

**Report on the**

**Bath City FC Board Meeting**

**Monday 16th March**

**Present: Jon Bickley (Chair)** Nick Blofeld (by phone)**,** John Reynolds, Martin Powell, Paul Williams, Andrew Pierce, Shane Morgan, Michael Clayton, Joy Saunders, Paul Williams

**Financial Adviser:** Chris Coles

**Observers:** Carole Banwell, Bob Chester, Vicky Windsor, Christopher Flanagan, Paul Duffen

The purpose of this meeting was to follow up the Council Planning Meeting held on 11 March.

1. **Re-Development**

 There was discussion on the recent rejection of the Club’s planning application.

 Paul Duffen outlined Greenacre’s view of the Council’s decision after their analysis of the planning officer’s recommendation and the option of an appeal. This would be heard directly by an Investigator/expert on behalf of the relevant Secretary of State and would be entirely on technical grounds with no political angle.

 If the Club agrees, Greenacre will pursue this option which could take 6-8 months. Appeal is based purely on planning merit, the mechanism being a structured document and a hearing, with the Club being a joint applicant. Coronavirus aside, we would expect a decision by Christmas.

Carole and Paul have met with Council representatives and outlined the financial situation, stressing it was not sustainable to continue with the present facilities and that funding is required immediately.

The Club has received an offer to bring together all the relevant parties to see if a solution can be worked out. It was agreed to pursue this, with a view to understanding what is possible, and to back Greenacre’s appeal.

Paul Duffen left the meeting.

There was discussion on the costs of the Club’s side of the redevelopment with a view to possibly going back to FWP to see what is possible for less.

1. **Financial update/Suspension of the League**

The Coronavirus pandemic means that the National League is suspended to 4th April and there is no expectation that the season will be extended with contracts expiring on the first weekend of May.

The shirt sponsor draw is now looking unlikely for 17th May and the aim will be to hold it a few weeks in advance of next season.

 Joy left at 9.20pm

There was discussion on fundraising options and it was agreed that some who were involved in the successful Bid initiative will be asked to join a small working group.

The Society has agreed in principle to make a payment to the Club.

There was agreement on the proposed season ticket pricing structure for next season.

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 Next meeting – 30 March.