

Company Number: 00109065
 Cardiff City Football Club Limited (the "Club")

Minutes of the SLO Meeting held on Wednesday 19th January 2022 at Cardiff City Stadium at 7pm.

PRESENT

Paul Corkrey (PC)
 Wayne Nash (WN)
 Mona Sabbuba (MS)
 Ben Jones (BJ)

POSITION

Supporter Liaison Officer
 Head of Operations
 Head of Ticketing
 Fan Engagement & Disability Access Officer

Wayne Palmer (WP)
 Christian Evans (CE)

South Wales Police
 South Wales Police

Vince Alm (VA)
 Keith Morgan (KM)
 Gerald Wadley (GW)
 Hugh Bellamy (HB)
 Rob Jeffrey (RJ)
 Tony Jefferies (TJ)
 Gareth Hopkins (GH)
 Ian Sullivan (IS)
 Kieran Jones (KJ)
 Keith Edwards (KE)
 Andrew Williams (AW)
 Michael Spear (MS)
 Peter James (PJ)
 Clive Frances (CF)
 Ryan Thomas (RT)
 Zak Webber (ZW)

Supporters Club Member
 Supporters Trust Chairman
 Travel Group Member
 Travel Group Member
 Supporters Trust Board Member
 Travel Group Member
 Travel Group Member
 Travel Group Member
 Disabled Supporters Association
 Travel Group Member
 Travel Group Member
 Travel Group Member
 Travel Group Member
 Travel Group Member
 Young Supporter Experience Group
 Young Supporter Experience Group

APOLOGIES

Amy James, Mark Denham, Mark Jennings, Allyson Rees, Tim Wegener, John Lawson, Nick Allen, Daniel Clarke, Lloyd Griffin, Alan Bodman, Kelvyn Milward, Leigh Clarke, Wayne Anderson, Josh Owen, Kevin Lewis, Lee Stephens, Ricky Morris, Paul Heginbotham, Alun Phelps, Des O'Connor

		Action
1	Welcome PC thanked everyone present for their attendance and began the meeting. The amount of people in attendance was checked to comply with current covid regulations.	
2	Previous Meeting Minutes PC stated that all will have received the minutes from the last SLO meeting. WN explained that minutes of SLO meetings can be found on our official Club website and will be sent to all in attendance to be shared with their respective groups.	
3	Club News PC stated that entering Cardiff City Stadium for home fixtures will require a COVID Pass or a negative lateral flow test, as was the case before Christmas. Spectators under the age of 18 are exempt.	

	<p>WN explains that the fixtures over the Christmas period had to be played behind closed doors as the Welsh Government wanted to take precautions early. WN added that he spoke for Welsh Stadia Group in meetings with the Welsh Government and Vaughan Gething listened to our perspective. As soon as cases and hospitalisations dropped, they've reduced limitations quickly. Covid passes will change to include the third vaccination soon. From where the Club was with no fans at CCS, requiring Covid passes for entry is a much better place to be. WN stated that previously, Cardiff City Stadium staff were not required to provide a Covid pass, though this will now change. KM asked if that would cause a staffing issue at Cardiff City Stadium. WN responded that there would be no issue with staff.</p>	
4	<p>Safe Standing</p> <p>WN explained that we have always held a license to have an all-seater stadium, but there was nothing to say that supporters had to sit in their seat. The Club has worked with the Sports Ground Safety Authority (SGSA) to find a solution that suits everybody. With the stand rake between sixteen and twenty-three degrees in Cardiff City Stadium, progressive crowd collapse is very unlikely. The Club has been part of the six clubs that have been monitored on how standing is managed. The SGSA allowed the Club to implement rail seating and seats with independent barriers. This summer, if the pilot is approved, the Club will increase the number of rails. With this, the deal is the Club can have licensed standing and standing will not be prohibited in other areas of the stadium – ejections and bans will apply.</p> <p>A question was asked as to when the trial period will end.</p> <p>WN stated that the assessment includes two visits by the SGSA this season. Then, a recommendation report will be created and shared with ministers. Safe standing must work when attendance is high. When passed in parliament, all Clubs will be able to implement safe standing measures.</p> <p>A question was asked as to why the barriers at other Clubs in the trail are different to those at Cardiff City Stadium.</p> <p>WN responded that it is dependent on the seating and stadium, as all are different. Ultimately, the outcome of all different types of barriers in the trial are the same, which is to prevent spectators from falling forward.</p> <p>A point was raised that some supporters stand in the Ninian Stand.</p> <p>WN responded that when the Club first moved to Cardiff City Stadium, supporters tried to migrate to that part of the Ninian Stand. The Club wants supporters to exude passion, but on the right side of decent.</p>	
5	<p>Previous Fixtures</p> <p>PC mentioned that there had been a few issues at previous fixtures. Important to note that cameras in Cardiff City Stadium can see the movement of all supporters. CE stated that there have been many issues with younger supporters. They will be increasing the number of cameras that they take with them to away fixtures. Action will be taken against any supporter found to guilty of breaking the law.</p> <p>WN explained that since the first away game, the Club has been receiving letters from people in cities that Cardiff City FC has been visiting. WN noted that the Travel Groups are transporting the young supporters and that previously, the older supporters would ensure that this type of behaviour was not tolerated. As this has become frequent, the Club will need help from the police. A few individuals have been identified lately and Club bans have been issued for five supporters.</p> <p>VA added that it is good to see youngsters coming to Cardiff City matches and wanted to make clear that these are not the actions of all young supporters.</p> <p>CE responded that they are aware of this.</p>	

