

Tony Goodall Fans Conference PITC Study Centre Anson Road Portsmouth

Saturday 3rd February 2018

Present: TGFC Chair: Mike Fulcher Secretary Stephen Tovey (Central Branch)

Members: Simon Colebrook (PST), Pam Wilkins (PST), Ian Marshall (Chimes), Barry Dewing (PISA)
Peter House (PISA), Tony Needham (London), Gemma Raggett (London)
Del Pulley (Chichester), Lesley Handley (Chichester)

Apologies: - Roy Gregory (Central Branch) , Steve Cornell – Davies (SW) ; Barry Thompson (Northern Blues), Sam Piggott (DSA) , John Brindley

PFC: Johnny Moore, Colin Farmery , Tom Jeffes, Mark Catlin , Anna Mitchell , Tony Brown

Meeting opened 11am

MF opened meeting advising that Mark, Tony and Anna were attending President's meeting and would be joining us at approx. 11.45.

Tom Jeffes: - Hospitality/Kiosk Update

Tom advised that he was leaving PFC and was currently working his notice; he had advised staff of his departure the previous day. He did not have a job to go to and would not say as to why he was leaving.

MF, ST both wished to minute thanks to Tom for his contribution and openness to and at TGFC meetings. Furthermore, IM wished to acknowledge the work Tom had done in improving the product and the value for money hospitality product he had achieved in delivering.

Regarding the kiosks there was no more news on the takeover of Centreplate. Tom did acknowledge MF point that the new sugar tax was coming in on 1st April which would see price increases on certain soft drinks.

Tom indicated Centreplate were exploring possibility of introducing biodegradable cups which would also see an increase in price at the kiosks.

Regarding Hospitality, it was a sell out today and places were limited for rest of season. As reported earlier in season Warrior lounge was going to be used as a Corporate Venue for rest of season which would reduce capacity in Victory Bar.

Utilisation of Concourse area behind Victory had been looked at and with effect from the Oxford match drinks will be available on the concourse outside of the Victory.

Regarding pricing he believed they offered value for money and he was not proposing price increases for next season , for which no decision had been taken yet.

Tom mentioned that today only warrior open after game as 100 attending London Supporters dinner.

Plans were underway in organising the End of Season gala dinner aswell as Hall of Fame dinner coming up in March which would be a sell out once everyone comes back to him.

Colin Farmery :- DSA/Inclusion/ History Group Update/ Film Update

Regarding DSA, Colin had agreed with Basher to survey the DSA for ideas etc also with a view to gathering further info regarding their needs and requirements.

It is hoped that in the summer there would be an announcement regarding improvements to the disabled facilities.

Colin mentioned that they had received communication from Shrewsbury complimenting Kenny and the club in the way that their disabled fans had been looked after which was good.

Colin was pleased to announce that with thanks to Simon and PST with effect from today PST members would be delivering free tea and coffee to home and away disabled fans at every home match; which was good news.

Regarding the History Group; the charitable status application was now ready to be submitted in the next couple of weeks.

CF also advised group that Mark Catlin and the club had made available to the club 3 rooms in the attic of the offices; which would allow storage of memorabilia and space for archiving work.

CF announced that the history group in conjunction with Portsmouth University; The News and PITC would next month be applying for a Heritage lottery grant with a view to 6 to 7-year strategy plan to establish both an online and physical archive.

Next year was 70th anniversary of 48-49 championship win and the History Group were looking to purchase a ¾ size solid silver replica trophy via the Football League. This would be a five-figure investment. Central Branch were partnering History Group in this enterprise and had made a significant contribution to the cost of the trophy. The trophy would be owned in trust by the history society.

The trophy would be on display in a new trophy cabinet planned for the Chairman's Lounge as well as a number of interactive exhibitions and pop up museum appearances; so, watch this space.

Colin Farmery said that the Eisner's were keen on the heritage side of the club.

Colin Farmery was also pleased to report progress on the "Film" the story of Pompey which was now fully funded with a view to displaying in a Theatrical production presentation at local cinemas. It was hoped that trailers would be out towards the end of the season

It was envisaged there would be a supporting book release aswell as subsequently DVD release etc.

