

Meeting with new MFC co-chairmen

Just before the Sunderland game, Shrimps Trust had our first meeting with the new co-chairmen of MFC - Rod Taylor and Graham Howse.

Below is a summary of that meeting.

Shrimps Trust meeting with MFC Chairmen

Date: Tuesday 13th November 2018

Present: Stuart Rae / Jack Steer / Steve Doran / Ron Freear

MFC: Rod Taylor, Graham Howse

Initial meeting following Rod and Graham's appointment as joint MFC chairmen the previous week. Rod and Graham will henceforth be the liaison point between MFC and Shrimps Trust.

The issue of a proposed Director of Football at MFC is now dead – it is judged to be inappropriate for the club.

The club are hoping to hold an Annual General Meeting before Christmas, depending on receiving a full set of final accounts in time.

There will be a Fans' Forum held immediately following the AGM, and this will be open to all supporters.

It was confirmed that the outgoing MFC chairman Peter McGuigan has left and now has no involvement with the club.

Progress on the roof for the Ace Scaffolding Stand – Rod will chase up DST Construction tomorrow (14th) for the final details and costings. MFC have completed their part of the on-line planning application, and as soon as the final details are entered, the application can be submitted.

Rod and Graham now have a mandate to get on with this project, and they will inform Shrimps Trust of the costings so that we can set a fundraising target. The club have already paid out between £5,000 and £8,000 to progress the plans so far.

The Community Trust have been successful in applying for a Fans Engagement Grant to decorate the inside of the bar area behind the home goal - this money cannot be used for the construction phase.

MFC are also making progress on the Memorial Garden, and are hoping to work with the Prince's Trust to develop this.

Rod and Graham appealed for more memorabilia to decorate the bar areas and other parts of the ground so that it feels like the home of a football club with proud traditions. Shrimps Trust will put out an appeal to members for any suitable MFC memorabilia.

The MFC Board are looking to recruit more directors, preferably with specific skills in

Human Resources, Health and Safety, and to help out with the Community Trust.

Regular meetings will now take place between MFC Chairmen and Shrimps Trust, taking the form of a 15-30 minute discussion on match days. The next meeting will take place on Saturday 8th December before the Port Vale game.