

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

Apologies: Kevin Simons

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
	AR welcomed everyone to the meeting.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes of meeting – 18 November 2024</b>
	Agreed as a correct record, proposed by BC and seconded by BS.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Matters arising</b>
	None
<b>4.</b>	<b>NTFC items</b>
	<p><u>Board member</u> ■</p> <p>The Trust board had been made aware of concerns raised by NTFC Chairman, Kelvin Thomas (KT), about posts made by ■ on social media sites. KT alleged that certain of the posts were defamatory and lies.</p> <p>There had been a conversation between KT and Trust Vice Chairman BS in the absence of AR on holiday and BS had passed the matter to the Secretary to write to KT on behalf of the board. JM had emailed KT on 27 November 2024 stating, amongst other matters, that any posts made by ■ were made by him as an individual supporter in his own right and were not in any way the responsibility of the Trust. It was agreed that for KT to conflate the two was plainly incorrect.</p> <p>■ reported to the meeting that he had decided of his volition to cease posting comments on social media relating to NTFC matters. KT had been informed of this but his response made it was clear that he was not satisfied and was looking to have ■ depart the Trust board. After some discussion the Trust board unanimously agreed ■ departure was not reasonable in the circumstances. Further moves were expected on the part of the NTFC Chairman.</p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Treasurer's Report and Trust Travel</b>
	<p>Northampton Town Trust Travel account, also identified as the Business Current Account, balance is £15,554.37 at 22 November.</p> <p>Roger Averill (RA) has the NatWest Club 500 Account under his control with a balance on 30 September of £24,731.29. BC now has RA's spreadsheet incorporating the year ended 31 August.</p> <p>There was one payment on the Co-op account, to AR for £31.18 for two months Zoom licence July &amp; August.</p>

	A payment to Country Lion of £810.00 was made on 22 November. BC banked the cheque from easyfundraising of £38.30. The balance on the Co-op account at 22 November is £43,598.28.
<b>6.</b>	<b>Governance</b>
	The board considered that the size of the board, allowing for a maximum of 12 directors, was too large and agreed that the maximum number should be reduced to 9.
<b>7.</b>	<b>Club 500</b>
	No update
<b>8.</b>	<b>Membership</b>
	Membership numbers remain stable.
<b>9</b>	<b>Any other business</b>
	The date of the 2024 Annual General meeting has provisionally been fixed for 20 February 2025.
<b>10</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>
	16 January 2025