

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

Resume of June 2006 Board meeting

1. There are currently fourteen members of the Board, of whom four have been co-opted until the next annual general meeting. The Trust's constitution allows up to fifteen members. The Board has decided to co-opt Steve Bowyer to fill the remaining place, but that decision is conditional on members being satisfied with the decision. Steve was involved in Telford United Independent Supporters' Association and the fanzine, and would have stood for election in December last, but was out of the country at the time. He has prepared a manifesto, and you can see it elsewhere on the website. As is the case with the other four co-opted members of the Board, Steve's co-option comes to an end at the next annual general meeting.
2. The standing-order scheme is vital to the Trust's efforts to raise funds to help the Football Club, and the Board continues to give thought to ways of attracting more participants. To that end, it has approved a flyer highlighting the photogenic charms of Rob Smith and Larry Chambers! A little more seriously, if you would like to become a member of the scheme, please contact the office (Telford 640064).
3. Discussions have continued with various local sporting clubs, and there seems to be some scope for co-operation in some joint initiatives.
4. The Learning Centre is now in use for educational purposes, and classes have already taken place using the football club as a theme. The Borough Council's decision on an application for a licence for a bar is due shortly.
5. Much of the focus of the Trust and the Football Club is on working with the local community. In that respect, excellent links have been established with local schools, including the Phoenix School (whose engraved glasses you will be able to buy) and the Southall School, which is concentrating on the Football Club for its work-related learning. In addition, a competition sponsored by a company called Speedmark is being held in nearly twenty schools. All of these activities point to the need for a "community strategy" for the Football Club. That is being drawn up, and the Trust will have to consider the need for its own complementary strategy to dovetail with it.
6. The Board is aware that the dispatch of the recent newsletter did not go according to plan. With a view to improving in the future, it has approved a clear allocation of duties between various members of the Board so that everyone knows his or her role, and has also decided that there will be strict timetables for the production and distribution processes.
7. The Board has been given an initial report on the outcome of the end-of-season ground hop, which it seems was very successful. A fuller report should be available for the next meeting.
8. The Board asked the Football Club to see whether the answerphone service could be improved by recording up-to-date messages from remote locations, but that is unfortunately not possible with the existing equipment.
9. Discussions are taking place between various parties to see whether a better viewing point can be made available for supporters who use wheelchairs.
10. Although income from the Golden Gate lottery goes straight to the Football Club, and the Trust does not itself benefit, the Board nevertheless receives a report at each meeting on how it is progressing. It is pleasing to note that the number of participants who pay by standing orders has increased. As they will no longer see the results sheet, arrangements are being made for that information to appear on the website.

11. The Board has been given a report, from the Football Club, covering personnel, the general financial position, the fitting-out of the kitchen in the learning centre, the signing of players, annual maintenance work at the ground, and income from commercial activities. The Board was pleased to hear that interest from local companies has shown an increase.

12. The most recent financial report shows that the Trust has bank balances of some £16,000.

13. At the time of the Board's meeting, there were 185 members who had renewed their membership, which is very satisfactory after such a short interval since the renewal letters went out. In addition, some thirty new members have joined. The Board hopes that last year's membership can be increased. If you would like to become a member, please ring the club office (Telford 640064).

14. The Board is pleased to report that the Trust has registered the logo as a trademark, which should protect it against unauthorised use for private gain.

15. An away-day is proposed for either the 19th or the 20th May next, and the Board has set up a working party to deal with the detail. The Board will make further information available in due course.

16. The Board has also set up another working party to look into the possibility of holding a beer festival at the ground. Again, you can expect information to become available at a later date.