

EVERTON FAN ADVISORY BOARD

Meeting Minutes

Date:	Tuesday 7 May 2024
Time:	6pm
Location:	Online (via Teams)

Attendees:	Position/Role:
Dave Kelly (DK)	Chair – Fan elected
Tony Sampson (TS)	Vice-Chair – International Supporters’ Club Network (ISCN)
Julie Clarke (JC)	Secretary – Fan elected
Richie Gillham (RG)	Member – Everton Heritage Society (EHS)
Julie Makin (JM)	Member – Everton Women Supporters’ Club (EWSC)
Amy Wilson (AW)	Member – Everton Disabled Supporters’ Association (EDSA)
Ken Sweeney (KS)	Member – Everton Supporters’ Club Committee (SCC)
Paul McMonnies (PM)	Member – Football Supporters’ Association (FSA)
Andy Vernon (AV)	Member – Everton Fans’ Forum (EFF)
Paul Rigby (PR)	Member – Fan elected
Scott McAllister (SM)	Member – Fan elected

Item:	Discussion:	Action
1	<p>Chair’s introduction</p> <p>DK reminded the FAB that, in light of the upcoming meeting with the Club and the need to discuss the impact of the protracted takeover issues, the Agenda had been amended for this meeting and reserved groups had been asked to defer their reports until the FAB meeting in June. The time normally allocated for the reports is replaced by an additional agenda item; “Club Ownership – progress and developments” (item 6).</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of the last meeting</p> <p>A vote was held to accept the minutes as accurate. Proposed by RG, seconded by JM and voted as accepted. PM will post the minutes to the FAB website.</p>	PM
3	<p>Declaration of AOB</p> <p>PM: end of season review meeting.</p>	
4	<p>Matters arising from minutes of the last meeting</p> <p>DK is to write to Keith Done, expressing his thanks for the time and effort he put into his membership of the FAB, before having to resign for personal reasons. Closed. JC has written to Alan McTavish, raising issues brought up at the April meeting, surrounding support for the Women’s game. She will report on the response at the next meeting. Closed.</p>	JC

5	<p>Officers' Update</p> <p>DK updated the FAB on meetings held between Officers, other FABs and external groups.</p> <p>TS reported on meetings and activities around garnering support for amendments to the Football Governance Bill.</p> <p>JC reported on the progress of the upcoming election, confirming the timetable and said she would update the group on progress at the next meeting.</p>	JC
6	<p>Club Ownership – progress and developments</p> <p>The group held an open discussion about the latest developments in the Club takeover and the urgent need for the FAB to be updated by the Club. Fans have made representation to the FAB, about their concerns and about reports citing the instability of the Club and the risk of it going into administration.</p> <p>It was agreed that the urgent meeting with Mr Moshiri, which he agreed to in February, covering issues concerning the fanbase, should include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current proposed investors, 777, bringing the club into disrepute, with the various legal proceedings they are involved in globally. • Whether the owner is talking to other potential investors. • How much time remains on the exclusivity agreement with 777? • Any future bidders should demonstrate their financial stability and sustainability prior to an agreement. • The FAB would be happy to speak directly to potential bidders, to keep them informed about the concerns, expectations and aspirations of fans. 	
7	<p>The meeting between the Owner and the FAB</p> <p>TS has chased up the request made in February for a meeting with the owner, the Club had informed TS that his preference was to meet the officers and not the whole FAB. FAB members believed the whole FAB should attend the meeting. DK suggested that TS goes back to the Club and requests a meeting should include the owner and the whole FAB membership, perhaps during the upcoming quarterly FAB/Club meeting on 22 May. The FAB felt it was disappointing that, despite the good relationship they have with the Club's leadership, the owner has never met the FAB, as a group. TS will relay the FAB's request and revert.</p>	TS
8	<p>Upcoming meeting with the Club</p> <p>JC requested agenda items for the meeting and gave the timescale for which the agenda should be agreed. Suggestions included ticket pricing for next season, plans for the transition to Bramley-Moore Dock (BMD), sponsorship and plans for pre-season friendlies. JC asked that members e-mail with items by 15 May.</p>	All
9	<p>AOB</p> <p>PM suggested an end of season internal review of the FAB's work in the past season, to establish lessons learned, and said he would canvass the group about dates.</p> <p>AW said that the recent meeting between EDSA and the Club, about BMD, revealed details about access and facilities for disabled supporters. There will be 279 wheelchair spaces and 58 accessible toilets and, although the dock has conservation orders in place, there will be no cobbles on the fans' plaza, to allow for safe access. There will also be facilities for those with sensory disabilities and a soundproof room. The possibility of shuttle services between the city centre and Sandhills station was also discussed.</p>	PM
10	<p>Date/location of next meeting</p> <p>The next virtual meeting was agreed to be Tuesday 11 June 2024, 6pm – 8pm</p>	

	<p><i>[Post-meeting note: The date of the next meeting was subsequently postponed by a week, to allow for the election process, so the date will now be Tuesday 18 June 2024]</i></p>	
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