



STOCKPORT COUNTY SUPPORTERS' CO-OPERATIVE

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD OVER ZOOM

MONDAY 12.5.25
19:00

ATTENDANCE

Present: Dave Marchbank, John Giles, Dave Wetters, Paul Thompson

Apologies: Terry Arnold, John Bilsbury, Cath Shanley

Dave opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Minutes of the previous meeting were not agreed so carried forward to the next board meeting for agreement.

MATTERS ARISING

a) **Club Meeting.** John confirmed that Gavin Bailey had requested three dates for us to meet the club which John has provided, however presently no confirmation has been given for the date (it seems reasonable that the first two dates this week are unlikely to go ahead) John is seeking further clarification.

b) **Ground Development.** We discussed the news regarding The Edgeley Community Association apparently reaching a satisfactory position on their concerns regarding parking around the ground on match days, which it seems will allow the planning application for the redevelopment of EP to be approved at the next meeting on the 19th June, followed by a Highway's committee meeting on July 3rd.

It was noted that Ken Knott has apparently indicated that the window to start work this season will now be missed due to the delays, however we spent some time trying to work out what the club intend to redevelop (considering what Gavin Bailey said regarding looking into a temporary roof for the Railway End) and also his comments on the club wanting to control the narrative regarding the redevelopment. The costs that the club themselves mentioned (approximately £30 million for the Railway End) could dwarf the losses encountered thus far.



The Co-op are meeting with the Club on 29th May and will seek clarification on the redevelopment?

c) **Accounts.** John has somebody who wants to quote for doing the accounts, it was agreed to await the quote before deciding who to go with, however Dave was mindful that the board can't wait for too long, as we don't want to risk the accounts not being completed in a timely manner.

d) **2025 Calendar.** Paul has updated Graham's request for photos for the calendar. If anyone has access to the message boards, it may be a good idea to get the idea on if possible.

e) **Wembley Coach Provision.** It was agreed that should we get to Wembley the Co-op will underwrite the discount offer to co-op members for coaches from the Con Club. Steve has provisionally booked 11 coaches. It was noted that trains running on the day of the final only arrive shortly before kick off, so this may make coaches a more attractive option.

Dave to advise Steve and ask him to press some supporters who are claiming the discount to check their membership details on web collect, as we can't verify their membership status.

It was agreed that the coach initiative has worked well particularly in regards to driving membership, rough calculations indicate new members have brought in approximately £600 leaving the expected costs in membership discounts at around £500. It was agreed to seek sponsorship to enable the deal to carry on next season

f) **Membership.** It was agreed that Dave will work to ID some of those whose membership can't be accounted for, after which he will report his findings to the board and suggest a way forward which will likely involve removing some of the current options we have available for joining the co-op. It was noted that membership issues have been ongoing for a long time, therefore my expectations are we listen carefully to what needs to be done and all work collectively to improve things.

g) **Pop Side.** Dave is awaiting a time and date for a follow up meeting for the pop side yellow block. Dave expressed concerns regarding the segregation of supporters for tomorrow evening's game. Fingers crossed there are no serious issues.



ROUTINE BUSINESS

Not covered during the meeting, carried forward to the next meeting.

Date of next meeting to be confirmed