

Luton Town Supporters' Trust Annual General Meeting

held on

Thursday 30th November 2023 at 7.30pm

At Luton Town Football Club and

Via Zoom

In attendance

Board Members: Tony Murray (Chairman), Mark Chapman (on Zoom), Peter Mitchell (General Secretary), Les Miller (Treasurer), Kevin Harper, Maryan Broadbent, June Adamson, Colin Adamson, Helen Gatward, Paul Stephens, Derek Sheppard plus David Corfan, (Election Management Group Chair) and 39 trust members.

Tony Murray welcomed and reflected on a successful year for both the Trust and Club.

1) Apologies

Apologies received from 12 LTST members including Mark Chapman who is on Zoom.

- 2) Approval of the minutes from the AGM and Special General Meeting held on 17th November 2022. PM advised that the minutes stated Andy Cornelius when it should more correctly say Andy King in addition Tony Murray referred to Prostate UK when it was in fact, he should have said Prostate Beds. The minutes did reflect what was said. Approved unanimously. Proposed by Derek Sheppard and seconded by John Piper

3) Board Report from the Chairman

TM advised that again it has been a busy twelve months for the Trust. TM advised that the Board have been working very hard on behalf of Members and we have continuing involvement with the Fans Led Review, and we are proud to be founder members of Fair Game which involves 30 Clubs, and all of these Clubs are fighting for big changes in Football. TM advised that we have obtained 95% of what we want. We are still asking for a Regulator that got some real teeth to get to grips with what we see as the negative side of football. We have Niall Coupar as CEO, and a member of our Board Maryan Broadbent is on the Fair Game Advisory Council. We have helped to raise £500 for the Marvelous Nakamba Fund to help with all the great work he does in his native Country. We are also continuing to raise funds for Beds Prostate Cancer. TM then mentioned the very successful Presentation Evening as we do every year. We have also managed to increase our Membership and thanks to Mick Follett who was our Membership Secretary and also Paul, Stephens and others who have helped. TM welcomed our new Membership Secretary David Mc Cullum. TM mentioned that we are only as strong as our Membership, and this gives us more influence with 2020. We have ongoing talks and meetings with 2020, and we have a good relationship and they're fairly transparent with us which is good. TM then invited Paul Stephens to have a quick word on membership. Firstly, PS advised we encourage members to sign up with a DD on their annual membership form as we believe it's easier for the Members and for the Trust. If you are now over 60 you can now join as a Lifetime

Member for a fee of £100. We have also launched the Annual Membership for Business at a cost of £100.00 which include various benefits such as advertising and links to your business on our website, advertising on our online App and priority sponsorship options at Trust events. The brochure is on your chair. PS then mentioned the SoLYD event in the Eric Morecambe to watch the under 21 match Tuesday 12th December which is a 19.00 kick off and the cost is £30.00, and seats are in the Directors Box, and it is a Christmas dinner and Wayne Turner will come and speak to us. £10.00 of the fee will go to SoLYD which will help the Academy. PS mentioned if anyone is interested in purchasing Luton Town Supporter's Trust clothing please go to the website where you can order online. We have also set up a hardship fund to assist any of the young players. In addition SoLYD are donating £2,000.00 for an end of season trip to Belgium. TM mentioned we have been working with Loyal Luton to produce a discussion document to present to 2020 regarding ground protection. Andy Cornelius asked where we have got to on ground protection and asked where we stand on the objectives of 2020. Obviously delighted on the work done on the Fan led review and stated that the Club has always been visionary. AC praised 2020 consortium as being amazing and that we always seem to be ahead of the curve. David Wilkinson advised that on the Fans Representative this is a Premier League requirement, and she is an employee of the Club. DW advised that on Ground protection Oliver Wyman has been engaged to carry out a review on what is possible and what isn't and what suits and what does not. DW reminded all that whilst we all want the same thing there is the point that 2020 have an investment and the Trust do not so it's imperative that no investment is watered down. John Davies asked if members of our Board meet with the LTFC Board. TM advised we do have regular meetings with them. TM advised it is usually Gary or David, but we have met with others including Paul and Stephen.

