



# SOUTHEND UNITED SUPPORTERS CLUB TRUST LIAISON MEETING 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2009

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## 1. Present

Geoffrey King (GK), Garry Adamson (GA), Helen Norbury (HN), Bryan Woodford (BW) and Phil Alsford (PA). Paul Yeomanson (PY), Paul FitzGerald (PF), and Derek Wilshire (DW) had given their apologies.

## 2. Matters Arising from the Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

GK followed up on previous discussions regarding the encroachment of Chelsea FC on SUFC's 'local' territory and said that it would appear that their local management was unaware of discussions on such matters which had taken place between the clubs at a higher level. He also mentioned that Chelsea considered Chelmsford to be suitable for their community services although Chelmer Housing Association had asked SUFC to introduce their Kicks programme to the area. Discussions will continue with Chelsea FC.

The Club had received a letter from Perform Group, the company responsible for publishing the new season's fixtures, apologising for the delay in submitting details on the club website which was due to a technical problem.

GK was asked whether requested information had been provided to Supporters' Direct (SD) and he confirmed that discussions had been completed but felt that SD should have been more transparent over their requirements at the outset

## 3. HMRC Winding Up Petition

GK was asked to elaborate on the recent media story regarding the Court case involving SUFC and HMRC. He said that during a recent meeting of Football League clubs, which he, GA and HN attended in Portugal, it had been announced by Lord Mawhinney that HMRC had agreed to discuss repayment plans with football clubs and the entire outstanding payments would not need to be immediately repaid in full if terms could be agreed. On the same day, the Chairman received, in Southend, a winding up notice from HMRC for outstanding monies.

GK said that once the Court case was in progress it could not be stopped but had to run its course. The case had become public knowledge but GK said it would be dismissed or adjourned on the Court date and the Club was not at risk of winding up over this matter

## 4. Toomey Trophy/MTBD – 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> July

PA requested that the Club's website should mention that the Shrimpers Trust was paying 50% towards the Park and Ride facility for the event, as this had not been made clear. GA said he would look into this.

PA also asked whether the Trust's new flag and mast could be displayed at MTBD and this was agreed by GK.

**5. Trust Xmas Party – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Lords Golf & Country Club**

HN said that Club's staff party had been booked for December some months ago and she would check to make sure that it didn't coincide with the date chosen for the Trust event.

**6. New Stadium**

GK said that there was no further news on a start date for building work.

**7. Any Other Business**

HN asked whether it would be possible to change the date of the next and future meetings, if required, due to an alteration to scheduled dates of Board Meetings. There were no objections made.

**8. Date of Next Meeting – To be agreed.**