

KJFC Minutes of Committee Meeting Held on 8th January 2025

Attendees: JD, JH, MB, AL, WL, BS, AS

Apologies : KS

Items Discussed:

1: Coronation Storage Keys

It was raised that these were currently misplaced and a question as to whether we needed to get another set cut was needed.

2: Discussions with Kirkham Council

- JD updated that approval to install Grit Bins (one for Sand, one for Top Soil) at Coronation Road had been received. He noted that he had seen large capacity, lockable ones that would meet our long terms needs. These would be installed 'along the blank wall' and then a delivery of materials could be organised.
- Committee questioned whether Glasdons could supply and whether a discount as a local team could be arranged. This would be investigated. (JD/WL/AS)
- Further to this JD updated that he has failed to gain support from the council for the construction of a 'goalpost pen' to store goalposts on Coronation Road. (We hoped to go to the William Segar Hodgson Trust with the council's support). This would mean that any plans to upgrade to 'Solid Goalposts' from "Fold Aways" would not be possible.
- We would therefore look to arrange to tether the goalposts to the building with some form of bracket arrangement.
- JD updated on the potential for a small 4G pitch at Barnfield to replace the Multi Sport pitch currently there. JD has explained to the council that if a 'proper five a side pitch was installed that could be used for training and games then KJFC could 'guarantee' extensive use throughout the week. The council promised to keep the club up to speed with progress and seek input from us when necessary across the Winter months (and when grass was unavailable). (There would be a

need to register the pitch to ensure use for games (to overcome the issue at AFC Fylde).

- It should be noted that there is no appetite to work together towards a 4G facility on Coronation Road or Maryfield by Kirkham Council at the current time.

3: Wesham Council

- JD reported that despite reaching out he had received no response from Wesham Council by email. Whilst no issues (apart from a need to sort out the guttering) – there is a need to ensure there is a continued relationship built and maintained between us and them.

4: Wet and Cold Weather

The Committee discussed the current weather and the impacts it was having on games and training. This discussion had a number of angles to it:

- AFC Fylde – The committee noted the poor efforts by them to make the cages available in terms of clearing snow and ice. This would be formally raised with them to prevent happening again. We again recognised our current reliance on their facilities for the club to operate.
- Sunday Morning Booking – All felt that the block booking at AFC Fylde for the 11 a side pitch had been successful and was enabling a number of games to get played. It was noted that the facility was not available on Saturdays to do likewise (and that that pitch was not marked to stage 5, 7, 9 or Small 11 a side games). It was discussed whether the club should consider making some form of proactive booking elsewhere for next season in advance. The Committee agreed to come back to this question at a later point.
- Club Policy – All agreed that the club policy in terms of funding all weather surfaces after two consecutive cancelled home games should stand. However, it was noted that there was likely huge demand on those 4G facilities that were registered to play league game on (Common Edge, Stanley Park, UCLAN Sports Arena). Therefore, it was noted that whilst the policy was sound enough it was somewhat ineffective. It was agreed that we would reach out to Ashton High School to determine the availability of their 4G pitch.

5: Team Fee System

Committee members who attended the demonstration were of the collective view that the system should be adopted. It was agreed that an initial pilot would be established for one or more teams and then rolled out fully at the end of the season.

6: Club Payments Policy

- Following the discussion at the previous committee meeting it was decided that the policy would be updated with immediate effect as follows.
 - “That coaches with a child or children in the club who lead sessions for more than one team would be entitled to not having to pay subs for one of them”.

The committee reserve the right to pay coaches or other suppliers for their services as needed. These would need to be claimed using the online claim form which would carry a caveat stating that “any tax implications would be the responsibility of the individual claiming”.

7: Financial Position of the Club

- The Committee looked at the current bank position and future cash flow forecasts. We noted that in financial terms we were “up” in terms of our relative position but would have significant expenditure up until April when we move off AFC Fylde and towards trophies at the end of season presentation.
- The policy of having a secure reserve of £30,000 was being maintained. It was felt that we would likely end the year with a medium sized operating profit (dependent on any additional spending decisions made in year).

8: Small matters arising

- a) The KJFC Quiz success was noted, and MB was thanked for organising.
- b) The Under 13 Whites have decided to stay in the Blackpool league till the end of the season.
- c) The Under 5s were moving to the Boys Brigade on Friday nights to be indoors.

- d) There would be a push (end of February) in terms of ensuring that each team has least one “Level 1” qualified individual.
- e) There was discussion that a two monthly managers meeting was due and would be arranged by the end of January or the beginning of February.

9:Project Home

- There were various discussions during the meeting which revolved around the need for Kirkham Juniors to have access to our own ‘own’ 4G Facility. It was recognised and agreed that the effort around organising this and taking it forward should be separate from day to day club operations and governance.
- It was agreed that JD would speak to Carr Hill and Kirkham Grammar in the first instance to determine their respective appetites and whether some form of partnership could be formed.

10: Roles and Responsibilities

- JD was thanked for his service to the club in a variety of roles and was wished well for the future. JD would ensure that there was a full hand over and would be available until the next AGM to support as required.
- It was agreed that AS would become a signatory on the bank accounts to enable JD to exit for that in this period.
- AL explained he had significant work commitments over the next period and whilst would remain in post until the AGM he would not be in position to undertake any additional duties to his Secretary role and supporting the weekly goalkeeping practice on Sunday mornings.

Next meeting planned to take place on Wednesday 12th February 2025.