



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

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REPORT OF A MEETING OF THE TRUST'S BOARD HELD ON THE 8TH MARCH 2006

1. The Board has considered a report on community, children's and women's issues, some of which (such as a Fair Trade event on the 25th March and a Shout 4 Telford initiative) will be publicised in more detail nearer the dates in question. The report covered a successful visit to the club from the Southall School. Another fifty students will be visiting the New Buck's Head on the 6th April.
2. The Trust's constitution currently requires there to be at least one member of the Board who is co-opted. The Board takes the view that, so that the Trust is as democratic as possible, ALL members of the Board should be elected by members, except when it is desirable to fill casual vacancies; or when the Board would find it useful to co-opt (without voting powers) people for particular purposes. The Board has approved a proposed change in the constitution to reflect its view, and that change will need to be put to members at the next general meeting.
3. Final arrangements are being made for the Trust to hand over to the Football Club, at the next home game, a cheque for £23,000. The Board thanks those members who have made this possible, especially those who make monthly donations through the standing order scheme. The more supporters who give their support in that way, the more the Trust can help AFC Telford United!
4. Members of the Board will have the opportunity of introducing themselves to the new management team just before the next fans' forum on the 22nd March. The Board has expressed its appreciation of the professional way in which the board of the Football Club handled the appointment. The Football Club has also thanked the Trust's Board, and in particular chairman Anthony Goodwin, for their support and help during the process.
5. The Board has endorsed a "ground-hop" of all the Unibond Premier Division grounds on the 13th and 14th May. The proceeds of sponsorship will all go to two charities. They are local charity Hope House Hospice, and one supported by David Beckham, Kirsty's Charity.
6. Some of the players and some of the Trust's board members will be supporting the final Wrekin Run that the Orleton Park School is organising.
7. The New Buck's Head will be hosting the finals of the Telford Sunday League over a number of Sundays in the final weeks of this season.
8. As work proceeds on the learning centre behind the East Terrace, thoughts have turned to the possibility of naming rooms using a football club theme. There may also be a competition between local schools for the design of a mosaic in the lobby of the building.
9. In an effort to encourage schoolchildren to come to the New Buck's Head, the Football Club will be offering all the pupils of the area free admission to one of the remaining home matches in this season's programme. So far there has been a very encouraging take-up of tickets.
10. The Trust's Board has approved a design for a pin-badge that will be on sale at the Trust's shop of the ground.

11. The Board has placed on record its thanks to Tom Stinton for his work on setting up the Buck Mobile service, under which supporters can keep themselves up to date with the news from our club's matches. Tom has also been asked to prepare a business plan for possible development of the service.

12. The Bucks Business Club has now got off the ground, but there is always room for new members. If you can think of someone whose business might be interested in joining, please have a word with Bridget Glazebrook at the Football Club (01952 640064).

13. As from next season the Board of the Trust will be giving support to the Board of the Football Club by accompanying them, on ration, in visiting away grounds and in receiving visiting directors.

14. The Board has looked into the question of whether the catering operation at the grounds should, for business reasons, be set up as a separate company, but it seems that, at present, there is no need for that to happen.

15. The School of Excellence will, over a period, involve hundreds of local children in football, and the Board is going to be looking into possible ways of encouraging them, and their close relatives, to become supporters of our club.

16. A "Telford 4 Life" initiative will feature at the game against North Ferriby United on the 29th April. There will be more detail at a later date.

17. An idea has been put to Radio Shropshire for a representative of the Trust to feature in one of the station's sports programmes.