

CF10 RUGBY TRUST

FIFTY-SEVENTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE ON

TUESDAY 28 JUNE 2022 COMMENCING AT 7PM

PRESENT

Board Directors: Lynn Glaister (Chair); Andy Baker (Secretary); Derek Redwood (Treasurer); Sally Carter (Minutes); Simon Baker; Andrew Bold; Andrew Collins; Simon Jones

Observers: Viv Jones; Claire O'Shea; Sion Williams

Cardiff Rugby Supporter Advisor: David Allen

Apologies: Steve Coombs

ITEM

ACTION

- 1 Chair's introductory remarks and apologies for absence.

Lynn introduced the key themes – feedback from meetings with Richard Holland and the Community Foundation.

Apologies were noted.

- 2 Minutes of the Board meeting held on Tuesday 24 May 2022
AGREED

- 3 Matters Arising and Actions

All matters arising were on the agenda.

- 4 Cardiff Rugby

4.1 Meeting with Richard Holland (15 June 2022)

The budget is still not resolved and with the budget year starting on the 1st July this is now a critical issue. There was a feeling that PRB has gone as far as it can, and it is the WRU who must make the final decision.

There is a sense of resignation about attracting people for the new season after the poor performance at the end of the last season and the lack of a good offer. Season ticket renewals are almost on target which shows the loyalty of that section of the fanbase, but there may be more of an impact when trying to regularly attract non-season ticket holders.

Cardiff Rugby are in endless meetings where they are banging heads against a wall and there is no money available and no solutions on offer. It was accepted that it is hard to present a forward plan when everything is so uncertain.

Going forward, Q&As will be diarised to give supporters proper notice, and the minutes of the last meeting have just been published.

The fixtures are still not sorted, mostly due to the problem with Newport and Swansea football fixtures and an issue with the Scarlets and Ospreys fixture at Christmas. Judgement Day is coming back. It makes a lot of money for the clubs so it can't be ignored due to the economics, even though it is generally not popular with season ticket holders. Richard warned that the World cup will truncate the season and international players will be even less available.

There has been some concern that work on the South Stand will impact the start of the season, but Richard confirmed that the stand will be available.

JSG is still failing to get a meeting with the WRU and Steve Phillips. David Buttress is stepping in to try and arrange something.

Andrew Collins attended the meeting and was able to offer a different outlook and voice. It was agreed that it is good to have different people attending these meetings and it helps to prevent complacency.

4.2 Meeting with Community Foundation (15 June 2022)

Sion, Lynn and Andy went to the meeting David had arranged with Nadine. It was mainly a fact-finding meeting and it felt positive and gave a good insight into what work the Community Foundation do. Some good ideas came out of the meeting relating to dementia and sporting memories. We don't want to compete with the work of the Foundation but if supporter groups are able and willing to help with some projects this should be encouraged.

However, following the meeting Nadine raised concerns about the meeting with Richard Holland about possible encroachment on the Foundations responsibilities. Richard and Rhys will now attend future meetings. It was also clear that there is an urgent need for a publicity officer for the Foundation to make people aware of what they are doing.

Action: Andy Baker to contact Nadine to take this forward.

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5 CAC

5.1 CAP Lease and Redevelopment

There is still no sign of any progress on the redevelopment. The CAC Property Development Company have still not presented their plans. This has now been

under discussion for 12 years and there are only 2 years left on the new lease. Can we put any pressure on CAC to move this forward? Options were considered. David suggested writing to Keith Morgan on behalf of the Trust to ask for a progress report.

Action: Lynn to write to Keith Morgan

LG

6 Working Groups

6.1 CRFC Heritage Committee

David had a useful planning meeting about the creation of the 150th book. The next meeting of the Heritage group is on the 14th July to discuss the creation of a Museum Trust with David Dow from Swansea RFC Museum.

An important Cardiff rugby shirt became available for purchase and the Heritage Group were prepared to crowdfund its purchase. However, Mike Brown purchased it on behalf of Cardiff Rugby which was much appreciated.

Members of the Heritage group expressed a willingness to help with a sporting memories project.

6.2 Community Development

Covered under 4.2 above

6.3 Communications

Steve is working on a blog with information provided by Derek about why people should renew etc. We are also looking to create additional blogs about what we enjoy about coming to the Arms Park, favourite memories of away trips etc. A meatier blog about the future of the Arms Park would also be good when we know a little more about the most recent developments. Steve needs help to organise and pull the information together.

Action: Andy B to contact Steve to try and work out the best way to organise the creation of future blogs.

AB

Paul McDonald has joined the Twitter group and completed his first week, offering yet another style to the Twitter rota. The Group would like to thank Paul for helping us out.

Claire will try and pull together a newsletter this week and will also follow up with Rhys about environmental issues.

Action: Claire to pull together a newsletter for distribution next week.

CO

7 Finance Report

It was reported that funds stood at £1,381.16 (Bank £1,312.37 and Paypal £68.79).

8 Governance Action Plan March 2022

No changes

9 Other Identified Business

Dragons rebrand: Lynn noted that the Dragons supporter group have been involved with the rebrand and are reasonably happy but concerned about offending Newport RFC. It was agreed that this was an internal issue for the Dragons supporters and not something for us to get involved with.

Carolyn Hitt - the Group wanted to offer congratulations on Carolyn's new appointment as Editor of BBC Radio Wales and Sport.

Cardiff Blues Bros - the group are formally disbanding their membership tomorrow. We have invited them to participate in the work of this group if they want to stay involved.

Supporters Charter - this has been positively received by Jamie Muir the stadium manager and should appear as an official document shortly.

picturepath - this is an app for people on the autistic spectrum designed to help reduce anxiety and stress and has been used as a tool for helping people travel to sporting stadia. David has shared this with Cardiff Rugby who were enthusiastic about its potential, and they have contacted Glamorgan Cricket who are already using the app. [Visual Timeline Tool for SEN Children | picturepath \(mypicturepath.com\)](https://www.visualtimelinetool.com/)

Working Groups - Cardiff Rugby is setting up two groups: one for environmental issues and one for accessibility. Claire would be happy to represent CF10 on the environmental group, and we can also put forward a rep for the other group if anyone is interested.

Questions via Twitter: a number of questions had come into the Board via Twitter, mostly related to the CVC money and progress with the ground redevelopment. All these issues were discussed at the meeting and will be communicated to members via the forthcoming newsletter and via Twitter.

10 Date and time of next meeting

There will be no meeting in July.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 18th August at 7pm (via Zoom)