

## MEETING NOTES

Board Meeting 2018-03

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018, 6:30pm

### Attendees

#### Board Members Present

G Bielby (GB), Chairman  
 R Richardson (RR), Vice Chairman  
 G Cannon (GC)  
 S Pye (SP)  
 S Dyson (SD)  
 I Bunton (IB)  
 D Johnson (DJ)  
 R Mathers (RM), Secretary

#### Board Members Absent

P Fleming (PF), Treasurer  
 P Johnson (PJ)

### 1. Apologies

Apologies had been received from PJ (*illness*) in advance of the meeting. PF had messaged to state he had a prior appointment and may not be able to attend

### 2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meetings held on 12<sup>th</sup> March were reviewed and accepted as a true record.

Outstanding actions are: **GB still waiting to hear from local media contacts in relation to a candidate for a media & communication role to support the Board**

**SP to confirm potential 'partner' offer with Kerb Edge**

**RM to contact Simon Wilson at Hudgell Solicitors re next steps for potential 'partner' offer**

**PF to confirm if he has required information from SP,IB,PJ,DJ & RM to complete background checks**

**RM & PF to complete FCA return for HCST by the end of April.**

**Hull City Supporters' Trust** is the trading name of Tigers Co-operative Limited, a Community Benefit Society registration number 29021R.

**The registered address is**

HCST, Suite 2, 117-119 Walkergate, Beverley, HU17 9BP.

**Elected Trust Board Members (9):** G Bielby (Chairman), R Richardson (Vice Chairman), P Fleming (Treasurer), G Cannon, S Dyson, S Pye, I Bunton, P Johnson, D Johnson

**Trust Secretary:** R Mathers

**The Hull City Supporters' Trust Partners are:**

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### 3. Club Situation

The Board wish to express disappointment at the lack of a response from the Club to e-mails forwarded by GB in relation to the declaration of the original ballot result, branding guidelines and the next Supporters Committee meeting.

The Board do not believe that the Club has fulfilled its promise of the original ballot being a fair and transparent process and further that the credibility of the Supporters Committee has been compromised by the Clubs actions.

The Board also debated the 'legality' of the Club incentivising supporters to vote in the 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot with entries to prize draws.

Copies of e-mails sent to Senior Club Management on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April by Senior representatives of Supporters Direct (SDr) and the Football Supporters Federation (FSF) in relation to the ballot situation have been shared with the Board. At the time of the meeting both SDr and FSF had not received responses from the Club.

The Board are hopeful the club take the courtesy of responding to the above prior to the 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot deadline of Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

At the time of the meeting, 6 Board members had not received e-mails from the Club in relation to the 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot.

**ACTION – The Board will issue a statement on the above situation post any declarations by the club on the 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot. (Branding Guidelines and the Supporters Committee will also be covered)**

### 4. Owners Code of Conduct

Since the previous Board meeting, RM had contacted 11 MP's (covering Hull, North Yorkshire to North Lincolnshire), with a suggested template letter agreed with SDr and a request for each MP to send to Shaun Harvey & Ian Lenagan, (EFL), Tracy Crouch MP, (Minister for Sport & Civil Society), and Damian Collins MP, (Chair of the Culture, Media & Sports committee), in relation to a Conduct of Owners consultation within the EFL that commenced in October 2017

The Board wish to place on record their appreciation to Emma Hardy MP, who arranged a combined letter on behalf of herself, Karl Turner MP & Diana Johnson MP

RM shared a letter forwarded by Diana Johnson MP who had received a response from the English Football League (EFL).

**ACTION – RM to send follow up e-mails to the remaining 8 MP's contacted to establish their support or otherwise to the previous request.**

**ACTION – Board to collate a list of potential Code of Conduct requirements and share with SDr by May 12<sup>th</sup>.**

### 5. FSF & Supporters Direct

The Board wish to record their appreciation to representatives of SDr & FSF for their recent support & guidance in relation to issues raised with them directly.

