

Taunton Youth FC Community Trust

Annual General Meeting minutes

Date: 11 Oct 2019

Location: The Wyvern Club, Taunton.

Present:

Trustees and coaches from the Club plus 80+ players, parents, supporters.

Minutes

1. Presentation of accounts

The accounts of the Club from 17 December 2018 to 30 June 2019 were presented by Neil Cottey, Club Treasurer, with hard copies available at the meeting. It was explained that the financial report only ran from the official date of the Club being registered as a Charity, hence the December start and the period not reflecting the full 2018-19 football season.

For large parts of the 2018-19 season the Club was at risk of operating in deficit. Improved credit control procedures introduced during the season and active management of the finances resulted in the season ending with cash funds of £5,603.

2. Presentation of trustees report

Steve Willis, Chairman, shared highlights from the Trustees report:

Taunton Youth FC Community Trust officially became a charity in December 2018 but the club had been in operation for the whole season prior. The year saw a significant shift in size growing from only 3 match squads in the first year to 7 match squads in 2018-19.

This growth necessitated the need for more active operational and financial management and so deliberate steps were taken to improve the governance and decision making within the Club.

Notable improvements made during 2018-19 included:

- The introduction of new insurance policies to cover players and coaches.
- Regular meetings of the Trustees to oversee operational management of the club and ensure future financial viability.
- Appointment of an external examiner to review and confirm the club's financial position.
- Two joint meetings with the Trustees and football coaches to explain new ways of working and reinforce purpose and ethos of the club.
- Increased transparency into the running of the club with details of Trustees added to the website, meetings held with parents where requested and the publication of newsletters throughout the year to explain updates and changes.

3. Recommendation to appoint Albert Goodman as independent examiner

It was proposed, seconded and approved by members of the Club to re-appoint Albert Goodman as the Independent Examiner for the 2019-20 season.

4. Resignation and appointment of Trustees

As it was the first AGM for the Club all of the Trustees official stood down and made themselves available for re-appointment.

Club members approved the reappointment of all serving Trustees:

Steve Willis - Chair
Neil Cottey - Treasurer
Paul West
Emily Davis
Simon Squire
Tracy Gladstone-Smith
Matt Crook

Steve Willis reminded those present that Trustees act in a voluntary capacity and that the Club is open to new Trustees joining if they have interest in supporting the running of the Club.

5. Alterations to the Club's constitution

No alterations were proposed.

Members were reminded that a copy of the constitution can be found on the Club's website.

6. Any other business

None.