

Dulwich Hamlet Supporters' Trust
(Dulwich Hamlet Football Community Mutual Ltd)

Board Meeting Minutes

9 March, 2015, 7.00 pm

Venue – Champion Hill, London SE5

In attendance: Jack Bagnall (JB); Duncan Hart (DH); Jonathan Hunt (Chair); James Masini (JM); Eddie Muraszko (EM); Mark Panton (MP) Secretary; Fiona Scurlock (FS).

1. **Apologies for absence:** Andy Greig, Darren McCreery, Robert Molloy-Vaughan (RMV), Isaac Parnell (IP); Jack Spearman (JS).
2. **Last meeting's Minutes:** Minutes from 9 February 2015 meeting. These have been previously been uploaded to the website and were agreed.

MAIN ITEMS BY OBJECTIVE

3. DHFC has a secure long-term home in East Dulwich:

- 3.1 **Update on latest ground development plans from HPG and briefing of AFL Architects to produce report on the proposals.** Through Supporters Direct, AFL has been provided with the latest plans from HPG and a brief from the Trust in order to produce a report into the ground development proposals. This is expected before the next board meeting.

JM/DM/MP

- 3.2 **Update on discussions with Matt Purser.** DH/FS/JB met with Matt Purser (MPU) and had a positive meeting. Matt has indicated his is willing to sign an NDA and will be involved in work related to governance structure and business planning with the Trust. Matt will be invited to attend the meeting with Hadley on financial / business issues. DH will invite Matt

DH

- 3.3 **Next Camberwell Community Council meeting is now on 21 March at 12.00 pm.** MP will attend as decisions on applications for funding from the Neighbourhoods Fund 2015 will be announced. MP to check when the next CCC meeting will take place and if possible get Dulwich Hamlet listed on to the agenda.

MP

- 3.4 **Letter to Hadley on outstanding issues that include accounts, contracts and lease(s). Update on issues arising from meetings with Matt Rimmer on 24 February and 7 March.** Information on these meetings has been summarised in recent emails. Work to be done as a result includes further business planning, to include Matt

Purser, and a strategic document to include structure, aims and objectives for a community run club. This will be developed as a relatively simple document in the short term, but is also an opportunity to involve Trust members and wider support through consultation over the longer term. DH and governance group to produce draft of this document.

DH/FS/JB/MP/MPu

- 3.5 Marketing to new supporters. Idea of competition with season tickets as prizes. JH to discuss further with Claudia Jukes.

JH

4. DHFC has an ownership model that involves supporters/community either fully or partly:

- 4.1 **Update from FS on sub-group meetings on ownership and governance issues, including recent meetings.** See item 3.4. Also confirmed by James Mathie of SD that their health check would need to take place nearer the conclusion of negotiations with HPG.

MP/FS/IP

- 4.2 **Update on alternative CIC proposals being considered by HPG.** See Item 3.4.

5. DHFC as a transparent and well run football club:

- 5.1 **Update from joint meeting between Trust and Football Committee that took place on 26 February.** Recent email summarised the meeting and was broadly positive. The following two issues arise from the meeting.

- 5.2 **Football Committee request for volunteers.** An offer has been made to put an article from the Football Committee on the Trust's website to request volunteers.

JB/DH

- 5.3 **Proposal for additional non-elected member of Football Committee to be co-opted on to the board of the Trust.** It was felt that we do already have some dual representation and it was not an appropriate time to co-opt additional members onto the board with elections due in the next 3 months. Informal communications are very regular.

All

- 5.4 **Latest DHST public communication points.** The Trust's public position remains unchanged as of 20 December statement. Option remains available to increase public communications on the lease / security of tenure when appropriate.

5.5 **Request for detailed financial information on the running costs of the club to the owners.** This is awaited from HPG.

5.6 **Football club sponsorship raffle.** EM to send cheque for £300 to Claudia at the football club. EM and JM to and confirm issues related to the advertisement.

EM/JM

6 DHFC has a growing Supporters Trust that communicates regularly with its members:

6.6 Trust Mega Shed

6.1.1 **Changes to area around the Mega Shed and possible change/movement of Mega Shed or using a converted container.** Discussions on-going with the football club about a larger facility and involvement with the merchandising. EM with DH support) is leading on this issue

EM/DH

6.1.2 **New merchandise ideas / orders.** See above.

6.1.3 **Planning for AGM on 30 June 2015, including proposed amendments to constitution.** Timetable runs from 19 May to invite nominations for new candidates. MP to draft document that outlines changes to constitution for use on website and to draft a 'save the date' article for the website.

MP

6.1.4 100 Club objectives and use of funds. EM outlined setting up and objectives and will provide further clarification.

EM

7 DHFC has strong links with its surrounding community:

7.1 **On-going communications with local councillors and planning officers, including invites to attend future home games.** Councillor Charlie Smith attended at the game on 7 March with JH. JH to continue liaising and inviting other local councillors to games.

7.2 **International Women's Day, 8 March.** A largely successful day at the club. Trust to write to Football Committee concerning access to boardroom for FS and two journalists.

JH

7.3 **Mental Health Awareness Week, 12-18 May.** JB and Mishi Morath organising game involving a Dulwich Hamlet X1 and Crystal Palace Eagles at Champion Hill, proposed to be 16 May.

JB

7.4 **Organisation for Dulwich Festival at Goose Green on 10 May and Lambeth County Show on 18/19 July.** Planning on-going for these events and partly dependent on funding at 3.3.

DH/IP

7.5 **Altona FC fundraising night at Ivy House on 10 July.** Going ahead.

DH

7.6 **Fixtures notice board outside of ground.** Planning application has gone in.

AG

8 AOB

8.1 **SD Community ownership training day, 12 April.** Trust agreed to fund 2 places at this event.

8.2 **FAN Network.** Manifesto to be launched in the Observer on 22 March. Supporting email to be put on Trust website. Also an event is planned for central London on the morning of 18 April.

DH