

**Minutes of the meeting of the board of the Silkmen Supporters' Trust  
held at MTFC and then at Golden Lion, Moss Lane, Macclesfield  
at 7.45/8.00 pm on Wednesday 12 June 2013**

**Present:** Jon Smart (Chair), John Rayner, Rob Wilson, Andrew Mellor (DLO), Myra Clark (Treasurer) George Williams, John Abbott (SST Financial Adviser), David Woolliscroft (Secretary), Mike Rance (MTFC). Apologies were reported from Jim Goodwin.

MR welcomed the SST Board to the Henshaw facility. He had offered to host the meeting following recent events relating to the development of a CIC into which would be transferred the assets and responsibilities of MTFC Ltd.

He made a detailed presentation of the background to the move and indicated that his presentation would form the basis of a similar presentation to be made to an open Fans' Forum the following evening. (Secretary's Note: In view of the Forum, I intend asking Mr Rance for a copy of his presentation for our file.)

In essence, the club had reached a point where it was £480k in debt; it had debtors of around £90k and was under threat from creditors. CEC had become the funder of last resort with an offer of assistance of £285k (of which £35k was unpaid Council tax) in the form of a purchase of the ground. The Council could not fund a private limited company and hence the CIC route. There was still a shortfall of £90k to £100k which needed to be addressed urgently via donations, share sales, season tickets and sponsorship.

The CIC would include an asset lock preventing sale of the ground without provision of alternative facilities; the ground could be purchased back subject to inflation; CEC would be represented on the CIC Board; SST would be invited to join the CIC Board; CIC will be owned by shareholders; it will be 'not for profit'; previous shares held by Directors and former Directors of MTFC had been transferred to CST (a registered charity); other shares in MTFC would be transferred to the CIC on a pro rata basis to be agreed.

There was an extensive and far reaching discussion and clarification of the presentation made by Mr Rance. Members of the Trust thanked MR for hosting the meeting and the transparent way it had been held.

The SST Board then retired to the Golden Lion. It was agreed to delay discussion of the agenda until a future meeting; the situation concerning a SST CIC Director would also be delayed.

Arrangements were made to assist in managing the Forum in the hope that some funds could be generated. The Trust would sponsor the Manager and Assistant Manager kit and arrangements to do so would be put in place as soon as possible; MC had been contacted by the Club suggesting that the funds retained by the SST be used to pay for training facility hire – this was agreed subject to confirmation by John Askey; contact with Matthew Brown should be continued either to help the club or help the SST.

Next meeting: 26 June 7.45pm; a further meeting to be held with Michael Jones, Leader of CEC – proposed date 5 July (since agreed 13.00).

Other items to be passed to 26 June.

1. Apologies and minutes of the meeting held on 1 May 2013 (minutes confirmed by correspondence).
2. Matters arising not otherwise covered in the agenda
  - Update Youth Development Team
  - Shares
  - Legal adviser

**Chair  
DW**

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| 3. | Chair's points   | <b>Chair</b>   |
|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CIC progress</li> <li>• Contacts with owners</li> <li>• Asset of community value. Suspended</li> <li>• FOI – lease information</li> </ul>   | <b>Chair</b><br><b>Chair</b><br><b>Chair</b><br><b>Sec</b> |
| 4. | Treasurer's Report   | <b>MC</b>  |
|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To note financial statement /current funding available</li> <li>• Youth team fund</li> <li>• Preparation for FSA submission; first draft of Annual Report (circulated)<br/>Financial outcome for 2012/13</li> </ul> |  |
| 5. | Secretary's Report   |  |
| 6. | Disability Liaison Officer   | <b>AM</b>  |
|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintenance issues</li> <li>• Pricing for disabled fans</li> </ul>  |  |
| 7. | Media/communications   | <b>GW</b>  |
| 8. | Membership   | <b>JR</b>  |
| 9. | AOB/date of next meeting   |  |
|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next meeting – to agree</li> </ul>  |  |