Bath City Board Report

Monday 5th December 2022 19.00

Hybrid

**Attendees:** Jon Bickley (Chair), Cheryl Bradley, Peter Headington, Jane Jones, Shane Morgan, Andrew Pierce, John Reynolds, Pete McCormack, Paul Williams

**Observers:** Chris Coles, James Carlin (left after Foundation presentation)

1. **Foundation**

James Carlin presented the Foundation Impact report, noting that Bath has the second widest education gap in the UK and that the Foundation now delivers 28 sessions per week and that there are 2,296 children in poverty in B&NES. The impact report will be launched in the new year at the Club.

Key requests to the Club: Help with our reach and network, emphasise that the Foundation is the Club charity, help enhance relationship with Bath City Youth.

Rob Mullen will be the new Chair. James also looking to upgrade the skittle alley to a better space, but maintaining its functionality.

1. **Football update**

**2.1 Men’s**

Alex Fletcher hopes to attend the Boxing Day match and to run some sort of event at the end of the season.

**Action** - Jane to review how we handled the situation and review communication procedures.

Joe Wright loan will end in January.

Josh Gould, goalkeeper, has joined the Club.

* 1. **Women’s**

Good win at the weekend.

Jane presented a strategy proposal later in the meeting.

1. **Redevelopment**

Chris provided an updated summary.

**3.1 3G and Pitch**

Peter and Andrew are leading the 3G investigation, and have met with one company and two more coming in. Costs have increased, rubber crumb and drainage could be issues. Peter reported that Planning Consent could be challenging.

Finance likely to be combination of loans and grants.

Some levelling will be required but not completely. We’re 1/50, needs to be 1/100.

Andrew reported that Bath Rec want to use their own mower as ours is on the way out.

**Action** – Andrew to agree and attempt to minimise costs. Andrew also to investigate using the shipping container left by Bristol City as storage.

1. **Commercial**

Peter reported that meetings are taking place with potential sponsors re the women’s team, and possibly the men’s shirts. If men’s shirt sponsorship isn’t taken up then the shirt sponsorship draw will go ahead, if it does then a draw for the stadium naming rights will be considered.

**4.1 Bars**

Shane hasn’t submitted the licence application as the Council Officer has Covid and needs to give feedback on the submission in advance.

**Action** – Shane to submit to the Police Licencing Officer to get pre-approval ahead of that officer leaving. And submit ASAP to Council, Covid permitting.

1. **Finance**

Paul shared latest figures. Discussions followed on:

1. Floodlight licence with AP Wireless.
2. Shirt sponsorship.
3. Stadium Naming Rights – could be early with immediate naming, but running through for the following season.
4. Early season ticket sales.
5. Launch Half Season Tickets ASAP.  
   **Action** – Jon to implement
6. New bar licence.
7. Debtors – to be chase.
8. We don’t yet know how much our electricity is going up – budgeted figure, but will be significant.
9. Curo parking.
10. Prince’s Trust income not in cashflow.  
    **Action** – Paul to add
11. Electricity Surcharges  
    **Action** – Paul and Carole to discuss with tenants.
12. Bath City Youth usage of season tickets.   
    **Action** – Jon to continue to prompt Andy for upcoming fixtures.

We agreed that Feb/March was the time to look at playing budgets.

**5.1 Community Ownership Anniversary**

Chris proposed a more formal presentation at the Club at the end of the season celebrating: Establishment of the Women’s team; Achievements of the Foundation; Increases in attendance and turnover etc.

**Action** – to revisit in spring.

**6. Actions from Last Board and Board Minutes**

**ACTION**: Electricity surcharges - PW to advise Carole and ask her to talk to tenants.

**ACTION:** Nick to arrange date with BCY to feedback re MoU.

**ACTION:** Andrew /John R – look at resolving cabinet footing – carried over.

**ACTION:** Jon B to keep looking at best way to store/share important docs.

The October minutes we proposed and accepted, subject to two changes. Proposed by Paul Williams, seconded by John Reynolds.

**7. AOB**

**Women’s Team Strategy**

Jane outlined proposals for a Second XI and an Under 18s team.

**Action** – the Board approved go ahead so long as sufficient funding is secured.

**Health & Safety**

**Action** – All Board to review and sign off the Health & Safety Policy by Friday 16th December.

**Action** – Shane, John and Jane to implement any necessary actions and staff meetings in new year.

**Club AGM is due**

**Action** – Paul to nominate a date in January and get the wheels in motion.

**Structural Review**

Jon presented the results of the Review. The Board unanimously voted to adopt the proposal, implementation in January.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 5th January