

Preston North End And Preston Supporters Collective



Minutes of scheduled meeting held on Wednesday 13th April 2022 at 6pm in the Boardroom at Deepdale

Attendees: Ben Astley (PSC), John Roper (PSC), John Smith (PSC), Jonathan Richardson (PSC), Charlie Winyard (PSC), Chris Black (PSC), Kim Ramshead (PSC), Peter Ridsdale (PNE), Ben Rhodes (PNE), Hannah Broadley (PNE), Harriet Creighton-Levis (PNECET), Jonathan Counce (PNE).

Apologies: Hannah Woodburn (PNE).

1. **Matters Arising From The Previous Meeting (February 2022)**

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting and there were no matters arising that were not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

2. **Permanent Fanzone – Update On February Proposals**

BA (PSC) asked if there was any further update that could be provided. PR (PNE) said that the club were committed to achieving a solution this summer and that currently the space that provided the most sense and opportunity at the current time was the one in the Alan Kelly Town End. He said that JC (PNE) would project manage the development and that this was the ideal space to allow outdoor activities as well. He said that a team was now needed to make this happen and that JC would liaise with JRi (PSC) to get his involvement, along with anyone else who wants to be involved. He also added that the venue needed to have the right ambience and the questions now were what size could the space be and what would the cost be and that those needed answering so that the next steps could be made. It was mentioned that plumbing in the AKTE space helped with facility requirements.

3. **Ticketing – Season Tickets And Plans For 2022/23**

BA asked if any progress on this had been made. PR provided an update on internal discussions and said there were plans to launch before the end of April, providing PSC with full details of planned release in advance of its publication. CW (PSC) asked what the club's thoughts had been on the splitting of the Kop. PR said that the club had been delighted with the atmosphere and would be looking at progressing this for a lot more games in 2022/23. JRo (PSC) asked about the Ambassador scheme and if this would be evaluated too, with suggestions based on rewarding loyalty. PR confirmed that this was also being reviewed as part of the new launch, with new opportunities would be looked at being implemented.

4. **Matchday Experience – Catering, Merchandising, Disability Facilities**

BR (PNE) provided an update on a meeting held with Hannah Woodburn (PNE), Brad North (PNECET) and Rick Cartwright (PSC) about the disabled facilities at Deepdale and explained that JC and Hannah Woodburn were working on development plan, with upgrades and improvements planned in time for the start of the 2022/23 season. PR explained that as part of the FIFA review of clubs' spending and the implications for EFL/PL clubs, PNE would need to look at ways to increase turnover, which include, but are not limited to, catering and retail turnover coming into the club's turnover and an increase in commercial revenues. BA asked that the

club consider variety inside and outside the stadium when reviewing catering offerings for supporters.

5. Community Engagement

HC-L (PNECET) thanked PSC for their support, particularly with regards to recent Ramadan works and with the women's team. BA confirmed a number of PSC members had met with Tom Drake (PNECET) and the women's team, to look at ways they can further assist going forward.

6. Club And Ground Issues

BA asked about volunteering opportunities. JC said that he would work with PSC to get supporters who want to volunteer involved. JS (PSC) asked whether chairs could be provided for those who need them at the reserve games, which was agreed. An update was provided on the plans for the Central League next season. A discussion was also had about the Wi-Fi provision, the Invincibles Pavilion third level and entrance music. Discussions were also had around Central League fixtures – the club confirmed the plan was to remain in the league for 2022/23 with more details to be announced in the summer.

7. Any Other Business

JRo (PSC) asked about stirrers for the drinks being made longer to actually reach the bottom of the cups, which PR agreed to take up with Heathcotes. He asked about the status of the man of the match, which BR confirmed would return in 2022/23 and he asked why there was no longer a player of the year dinner – PR saying the club would revisit this for next season. BA asked about Middlesbrough and the confirmation of it as a Retro Day in aid of the Gary Parkinson Trust, HB (PNE) said that this publicity would go out asap. PR and BR provided an update on Gentry Day, Barnsley and the requests of South Yorkshire Police, where the club confirmed they were very unhappy with the outcome and that they, the EFL and Barnsley had fought tooth and nail to keep it 3pm, but the police and local council had forced the change. JS asked about disabled parking prices and whether this could be linked to season tickets, which PR confirmed would be considered. JS also asked about a pre-season open day and PR said that he imagined Ryan Lowe would be happy to consider this.

8. Date And Time Of Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 29th June 2022.

The meeting closed at 8pm.