

In attendance: Andy Roberts (AR, Chair), John Morgan (JM, Secretary), Bob Souster, Derek Krajewski (DK), Keith Buckby (KB), Kevin Simons (KS), Andy Cooper (AC) and Michael Walker (MW)

Apologies: Ian Atkins and Bob Clarke (BC)

1.	Welcome
	AR welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular the two new board members AC and MW who were attending their first society meeting.
2.	Minutes of meetings – 6 February and 20 February (Annual General Meeting)
	Agreed as a correct record, proposed by BS and seconded by DK.
3.	Matters arising
	None
4.	NTFC items
A	<p><u>East stand and land update</u></p> <p>AR stated that the East Stand is on course for completion by the end of this month. MW told the meeting that the board should issue a statement welcoming the stand completion. This was agreed, but AR added that any statement should include a line about the land development behind the stand. It is hoped that the club will soon outline how development on that land will benefit Northampton Town FC in the long term.</p>
B	<p><u>Football Governance Bill moving to the House of Commons</u></p> <p>JM updated the meeting, saying that he had heard from the office of Northampton South MP Mike Reader during the last few days. The MP has confirmed he will lobby the relevant parties when the legislation comes before the House of Commons and he also confirmed that he willing to arrange a Commons meeting for the Trust to push our campaign, together with other Trusts who are in support.</p> <p>The campaign seeks primacy in the legislation for Supporters Trusts and other supporter groups which are underpinned by democratic principles.</p>
C	<p><u>Formal complaint by NTFC</u></p> <p>The complaint made by NTFC – against a board member of the Supporters Trust – was discussed with the new board members. The complaint was dismissed by the board at its January meeting.</p>

<p>D</p> <p>E</p>	<p><u>Shareholding to the Supporters Trust</u></p> <p>No further update at present.</p> <p><u>Infrastructure Foundation report</u></p> <p>The outline report, which was sent to directors last August following the member and supporter survey into NTFC infrastructure, was shared with the new board members.</p> <p>AR and DK are now refining the document with a view to presenting the report to members within the next couple of months.</p> <p>In light of the present relationship breakdown between the Trust and the club it is accepted that the report will get no traction with the present ownership.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Treasurer's Report and Cobblers Travel</p> <p>BC sent through the Treasurer's Report for the month:-</p> <p>One payment of £60 from the main account for VAT on AGM printing cost. Together with income from membership renewal of £60, the balance on the account remains unchanged at £42,464.04.</p> <p>There are two payments not yet posted - £960 to Clifford Towers and £888 to Country Lion for the Exeter trip, including a £100.00 discount due to a change of coach.</p> <p>The Trust Travel account, also identified as the Business Current Account, had a balance of £16,259.43 as of 17th December 24, this being the last statement received. There are two credits in the month of December both from Roger Averill (RA) for £258.06 and £447. RA is taking credit and debit card payments, as well as cash. BC receives statements from the bank.</p> <p>RA has the NatWest Club 500 account under his control with a balance at 30 December of £25,562.69.</p> <p>Annual accounts year ended 31st August 2024 were approved and signed at the AGM on 20 February 2025 and are being filed with Companies House by Clifford Towers.</p> <p>The accounts and the annual report have also been filed with the Financial Conduct Authority and on the Trust website.</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Membership Report</p> <p>Membership renewals following the AGM are still being processed.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Social Media Policy</p> <p>AC, supported by MW, stated that the Trust's social media policy needed to be reviewed. He said it was important to define exactly what board members can and cannot say on social media.</p> <p>AR said that a review was due and agreed for this to be discussed at the April meeting.</p>

8.	Communications Plan
	<p>AC said he was happy to give some time looking at how the Trust communicates with its members and wider fanbase, to see how this could be improved, refined and done more smartly via various channels.</p> <p>He also suggested that the Trust should have a communications officer and more broadly that directors should consider ways of increasing membership through better engagement with target key performance indicators.</p> <p>This again will be discussed at next month's meeting.</p>
9.	Any other business
	<p>MW reminded the meeting that the club's accounts to the end of reporting period 30 June 2024 are due to be published by the end of the month.</p> <p>He suggested, via YouTube, catching up with the views of the Shrewsbury Town chief executive on the Business of Football.</p> <p>AR said that club finances would need to be evaluated in light of the stand and land deal in progress and BS suggested inviting Colin Garvie, a financial expert, to the next board meeting accordingly.</p>
10.	Date of next meeting – 15 April 2025