Simon Colebrook- PST Shares

SC gave an update; some 1900 had been refunded; he was currently dealing with a further 50 and approx. 450 had not responded as yet . The cut off date is 30 September 2017.

So far approx. 60K had been donated to PITC with 30K to History Group and 30k to PST .

PST now had significant funds and Board would be meeting to look at possibility of establishing a second permanent home in the City for PITC.

Mark Catlin Update

Mark, Anna and Tony then joined the meeting. Mark said that he would work through a series of questions he had been presented with by Ian Sylvester earlier in the week.

1. Had any of £10m introduced by Eisners been spent and if so what on?

MC advised that it had. The “escrow account “money taken over on purchase had run out during the summer on the necessary works; indeed, as predicted there had been a substantial overspend on the original budget. Accordingly, a seven-figure sum from the original £10m invested by the Board had now been transferred to over this and other operational investment projects.

To date, and to maximise capacity/ address safety and security issues, a seven-figure sum had already been spent and or pledged on essential works. Mark later read out a long-detailed list of the work undertaken over the summer and during recent months. As a result of the summer works, and subsequent unbudgeted work since the summer the capacity of the ground was now back to 19700. It is impossible to do anything about Milton End issues sort term without major works including reprofiling the stand, seating and various other issues including toilet and service facilities. This would all form part of the stadium masterplan.

From this summer a further maintenance programme of works had been identified which would

Mark was also meeting Andy Redman in next fortnight to discuss pitch upgrade options which would also require substantial investment.

In addition, there was now a substantial investment being made into Academy restructure. A new post had been created for which formal announcement would follow on Monday.

The person in question has a Category 1 Academy background at would see two Pompey favourites take over management of the Under 18’s team.

The new academy position would see reinstatement of a youth/academy scouting system for which there had been none in the previous 5 years.

Furthermore, all teams 14 years and under would be travelling to compete in a tournament in France in the next few months.

2. Did January Transfer Window go to Plan?

Mark quite openly said , everyone was frustrated that we were unable to bring in an experienced midfield player; they did have various options lined up but the other clubs

refused to release them as other deals they had planned were not in place. In one instance, a player in question was equally frustrated and had not even been selected by his club for today's game to add to the frustration.

Re the business done, Kenny was pleased to bring in an experienced keeper in Ian Henderson who was previously a popular figure at Fratton. Kenny felt that experience was required in what was a young team.

There were also two lads from Wolves and of course the new signing from Tottenham. With one exception the club would have the opportunity to sign these players in the summer if they wanted.

ST commented that it would have appeased the fans somewhat if a player had been purchased; for example, Stuart O'Keefe. Mark and Tony both commented that he was injured and that made no business sense to sign in January in view of subsidised wages position.

ST got Mark to confirm that there was nothing stopping Pompey to sign an out of contract centre midfield player as we did with Stanley Aborrah last season.

It was acknowledged by the club officials that the use of the words "Great Business" in Michael Eisner's tweet had unleashed an unwelcome social media backlash.

3. What is the latest Regarding the Ground?

Mark advised that he had met with David Field this week. David informed him that he is slightly behind schedule in completing his review / feasibility studies of sites for relocation and it would be some time before this would be completed and decision taken.

He is continuing to engage with the experts in the business before final decision can be reached.

Mark said he had stressed the importance of making a statement in early summer even if no decision can be made; to reassure fans re the matter moving forwards.

Barry Dewing asked whether there was any indication that Eisner's were now looking to move as their preferred option. Mark said no, but nothing was final until final decision taken.

Mark said that it had been picked up that planning application had been made for change of use for main offices to be used for retail. Again, no final decision had been made and various uses of the Beneficial Building were under consideration.

4. Update re Club Badge

Mark confirmed that the new Badge would be presented to Heritage Board this month for their approval.

The design in question has taken into account the findings and views expressed in the surveys which Colin Farmery then presented to the owners .

Colin confirmed he was happy with the final badge proposed.

5. Update Regarding Kit Supplier

Anna confirmed that Kit deal verbally agreed and would be announced before the end of the season.

Mike Fulcher thanked Mark for his answers and brought meeting to a close at 12.45

