

In attendance: Andy Roberts (AR, Chair), John Morgan (JM, Acting Secretary), Bob Clarke (BC, Treasurer), Derek Krajewski (DK), Keith Buckby (KB)

Apologies: Kevin Simons (KS), Bob Souster (RS)

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
	AR welcomed everyone to the meeting.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes of meeting – 4 July 2024</b>
	Agreed as a correct record, proposed by DK and seconded by BC.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Matters arising</b>
	None
<b>4.</b>	<b>NTFC items</b>
<b>A</b>	<p><u>Sixfields stand and land update</u></p> <p>KS attended the NTFC AGM towards the end of July at which the club chairman Kelvin Thomas and chief executive James Whiting answered a number of questions about the acquisition about land at Sixfields and the work to complete the stand. The club chairman said no decision had yet been made regarding the development of land immediately behind the East Stand. AR felt this was encouraging, as the Trust and indeed the majority of supporters feel that development on this land should directly benefit both the club and its communities. Meeting attendees were invited to look over the East stand work in progress. Directors noted some concern about the likely overall debt to the football club this time next year – estimated at being around £16 million – although this is all debt to the holding company Northampton Town Ventures Ltd, there is no external debt. DK said ongoing investment benefit to the football club from the future sale of its land should be used at looking at creating a larger stadium with improved facilities for both home and away fans.</p>
<b>B</b>	<p><u>Supporters Trusts and their role in club engagement as part of the Football Governance Bill</u></p> <p>It has already been agreed that the Trust contact other Supporters Trusts in the EPL and EFL to gauge their concerns, if any, in respect of the role of Supporters Trusts within the fan engagement structure being discussed as part of the Football Governance Bill. This will be done at a time when the bill is brought forward and the Football Supporters Association is encouraging its affiliate members to lobby their local MPs.</p>
<b>C</b>	<p><u>Infrastructure Foundation</u></p> <p>A summary report has been ratified by the board and will subsequently be published on the Trust website and sent to members.</p>

<b>5.</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report and Trust Travel</b>
	<p>We have resolved outstanding issues with NatWest for the various accounts. AR advised that NatWest had accepted our complaints and said they will reimburse us £300 but BC has not seen this as yet in the account. The main account, Northampton Town Trust Travel had a balance of £14,606.47 on 1<sup>st</sup> July following payment into the account of £82.09, which was a transfer from the Business Account which has now been closed. The Club 500 account had a balance 31<sup>st</sup> May of £23,296. BC is still awaiting the latest statements from Club 500 organiser Roger Averill.</p> <p>There were no movements on the Co-op account, so the balance 28<sup>th</sup> June remains at £44,328.34.</p> <p>BC suggested he might report on the Travel Club plans as Roger Averill was not at the meeting. RA advised AR and BC of the Cobblers Travel plans for the 24/25 season in conjunction with Earls Barton Cobblers. An executive coach from Country Lion is planned for the following games:</p> <p>Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September – Huddersfield  Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October – Wrexham  Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Rotherham  Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Burton  Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March – Exeter  Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Crawley</p> <p>Games at Cambridge and Peterborough are likely to exceed the capacity of the executive coach so here a 53-seater coach is planned.</p> <p>There are various prices for each game and all dates and times maybe subject to change with television commitments. There will be a 10% discount for members and Club 500 members.</p> <p>Huddersfield cost £785 price £27 per head and Wrexham £810 price also £27 per head. RA will advertise the first two trips on the basis of providing a different offer to the other travel clubs.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Club 500</b>
	No update
<b>8.</b>	<b>Membership</b>
	AR reported that Trust membership had increased by two members on the July figure.
<b>9.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>
	Thursday 12 September at 7.30pm, via Zoom