



TELFORD UNITED SUPPORTERS LIMITED (AFC TELFORD UNITED SUPPORTERS' TRUST)



Meeting of Trust Board, February 2006

The Board again had a very full agenda, including reports from working groups that had met in the interval since the Board's meeting in January.

The first item allowed Lee Carter, who is a member of the Trust Board as well as being chairman of the Football Club, to give a report on the decision not to retain the services of Bernard McNally as manager, and on the position as to appointing a successor. The Chairman of the Trust, Anthony Goodwin, is participating fully in that process.

The Board made final arrangements for the Winter 2006 edition of the newsletter, which has since been posted to members.

The next item was to review the position on the audit of skills, experience, etc., of members of the Trust. An article and a reply form appeared in the programme for the Ossett Town match and in the latest newsletter, but if you need another copy please contact the Football Club office or e-mail d.embery@tust.org.

Members of the Board then turned their attention to the question of adding to our membership, which now stands tantalisingly short of the magic 500. It was agreed that the lucky five hundredth member will be presented with a package of goods from the Football Club shop, plus two tickets for the vice-presidents' lounge for a home match.

There is now a scheme under which A4 posters, advertising forthcoming home fixtures, are being e-mailed to Board members for them to display them in their own localities. If you would like to take part in this initiative, please let us know.

The Board has approved arrangements for presenting a cheque for £23,000 to the Football Club. You can expect details to appear in local newspapers!

That the Trust is able to make the donation is down mainly to the standing order scheme, which is a vital source of funds. The Board is looking into ways getting more supporters to take part in the scheme: if you would like to become a member of it, please let us know.

The Board received a progress report on the learning centre, which is now being built behind the East Terrace. It will allow thousands of children, each year, to learn in a sporting environment, an approach that has elsewhere proved to be very successful. It will also give an opportunity for AFC Telford United to introduce itself to the youngsters, and, we hope, encourage them to become supporters. In addition, the building will provide social facilities for supporters. We will provide more information on that topic as and when we can.

Fairtrade fortnight takes place in March, and the Board has approved arrangements for participation in it.

The Board's Commercial and Fund-raising Group is looking into ways of developing the Golden Gate lottery, which is capable of providing even more significant income. Meanwhile, if you feel that you could sell some tickets please let us know.

Another group of Board members has formed a sub-committee to organise a second ground-hop. It will take place in May, and all the proceeds will go to charities. We will be announcing more detail at a later date.

Finally, the Board has decided to organise a couple of social events for its members. The first will be a visit to Monmore Green in September, and the second will take the form of an away-day at Blackpool in the summer of 2007. Again, there will be more detail at a later date.