



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

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RESUME OF BOARD'S MEETING, MAY 2006

1. The Board continues to meet each month, and runs on a professional basis, with an agenda that the Secretary circulates to members several days before the meeting. The proceedings are properly minuted, and the minutes are generally circulated to Board members as an action sheet a couple of days after the meeting.
2. The latest meeting has again seen a wide range of issues under discussion. The first main topic this month was the standing-order scheme, which is by far the largest part of the Trust's income, and which has enabled it to make a donation of £23,000 to our Football Club. The Board cannot over-emphasise the importance of the scheme, and is looking into ways of increasing the number of fans who take part in it. (If you are not already in it, but would like to be, please ring the office on Telford 640064).
3. Work has continued on developing contacts with other sports clubs in the area.
4. The Board has received a report on the social facilities within the learning centre. Work is now taking place on the fitting-out of the building. The Board and the Football Club will be publicising the new facility in greater detail as soon as possible.
5. AFC Telford United is working with a company called Speedmark under which local schools take part in a competition to find the fastest shot. Nearly all of the schools in the area are interested in taking part.
6. The hosting at the New Buck's Head of finals for local competitions has proved a great success, and has strengthened relationships with local teams and leagues. The Board and the Football Club have also been working with Obelisk Innovations, the "young enterprise" finalists from the Pheonix School, Dawley, whose engraved glasses should be on sale at some stage.
7. Benny Buck continues to be invited to appear at many local events, and the Trust itself will be represented at a number of them, so if you attend your local carnival, etc., and see the stall please call in and show your support as we try to engage even more with the local community.
8. The Trust now has its own metal badge, which immediately proved popular enough for the costs of purchase to be covered already.
9. A resume of an earlier meeting mentioned the enhancement of the Bucks Mobile service, and work is taking place on that. Again, if you would like to become a member please contact the office. Also, if you have any ideas for further improvements please let us know so that we can look into them.
10. The Board received a report on the final arrangements for the Unibond ground-hop, which will be covered in more detail under separate publicity arrangements.
11. At the end of April 2006, the Trust's balances stood at around £13,500.
12. The Board believes that the Junior Bucks scheme is vital to the long-term health of our football club, and is therefore looking to see how it can best manage it.

13. If the Football Club is to meet everyone's ambitions and climb up the football pyramid, it will need to increase its income. To that end, the Board is considering ways in which the Golden Gate lottery can become more popular. In the meantime, if you would like to become a subscriber, or fancy doing a bit of collecting, please contact the office.

14. Although the Trust owns the football club, AFC Telford United, by the very nature of things it tends to be take second place to the Club. The Board is going to consider whether it should take a bigger role in, for example, forums, but without trying to get too big for its boots.

15. As ever, the Board wants more and more supporters to become members of the Trust. To that end, it will shortly have new literature available.

16. The national organisation Supporters Direct was of impressive help in the formation of our own Trust, and the Board feels that it should repay that assistance by supporting SD's work. With that in mind, it is the intention that our Trust will be represented at all regional meetings, as well as at others outside the region. Not only will that support SD, but it will also give this Trust and AFC Telford United even greater prominence.

17. The Board's next scheduled meeting will be on the 14th June 2006.