

## Shrimps Trust meeting with MFC Chairmen

Shrimps Trust representatives met with MFC co-chairmen Rod Taylor and Graham Howse before yesterday's game. A summary of the meeting is below:-

**Date: 8th December 2018**

**Present:**

**MFC - Graham Howse, Rod Taylor**

**Shrimps Trust: Steve Doran, Ron Freear, Jimmy Goulding, Paul Hodgson, Ian Lyon**

1) Non-payment of wages last week was the result of a simple but minor transactional error. As soon as this error came to light without warning on Tuesday, players and management were informed, and everyone was paid by lunchtime on Friday. MFC assured players that they would not be out of pocket, as they would cover any bank fees. Both co-chairmen will be watching this situation very carefully in future, so the situation should not occur again.

2) Progress on the roof development for the home end - a planning application has been submitted to Lancaster City Council. The Council have requested one further technical drawing, which should be submitted next week. There is an issue over the cost of the planning application, which currently works out at over £1,800. This seems excessive for the size of change requested, so will be contested.

3) The club are intending to buy 2 spin bikes for the training room at the Globe, to assist in injury recoveries and so that the team can keep training whatever the weather. Shrimps Trust will consult members to see if we can provide assistance in sourcing the bikes (£800 - £1000 each new but also available refurbished).

4) Shrimps Trust now have a 2019 calendar available for sale, and requested assistance from the Club Shop in stocking and selling the calendars until the New Year. Rod came back to us after the meeting to say it was all agreed, and calendars would be available from next Monday at the Globe, as well as from the Trust.

5) The club are planning a Community Day for the Morecambe v Crawley Town game on 30th March 2019. The purpose is to encourage families and kids to attend the game and to become MFC supporters. The club are looking at distributing tickets to schools, cub/scout/guide groups, etc. After voting 93% in favour, Shrimps Trust members have decided to sponsor the Morecambe v Cheltenham Town game on Easter Monday, 22nd April 2019. This will take the form of a Members' Day and we will also encourage families to attend with special family activities.

6) The club were asked if they had noticed any differences in the financial state of the club since the new owners took over at the end of last season. Rod and Graham replied that the club's overdraft had been paid off by the issue of new shares, and they were happy that the Football League and the club's auditors were satisfied that they have seen proof of funds from the new owners. The club's latest financial accounts will be discussed at the club's Annual General Meeting next Thursday (13th December 2018 at 7pm), followed immediately by a Fans' Forum at 7.30pm in the Local Choice Suite. All MFC supporters are welcome at this meeting, where the directors, chairmen and owners

of the3 club will be available to field any questions.

7) The club's social media and website developments are now back in-house after being outsourced for a while. Shrimps Trust have already noticed a large improvement in the club's digital output over the last month, so congratulations are in order for improving the club's communication capabilities.

8) Ian Lyon raised the issue of the club's disability access at the Globe, and suggested that it may now be out-of-date after several advances and new regulations in this area. Rod asked Ian to email the full details to him, and he will act on it.

9) The club again appealed for Trust members to donate any MFC memorabilia they may be willing to spare, in order to make the Globe Arena more homely and welcoming. The Trust are populating the Legends Wall at the home end, but any other bits and pieces (from Christie Park scoreboard numbers to tickets for the 1974 FA Trophy final) would be most appreciated.

10) The next meeting will take place before the Crewe Alexandra game on 5th January 2019.