

Summary of Meeting with MFC Co-Chairman

Date: 4th May 2019

Present: MFC - Graham Howse

Shrimps Trust - Ron Freear, Stuart Rae, Joanna Wilkinson

The joint venture between MFC and Shrimps Trust for Easter Monday (incorporating the club's Break the Gate initiative and Shrimps Trust's Members' Day events) was a great success and was greatly enjoyed by all. Thanks to all those taking part, all the performers who gave their time and talent for free, and to Mike O'Brien who provided extra beer and pie stations to make the half-time refreshments a pleasurable experience at the home end.

More Shrimps Trust and Community Sports days will be planned for next season once the fixture list is announced, and will concentrate on boosting attendance and atmosphere on days when we're hosting teams with less travelling support.

If today's match against Newport County attracts a crowd above 2,049, then it will boost our average home attendance for this season above 2,000. Bringing back 2000+ attendances and an increasingly positive and family atmosphere at the Globe Arena are the joint goals of both MFC and Shrimps Trust.

Graham reported that plans have been submitted for the roof over the home end, costing £7K so far for the plans and submission. Estimates are coming in for the building work, so things are moving along to improve facilities for home fans.

The Trust has passed on the names of 3 volunteers for painting work at the Globe Arena over the close season. More volunteers are always welcome!

Martin Thomas has been appointed as MFC Commercial Manager, and has started work this week. The new first-team kit is being unveiled at today's game, voted for by supporters, and Martin will be involved in setting up future sponsorship deals.

Graham raised the issue of the Shrimps Trust football tournament in the coming week – MFC have managed to reduce the overall charge to £350, including 4 stewards and first-aid cover.

Toby Greenwood is investigating the problems with turnstiles and public address system on the Berlin Wall / Car Wash / North Terrace.

Concern was raised from both sides about the flare thrown onto the pitch from our supporters during the Macclesfield Town away game. Both sides strongly condemned this action and will work to stamp out any recurrences.

Shrimps Trust are open to running more coaches to away games next season, depending on demand from members. The club are willing to support this initiative by opening JB's Bar for bacon butties and refreshments before the coaches set off, providing it's not excessively early.

4 new additions have been made to the Legends Wall in the home end (Jim Bentley, Ian Cain, Gerry Irving and Rod Taylor). A formal opening will take place at the start of next season.

The next meeting will take place sometime in August 2019, depending on the fixture list.