4) Resolution to approve the Accounts for year ended 30th June 2023.

The Treasurer presented the Financial Statements for the year ended 30 June 2023 and assumed all had had an opportunity to look at them.

The Accounts are now subject to approval by the Independent Examiner after they have been approved by this Meeting. They have been approved by the Trust Board.

LM thanked David McCallum and Paul Stephens for their help on the Membership income side of things

LM drew attention to the item in the accounts relating to the £500.00 donation to Marvelous. We actually raised and eventually paid over £5,634 once we had persuaded the bank that the payee was genuine. LM mentioned that the cost of trophies and engraving was considerably higher than previous and that was because there were a number of new trophies purchased for the Presentation Evening. LM commented on the SoLYD accounts, and the high costs LM stated that these are actually fees for DD. Discussion on the high fees incurred. There are other options available but as LM stated by changing you run the risk of people not renewing LM thought the SoLYD members here tonight will take the comments on board and follow it up. DS as the SoLYD secretary advised that they have looked into this and for the time being for the reasons as mentioned by LM have left as is. SoLYD are aiming to do more fundraising events.

LM asked if any questions on the accounts.

Chair thanked LM for his hard work.

- 5) Resolution to appoint the Independent Examiner – LM explained that some years ago we amended the constitution to allow us to appoint an independent examiner as opposed to a full Auditor which with a full-scale audit would cost thousands of pounds so we have a reciprocal arrangement with the treasurer of Watford Trust where cost is nothing – the only cost is the time of the respective treasurer. It is not a requirement unless our turnover exceeds £100,000.00. LM stated that although the Constitution was changed it does have to be reapproved at each AGM. The proposal was carried. Proposed by PM and seconded by Steve Lindsay. There were no objections.
- 6) Resolutions received from members. PM reported that no resolutions had been received prior to the AGM.
- 7) Election of Board Members

Chair handed over to David Corfan. DC summarised what we have been doing. There are 6 vacancies per election to the Board as the following have completed their terms of office Maryan Broadbent. Helen Gatward, Tony Murray Peter Mitchell and David McCallum and Paul Stephens and are up for re-election. The Election Management Board consist s of myself (DC) Derek Sheppard and June Adamson and the role is to make sure the process of the election is independent and fair. In addition to these 6 people 2 members submitted application to join the Board. Unfortunately, one member had not paid their subscription before submitting their proposal so unfortunately, they were excluded. Another member Rachel Burns submitted an application and that was accepted, and she was included in the election. DC advised that PM had consulted with the FSA, and they advise that we actually give every Trust Member an opportunity to vote and to this end we have done online. DC advised he found an application which was suitable. DC advised he checked every single vote for validity in that they were on the Membership list, and no one voted twice. The ones who did vote twice were spotted and removed. There were a total of 348 votes submitted which is a good amount from our Membership. DC announced the results in alphabetical order of the candidate. Broadbent Maryan 272, Burns Rachel 194, Gatward Helen 292, McCallum David 238, Mitchell Peter 300, Murray Tony 299, and Stephens Paul 308. Which means unfortunately Rachel whilst thanking her for her interest she had this time been unsuccessful.

TM thanked DC very much for his efforts on the Election and wished to congratulate all those elected along with himself and thanked Rachel for standing and that if she wished to stand again next year you are more than welcome. TM reiterated that the more members we have the stronger we are and the more influence we have. TM remarked that we have made great strides particularly with the Fand Led review and Fair Game. TM then closed the

meeting and thanked all for coming along and joining on Zoom and wished all a very happy Christmas and a great New Year and let's hope we stay in the Premier League

8) Meeting closed 20.15.

Jake Howells followed this meeting.