	<p>KM added that it is not just a Cardiff problem. It is good to see the Club issuing bans, rather than a police record for young supporters.</p> <p>CE detailed the issues that they have faced at away fixtures throughout the season. Club bans are being issued, but police action will be taken where necessary.</p> <p>Multiple issues were raised about the treatment of supporters from staff at the Birmingham City away fixture.</p> <p>WN responded that the Club has been in contact with Birmingham City FC and registered our disappointment.</p>	
6	<p>Upcoming Fixtures</p> <p>WN explained that Cardiff City FC and Bristol City FC discussed control measures for the away fixture in January. Bristol City requested an RV point for travelling away supporters, which the Club then passed on to the South Wales Police.</p> <p>CE added that RVs can be helpful but are not enforceable. An RV point will not be exercised but the police advised the travel groups that it would be easier for them.</p> <p>CE added that they expect 250-500 travelling by train.</p> <p>WN expressed concern that those coming off trains and escorted to the stadium by police have a tendency to arrive late and agitated.</p> <p>WN added that the Club will send twenty stewards.</p> <p>CE stated that the SWP will send twenty-five officers.</p> <p>PC stated that there will be a minute's applause for a young Cardiff City supporter who has sadly passed away on the 18th minute at the Bristol City away fixture.</p> <p>MS provided ticket details and prices to the travel groups for upcoming away fixtures. A question was asked if tickets are allowed to be re-sold.</p> <p>CE responded that tickets cannot be given away or re-sold without the permission of the organiser. If people see this happening, they should contact the SWP.</p>	
7	<p>Memorial Garden & Tributes</p> <p>PC stated that the Supporters' Trust will be donating money to the Memorial Garden. Cardiff City Supporters' Club have bought a bench in the garden.</p> <p>PC explained that the Club is looking to get two flags for Phil Dwyer and Brian Clarke.</p> <p>VA stated that the Supporters' Club will look to provide a sizeable donation towards the flags.</p> <p>KM also stated that the Supporters' Trust would also like to make a good donation.</p> <p>WN suggested that each member of travel group make a £100 donation paid to MS in Ticket Office. The Supporters' Club will pay two thirds of any remaining costs and the Supporters' Trust will pay one third.</p> <p>PC added that the Club is looking to have a Phil Dwyer tribute at a future home fixture.</p> <p>A question was raised regarding updates on a possible Peter Whittingham tribute.</p> <p>WN stated that the Club has contacted Aston Villa about playing a tribute match. It is difficult for them due to Premier League sponsorships and commitments in the summer. WN added that something may be possible during the break for the World Cup.</p>	
8	<p>Engagement with Younger Supporters</p> <p>PC stated that a group has been set up with young supporters to gather ideas for what they want to see at home fixtures.</p> <p>WN added that it is great to have perspective from young supporters. Multiple ideas have been suggested and it would be good to get feedback from those in attendance.</p> <p>PC stated that the ideas will be shared following the meeting for feedback.</p>	
10	<p>Close</p> <p>With no further comments, PC brought the meeting to a close.</p>	