soul is one”,

We can do it, we can make it work and we owe it to ourselves to try and make our own future and control the destiny of Bangor City FC. Keep the faith.