

# **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF ILKESTON FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS GROUP**

**“LITTLE ACORN” WEDS. OCTOBER 11 2017 8.00 P.M.**

**Present: Duncan Payne, Duncan Lapping, Alex Middleton, Lynda Bacon, Roger Brown, Keith Windley, Liam Attwood, David Potter.**

**Guest: Anthony Redwood.( Chief Operating Officer. Ilkeston Town F.C.)**

**Prior to commencing the meeting the Committee were delighted to welcome Anthony Redwood and the opportunity was taken to, not only appraise Anthony of the background and history of the Supporters Group, but also to make it clear our desire, on behalf of all supporters, to engage and work with the club towards the common aim of progressing and realising the full potential of Ilkeston Town F.C. A wide ranging discussion then took place, not only in general terms, but also on some of the specific detail as to how we might assist and participate both in the short and longer term. (see appendix A)**

## **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 30/8/2017**

**Having been previously circulated the minutes of the last meeting were approved.**

**GROUP FUNDS Duncan Payne, Duncan Lapping, Liam Attwood, Alex Middleton and David Potter were nominated as signatories and arrangements will be made with our bankers to that effect. (Group funds are a protected lump sum and can only be withdrawn via all of the signatories.)**

**AWAY TRAVEL REPORT** Updated figures of the season so far were presented by Lynda Bacon and the committee exchanged views and feedback on various subjects including departure times. It was accepted that a balance needs to be maintained in order to meet the varying requirements of supporters if possible and this will be reviewed periodically.

**CLUB SHOP** During the period of his attendance Anthony Redwood comprehensively briefed the committee on the background and current situation particularly in respect of replica kits. Full details on this can be found on the various social media platforms used by the Supporters Group and individual members of the committee will be happy to help with any further information requested by supporters. As detailed in appendix A a licence agreement is imminent enabling the S.G. to begin to source and offer related products in the club shop as soon as practicable.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS** The meeting ended with a wide ranging discussion on the immediate practical ways in which the S.G can offer help and support to the club and specific details will have been announced on this already.

**DATE, TIME AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING** WEDS. NOV. 15, 8.00 PM, LITTLE ACORN, AWSWORTH ROAD, ILKESTON

## **APPENDIX A (TOPICS ARISING FROM THE MEETING BETWEEN ILKESTON FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS GROUP AND ANTHONY REDWOOD (ILKESTON TOWN F.C.)**

**\*The club will be working on major initiatives to upgrade and improve facilities at the N.M.G. and Anthony gave the meeting some specific examples and priorities in this respect. Areas in which the Supporters Group could help and assist were quickly identified and supporters will be kept updated and informed on them as we become involved.**

**\*We were informed of the clubs intentions to work towards “Community” status with its opportunities for grant assisted development and the potential for supporter investment as a result.**

**\*The S.G. were updated on the situation on replica kits and this has been detailed by Duncan Payne on the forum and facebook.**

**\*Agreement was made on a licence being granted to the S.G. to source and offer a range of products in the club shop as soon as possible.**

**\*The S.G. expressed its interest in player and match sponsorship and details of intentions on this will be announced shortly.**

**\* It was agreed that it would be in everyones interest to foster recruitment into the Supporters Group and, as an initial move in this respect, the club will be offering membership to the Supporters Group as part of its match sponsorship package currently on offer.**

**\* There was mutual and unanimous agreement to cooperate and act to any reasonable degree necessary to preserve and maintain the good reputation of the club and its supporters with our competitors in all competitions.**

**\* An open invitation was extended to Anthony to all future meetings of the Supporters Group Committee.**