

Coventry City Supporters Forum

Agenda for Meeting on the 30th of September 2021 @ 5.00pm at the
Sky Blue Tavern

1 - Apologies

Laura Smith
Kevin Heffernan
Dave Eyles
Neil Beasley
Jim Brown

2 - Attendees

Colin Henderson - Chair (CH)
Pete Griffiths - Vice-Chair (PG)
Dave Boddy (DB)
Tynan Scope (TS)
Mark Hornby (MH)
Dave Buust (DB)
Sean Cockerton - West Midlands Police (SC)
Pat Raybould (PR)
Steve Harding (SH)
Bruce Walker Deputising for Dave Eyles (BW)
Simon Champion (SC)
Ray Stephens (RS)
Mike Garlick (MG)
Kevin Greenfield (KG)

Dhillons brewery Manager - Dal - gave an overview of the vision for the Sky Blue Tavern (SBT), the club and supporters and wants to make this a home from home. He would like all groups to get involved.

The SBT arrange home and away travel that can be booked through their website - skybluetavern.com. In order to be successful, they need our support.

Dave Boddy endorsed this and wants to arrange events for players and managers at the Tavern once issues with Covid are over. The SBT is a partnership with the club, and it financially benefits the club

Questions were then asked:

- SBT run a bus shuttle service on match days from the venue operated by Godiva travel and another company. This can be booked from their website. Skybluetavern.com
- Dal would love to invite all the supporters' groups to the SBT.
- Food is served from 12.00pm until 9pm.

3 - There was no specific club update as this was covered under the submitted questions part of the agenda

4 - Dave Boddy's responses to submitted questions (See separate document)

5 - Potential safety issues with the new fence running the length of Car Park B - Parallel to the railway line and underpass steps to the station and Tesco's

CH added that there is an uneven surface and the sheer number of people walking through a narrow space is a recipe for disaster.

SC - West Midlands Police explained that up until 3 and a half seasons ago there was sporadic disorder between home and away fans after every game. As this was on the Arena footprint it was the joint responsibility of CCFC and Police to come up with a solution. Since a fence has been in place there have been just two games with any disorder on the Arena footprint.

CH explained that he still feels there is a safety issue so Sean agreed to review the situation at the next couple of games and to have a look and a rethink with CCFC if it is required.

DB endorsed what Sean said and added that the new fence installed this season cost was another significant unbudgeted expense.

6 - Family Zone up-date

PR confirmed that the Family Zone is reopening for the Fulham game this Saturday and will be a meet and greet for new families and children. Mc Kit frames have sponsored the day so there will be pens for the adults and scarves for the kids as well as pop and crisps some 60 years since Jimmy Hill first introduced them.

This season members will be able to register their visits and there will be rewards available. The zone will be divided into different zones run by different teams of volunteers. All have DBS checks; risk assessments have been completed and family zone Covid protocols have been discussed and agreed with MH and CCFC.

The whole volunteer team are looking forward to being back.

7 - Update on the new stadium plans at the University of Warwick

DB repeated that the University have announced the plans to build an eco-park and the new stadium is a key part of this initiative. The university are working that plan up.

The next key stages are transportation links, including the relief road on to the A46 and the light railway connection.

He feels that a planning application could be up to 3-4 years away but when we get to that point the University will know they can deliver it.

Joy Seppala is excited and driven by the potential of giving CCFC our own stadium.

After a brief discussion it was agreed to have this item a couple of times each year so updates can be shared.

Although we are nowhere near the point of seeking inputs from members of the supporter's forum it was acknowledged that previous discussions could be reviewed and updated when we are at that point.

7 - Any other business

TS confirmed that the next stage of phase 1 shirts for juniors have landed and will be sent from next week.

There was a discussion regarding foul language and running up and down the stairs in the Level 1 corporate lounge. TS explained the swearing has been dealt with.

The issue of fans wearing replica shirts in the corporate lounge was also raised. The club explained that if the staff on duty see fans wearing replica shirts in the lounge they would/will deal with them.

TS acknowledged the poor service in the corporate area bar 1 and it is hoped that more staff will be appointed when the University students return.

8 - Proposed date of Next meeting

The next meeting will be in the two weeks running up to Christmas. CH & DB to review diaries and confirm the date.