

Minutes of the Meeting of the Ilkeston Football Supporters Group Held at the New Manor Ground Ilkeston at 7.30pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011

Present: Paul Skillington – Chairman  
Darren Jones – Treasurer  
Duncan Lapping – Secretary  
John Shiels – Membership Secretary  
Duncan Payne – Website Administrator/Media Relations Officer  
Alex Middleton – Committee Member  
Lee Francis – Committee Member  
Paul Francis – Committee Member

Action

10/11 **Introductions and Apologies**

No apologies were recorded with all committee members being present

11/11 **Minutes of last meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2011 and matters arising**

The minutes of the last meeting were noted, agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. The following matters were raised for further discussion:

Minute 7: Travel Secretary – It was proposed and agreed that any further discussion of this role should be held pending and referred to SR Education/Ilkeston FC for their advice & opinion about away match travel arrangements.

Minute 9: Future meetings – It was noted that it had been previously agreed that committee meetings will normally be held on the first Thursday of each month at the New Manor Ground.

DJ proposed that consideration be given to finding alternative venues in Ilkeston and that this may help to promote the existence of the Group.

12/11 **Action Points from last meeting**

Minute 1: It was noted that the Membership Secretary had taken a record of contact details for the committee members and it was further agreed that he would circulate that information by email to all committee members.

JS

Minute 3: Treasurer to investigate best form of account for the Groups funds – See Treasures report (minute 13/11)

LF reported that he had contacted Paul Seale as requested and was advised that the 'Easy Funding' initiative had raised £40.16 so far and had eighteen members contributing to it on behalf of the Group. It was noted that these funds will be transferred once the Groups account is in place.

Minute 4: DP was able to report that he had arranged a meeting with SR Education to be held at the New Manor Ground on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 7pm.

Minute 5: DL was able to report that he had drafted a Constitution and Rules for the Group. These were circulated for consideration of the committee (minute 16/11). It was noted that a mission statement is still to be drafted.

DL

Minute 6: Funding raising proposals were discussed but it was agreed that this is an item for further discussion with SR Education prior to formulating a fund raising strategy.

Minute 8: LF circulated six logo ideas for consideration. After some debate, it was agreed that the designs should be placed on the website to give supporters the opportunity to vote. The designs will also be circulated at the next supporters forum for those who do not have access to the internet. The most popular logo will be adopted accordingly.

13/11 **Treasurers Report**

DJ reported that he had identified a 'Treasurers Account' which is offered by Lloyds TSB especially for clubs like this Group. The account is free when in credit, but does not bear any interest. All five officer bearers could be signatories, with any two from five being required to sign cheques/withdraw funds.

DJ asked members to note that he had also contacted Barclays and RBS but they did not appear to offer special banking arrangements for clubs.

It was proposed and agreed by all present that the Treasurer should proceed to open an account and use it to deposit any donations offered along with the funds available from the 'Easy Funding' initiative.

DJ

14/11 **Membership Secretary's Report**

It was reported that the information forms collected from the Gladstone Room function generated a database of approximately one hundred people.

It was suggested that all people on the database should be contacted to ask them to become members of the IFSG. Those who do not have email can have details hand delivered to them.

There was some discussion of having various grades of membership that could generate varying levels of benefit. It was agreed that this should be discussed with SR Education to find if they could commit to supporting benefits to supporters who are members of the IFSG

15/11 **Website Administrator/Media Relations Officer Report**

It was reported that a Supporters Group page has been added to the Ilson Football Website along with details of the next Supporters Group open meeting.

DP made a commitment to contact local media on any matters where it is thought their help will be of use to the Group (for example, promoting meetings and events).

It was proposed and agreed the SR Education's views on the production of the match day programme and the prospect of a supporters group page in it.

16/11 **Constitution**

DL presented the draft constitution and asked for comments and any proposals for amendment.

It was proposed and agreed that the maximum number of committee members should be increased from the original proposal of nine to eleven.

It was agreed that the draft constitution would be amended accordingly, but that it would not be published until a decision had been made on the Group logo.

DL

17/11 **Fund raising and activity proposals**

It was agreed that this item be held pending for the discussion with SR Education and the next open meeting with all supporters.

18/11 **Meeting with SR Education on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

The following items were agreed as matters to be raised:

1. Funding – What happens if Government funding changes?
2. Has contact be made with Ilkeston Town Juniors and the Ladies team for affiliation with the new club?
3. Has any consideration been given to travel arrangements?
4. Would SR Education consider supporting offers/benefits to supporters?
5. How will the match day programme be produced and could there be a supporters page?
6. Could there be a Supporters page on the official website or just links between the official and supporters sites?
7. Will there be a club shop and if so, how will it be run?
8. What can the IFSG do for SR Education and the new club?
9. Sample match day programmes from previous years will be supplied to source previous advertisers.

19/11 **Date, time and venue for next meeting**

The next meeting will be an open meeting of the IFSG to be held at 7.30pm at the New Manor Ground on Thursday 3rd February 2011.

It was noted that all future meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month until further notice.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.30pm.

**ACTION POINTS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2011**

<b>Minute:</b>	<b>Action:</b>	<b>By Whom:</b>	<b>By When:</b>	<b>Comments:</b>
12/11	Contact details for committee members to be circulated by email to all committee members.	JS	19/01/11	
12/11	Draft mission statement	DL	02/02/11	
13/11	Proceed to open a 'Treasurers Account' with Lloyds TSB.  Ensure any donations offered along with the funds available from the 'Easy Funding' initiative are deposited immediately.	DJ	02/02/11	
16/11	Amend draft constitution to allow for a maximum of eleven committee members.	DL	19/11/11	