FSF Fans Group Meeting (London) – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> May **ACTION – GB/SD to represent HCST**

SDr Members Day (Birmingham) – Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May **ACTION – SD to represent HCST**



## 6. HCST Aims & Objectives 2018

RR produced a revised HCST Aims & Objectives listing which was reviewed and unanimously approved by the Board and will be reviewed at future board meetings

## 7. Membership Growth Sub-Group

1 more partner has been confirmed, (*Frank Pullan Butchers*), with 2 more likely to be added in the coming weeks.

Sub-Group are to meet up on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April at the Humber Dock Tavern. DJ has been added to the sub-Group and will join IB,SP & RM **ACTION – Sub-group to advise the Board on actions agreed**

## 8. HCST Website Sub-Group

Sub-Group to meet up prior to the next Board meeting.

## 9. ART Project Update

GB advised that the Player Plaques have still not been erected outside the K.Com Stadium but it is understood that the request has been approved by the club vice-chairman.

## 10. Board Updates

### Chairman

– GB advised on a potential opportunity for the Trust Board to assist a working committee with selling/auctioning the matchday shirts worn by Hull City in the FA Cup tie against Chelsea, that acknowledged the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Triple Trawler Tragedy. The Club have kindly donated the shirts which have all been autographed by the individual player.

**ACTION – GB to forward the e-mail received from Tony Cotson (Hull FC Club Chaplain)**

### Treasurer

- PF not present and no update had been forwarded in advance

### Merchandise

SP confirmed that good stock levels remained for HCST scarves and all other merchandise items

SP also confirmed that the 'weekly offer' in the newsletter would continue but the product would change this week

### Secretary

RM advised that there are currently 816 HCST members, (114 x Lifetime / 523 x 3 year / 169 x 1 year / 10 x Junior)

RM advised that all renewed memberships had been completed and posted out

RM also advised that HCST will need to change the Registered Address due to forthcoming changes at the current host business. **ACTION – RM to establish further details**

## 11. – AOB

- No items were raised

## 12. Next meeting

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May – 6.30 pm start (William Gemmell Social Club)**



## **HULL CITY SUPPORTERS TRUST AIMS & OBJECTIVES 2018/19**

### **Short-term objectives**

(1) Bring about the return of concession tickets for the young, old and disabled Campaign to bring back proper concessions with no restrictions and fair prices across the board. This will be a big step towards Hull City becoming a happy club again and in the long-term could make a huge difference to the club's future support.

(2) Restore the use of the club's proper name. Push for the consistent use of only Hull City, Hull City AFC or The Tigers by the club. The use of incorrect names is something that we know angers supporters and needs to be remedied in order to move forward.

(3) Engage in continued meaningful with dialogue with Hull City. Maintain a relationship with the club to consult on matters which affect supporters. This can prevent major, disruptive issues such as the concessions situation and associated fallout, but also quickly address more minor issues in calmer times.

### **Medium-term objectives**

(4) Strengthen FA heritage rules Engage with the FA to implement rules protecting the heritage of clubs to prevent future unwanted name change attempts or similar.

(5) Support national supporter initiatives This includes pressing for legislation to reform football and including supporter representation on club boards as well as the campaign for safe standing and the 'Twenty's Plenty' ticket price initiative.

(6) Anlaby Road Tribute Project Develop a lasting tribute to the original Anlaby Road ground and potentially some of the players who played there.

### **Long-term objectives**

(7) Giving supporters a voice on the Board In football things can change fast and we need to be ready. This isn't about grabbing power for the sake of it, this is about ensuring that fans become positively involved with the Club and exert influence at the highest level.

(8) Bringing benefits to community assets Hull City is more than a football club, it is part of the community. It is part of the city's soul, and in the Stadium it is part of the city's infrastructure. We want to explore how we can ensure supporters get a say in how these community assets are managed and developed in the future.