

Minutes of the Coventry City Supporters Forum

9th September 2019 @ 5.30p.m.

1. Dave Boddy initially Chaired the meeting and asked members to introduce themselves as there were several new representatives present.
2. Dave Boddy introduced the Election of a Chair for the Supporters Forum item, He identified the available candidates, undertook a vote (by show of hands). As a result, Colin Henderson – Chair of the Coventry City London Supporters Club was elected as Chair.
3. Colin Henderson took over as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

The following items were then discussed:

1. Up-date on future stadium plans and the EFL requirements placed on ground sharing with BCFC

The club owner's preference is for a new stadium and have re-engaged a land agent to identify possible sites. To-date several possible sites have been identified.

The EFL have currently given CCFC the ability to play outside of Coventry for up-to three seasons if necessary, but the EFL will allow CCFC to return to Coventry at any point.

The Supporters Forum requested potential involvement/input into any future stadium plan. **Action: Dave Boddy will raise this with the club owners at the appropriate time.**

2. Bad language and dress code in the Corporate Lounges at St Andrews

It was identified that the specific group using bad language had been spoken to by club officials and the issue has now been resolved.

The issue of dress code was discussed, and it was agreed that the code was subjective, but the issue has been acknowledged by the club who will police it on a game by game basis.

3. Encouraging more fans to take up the cheap transport offer to matches at St Andrews & Car Parking at St Andrews

The club is working with its coach travel partner to arrange additional pick up points (pub to pub) on match days.

The discussion regarding car parks was discussed and it was clarified that it was only the road approaching the stadium car park that is closed one hour before the game and not the car park.

The issue of the car park being full for the last home game due to larger than expected TV trucks was discussed. The Club assured the Supporters Forum that measures were now in place to reduce the chances of this happening again. The 17 car park users impacted by Saturday's closure will receive a financial refund in due course.

Action: Members of the Supporters Forum agreed to advertise the club's travel offer.

Action: The club will publish local bus timetables to and from Birmingham New Street to the ground for those travelling independently by public transport.

4. Complaint about stewarding at the Gillingham match

Action: The Club agreed to refer this BCFC stewards.

5. Any Other Business

JSB Family Zone – Currently there are 103 children registered for the JSB family zone.

The JSB Christmas Party date is to be confirmed.

Action: The Supporters Forum members were encouraged to discuss with their groups the possibility of donating /gift towards the JSB Christmas party.

Bury Boxing Day Fixture

The Club confirmed that season ticket holders will be given a discount on the purchase of next years season ticket to recompense them for the loss of one fixture this season.

6. Date of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as the 25th November 2019 at 5.30p.m. at the Ryton Training Ground.