

## **Minutes of Blues Trust Board meeting**

held at noon, on Saturday, 13 July 2019, in the Library of Birmingham

Board members present: Peter Bull (PB), Margaret Decker (MD), Richard Docker (RD), Cliff Horrocks (CH), Richard Stanley (RS)

### **1. Minutes**

The minutes of the 27/4/2019 meeting were approved.

### **2. Chair's report**

CH reported on his meeting with others interested in Birmingham City FC and what he had learned. There was a discussion on how Blues Trust should react to the situation at the club and it was agreed that a letter should be prepared that could be made public if and when it seemed appropriate.

It was also agreed:

- to publish a post on the result of our survey asking for fans views on the situation and what actions they would support.

- to continue to try to get more people involved in helping. RS mentioned someone who might be interested on being on the board.

- to arrange to meet with supporters' groups that had responded to our letter.

### **3. Treasurer's report**

PB reported that we had a surplus and that he had given the accounts for the year ending May 31 to the accountant for an independent examination.

### **4. Signatory on bank accounts**

It was agreed to add RD as a signatory on the Blues Trust bank accounts.

### **5. Asset of Community Value**

RS reported that he has been told that our application to register St Andrew's as an ACV is awaiting sign-off by the Council Leaders Office and then it can be listed on the Register. He also noted that, as of last week, St Andrew's ownership had not been transferred

### **6. Research Group report**

RS reported on discussions with two members of his research group. He had listed sources of data to monitor and they had identified two areas to work on: the financial situation of Birmingham Sports Holdings and the cost of wages and amortisation.

### **7. Any other business**

It was agreed to add disclaimers to website posts that were not official trust statements.

The board discussed sending a letter to the EFL about inconsistency in applying Profitability and Sustainability rules and agreed to make the decision on whether to send it after a draft had been prepared.

CH presented an idea he had for writing a series of blog posts but was not sure he had time to do it. Other members of the board encouraged him to try to write them.

It was agreed that the next board meeting would be on Saturday, August 10, before the home game against Bristol City.

The meeting finished at 2.30 pm