

Trustees Meeting 1 November 2016

Attendees

Stephen Crute, Peter Fenwick, Paul Airey, Tony Clark, Chris Johnson, Barry Gristwood.

Matters for discussion

Following the closure of the monthly trustee's meeting, a further meeting took place to discuss the SITA grant.

Peter Fenwick confirmed that he had withdrawn his letter of resignation as a Trustee and was still therefore the Cricket Section's nominated representative.

The purpose of the meeting was to consider the proposal made by Richard Mulvaney (Football section) in respect of the Rugby Stand and the usage/development of the playing areas. The proposal was summarised. This would involve the relocation of both the Rugby pitch and Cricket square. It was stated that both the Rugby and Cricket sections were opposed to the proposal.

The proposal was discussed at length and the Trustees expressed the view that a large amount of factual information was needed and certain matters needed to be verified in writing from various bodies e.g Sunderland City Council, RFU, Building Surveyors and other.

Agreed Actions

The Trustees could not support the proposal on the information presently available. This did not mean, however that it could not be considered further at a later date.

The Rugby section were obtaining a Building Surveyor's Report and this would be produced to the Trustees along with the Rugby Section's proposal for development/repair of the stand, for consideration at a future Trustees meeting. This should be, at the latest, in the early part of 2017.

The Cricket section would be invited to give its comments in writing for consideration by the trustees.

Richard Mulvaney would also be invited to give any further comments/proposals before the meeting would consider this matter.

The Trustees would look at all proposals in the context of the overall development of the Club and what was in the best interest of The Club as a whole, whilst also taking into account the requirement of any particular section. Whilst a matter for the Trustees when meeting to consider this, it was felt that it would be useful to meet with the sections that wished to put forward proposals/views before any decisions were made. The Trustees could also meet with any other interested person(s) in their discretion.

The Trustees expressed their serious concerns over the present disrepair of the Rugby stand and its safety. Paul Airey agreed that, on behalf of the Rugby section, he would arrange for the stand to be securely fenced as a safety measure as a matter of urgency and that members would be notified that it was prohibited for the stand to be used until further notice. Appropriate signs would also be erected.