

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

Apologies: Ian Atkins

Guest: Michael Walker

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome</b>
	AR welcomed everyone to the meeting.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Minutes of meetings – 12 December 2024 &amp; 16 January 2025</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>
<b>A</b>	<p><u>East stand and land update</u></p> <p>AR stated that there was no real update on last month’s report and that the stand is likely to be completed as scheduled by the end of March.</p> <p>In respect of the land directly behind the East Stand, the Trust hopes that the club will soon clarify how development on that land will benefit Northampton Town FC in the long term.</p>
<b>B</b>	<p><u>Football Governance Bill moving to the House of Commons</u></p> <p>JM stated that a report on the Bill from the House of Lords is expected imminently. The Bill will then move to the House of Commons for further scrutiny.</p> <p>There is a clear danger that the draft legislation could be watered down in terms of financial sustainability for clubs and fan engagement.</p> <p>Once the Bill moves to the House of Commons we will push our campaign for primacy in relation to Supporters Trusts and other supporter groups which are underpinned by democratic principles.</p>
<b>C</b>	<p><u>Shareholding to Supporters Trust</u></p> <p>JM and KS to work on an agreement to secure an additional number of shares for the Supporters Trust from a long-standing Cobblers fan willing to donate them.</p>

D	<p><u>New East Midlands Supporters Trust group</u></p> <p>AR and BC attended the inaugural meeting of a new East Midlands Supporters Trust grouping at Grantham.</p> <p>Other club Supporters Trusts in attendance were Grimsby Town, Leicester City, Lincoln City, and Scunthorpe United.</p>
5.	<p><b>Annual General Meeting</b></p>
	<p>AR confirmed that the 2024 Annual General Meeting would take place at the Obelisk Centre in Northampton on Thursday 20 February at 7.30pm.</p> <p>BS told the meeting that he had personally paid for the evening room hire and directors wished to record their thanks to him for this kind gesture.</p>
6.	<p><b>Guest discussion</b></p>
	<p>New Trust member Michael Walker had joined the meeting as a guest and there followed a general discussion about both the Supporters Trust and the football club.</p>
7.	<p><b>Treasurer's Report and Cobblers Travel</b></p>
	<p>BC reported a Co-op main account payment of £543.06 to Andy Roberts for Zoom calls, January and February, AGM printing and postage. A second cheque for £60 was also written to cover VAT so is not included in the balance at month end. There is income from membership renewals of £140 and the balance on the account as at 27<sup>th</sup> January is £42,464.04.</p> <p>NatWest Northampton Town Trust Travel account, also identified as the Business Current Account, balance stood at £16,259.43 on 17<sup>th</sup> December 24, this being the last statement received.</p> <p>There are two credits in the month of December both from Roger Averill for £258.06 and £447.00. RA is taking credit and debit card payments as well as cash. BC receives statements from the bank.</p> <p>Roger Averill has the NatWest Club 500 account under his control with a balance at 30<sup>th</sup> December 24 of £25,562.69.</p> <p>BC has all RA's statements for the year financial end 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024. BC has asked RA to request copies of monthly statements go to him to support figures presented to accountants.</p> <p>The accounts are being prepared for the 20 February AGM by Clifford Towers and should be straightforward.</p> <p>There was no Cobblers Travel update.</p>
8.	<p><b>Membership</b></p>
	<p>No update</p>
9.	<p><b>Club 500</b></p>
	<p>No update</p>

<b>10.</b>	<b>Any other business</b>
	JM stated that the next court appearance for former Cobblers chairman David Cardoza, his father Tony Cardoza, Howard Grossman, Marcus Grossman and Simon Patnik is scheduled to take place at Northampton Crown Court on 27 February.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>
	6 March 2025