

In attendance: Andy Roberts (AR, Chair), John Morgan (JM, Acting Secretary), Bob Souster, Bob Clarke (BC, Treasurer), Kevin Simons, Derek Krajewski (DK),

Apologies: Keith Buckby

1.	Welcome
	AR welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2.	Minutes of meeting – 12 September 2024
	Agreed as a correct record, proposed by BC and seconded by BS.
3.	Matters arising
	None
4.	NTFC items
A	<p><u>Sixfields stand and land update</u></p> <p>JM told the meeting that the club had sought a non-material amendment to the existing planning application for the development of the East Stand at Sixfields but this had been refused by West Northamptonshire Council. The Trust had raised this with the club but had received no response. Club chairman Kelvin Thomas addressed the matter on an interview with BBC Northampton on 7 November.</p>
B	<p><u>Supporters Trusts and their role in club engagement as part of the Football Governance Bill</u></p> <p>The Trust contacted other Supporters Trusts in the EPL and EFL to gauge their concerns in respect of the role of Supporters Trusts within the fan engagement structure being discussed as part of the Football Governance Bill.</p> <p>A total of 14 Trusts lent their support to a campaign initiated by us and signed a letter to the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport, Lisa Nandy MP. The letter was also circulated to MPs on the Bill committee, local Northamptonshire MPs, peers in the House of Lords with an interest in football and the local and national media.</p> <p>Northampton's two new MPs, Mike Reader and Lucy Rigby, have both expressed a desire to meet and discuss our concerns.</p> <p>JM said he would write an update letter to Trusts supporting the campaign before Christmas.</p>
C	<p><u>Infrastructure Foundation</u></p> <p>A summary report has been ratified by the board and will shortly be sent to members and then later published on the Trust website.</p>

D	<p><u>Asset of Community Value</u></p> <p>The Trust has re-applied for Sixfields Stadium, the West Stand car park and land behind the East Stand to be recognised as an Asset of Community Value under the Localism Act which enables community groups to be given early notification of the intended sale of land or premises covered by an ACV. We are awaiting the outcome of the application.</p>
E	<p><u>Kelvin Thomas comments on BBC Northampton – right to reply</u></p> <p>The Trust sought a right to reply from BBC Radio Northampton following comments made by club chairman Kelvin Thomas in respect of the Supporters Trust on the 7 November edition of the Cobblers show.</p>
5.	Treasurer’s Report and Trust Travel
	<p>BC said that the Trust travel account, also identified as the business current account, had a balance of £15,554.37 on 8 October.</p> <p>There were transfers in of £540.00 and £169.09 from the Huddersfield game and £530.00 and £408.75 for the Wrexham game.</p> <p>There was one payment to Country Lion of £700.00 by BACS made by AR for the Huddersfield game when BC was on holiday.</p> <p>There is one payment outstanding to Country Lion of £810.00 which will be checked and if correct paid immediately.</p> <p>The Club 500 Account at 31 May had a balance of £23,296.20. BC asked Roger Averill in September to provide all statements and the spreadsheet year ending 31 August 2024.</p> <p>There was one payment on the Co-op account to AR, £31.18 for two months Zoom licence July & August. There were two payments in from KB totalling £24.00 and RA £100 for the prediction quiz. The balance at 21 October is £44,369.98. BC also received a cheque from Easyfundraising for £38.30.</p>
7.	Club 500
	No update
8.	Membership
	Membership numbers remain stable.
9.	Any other business
	<p>AR said that he would update the Football Supporters Association about the campaign to seek primacy for Supporters Trusts in the Football Governance Bill legislation</p> <p>KS enquired about the date of the next Annual General Meeting and it was agreed to seek a date in February.</p>
10.	Date of next meeting
	12 December 2024

