

CF10 RUGBY TRUST

**Eighty-sixth meeting of The Board of Directors
to be held via Zoom**

on Tuesday 22 April 2025 commencing at 7pm

PRESENT

Board Directors: Lynn Glaister (chair), Sally Carter (secretary), Simon Baker, Hugh Campbell, David Allen, Steve Coombs, Karan Chandler, Viv Jones, Paul McDonald, Sarah Kirk, Andrew Collins, Derek Redwood

Apologies: Claire O'Shea

ITEM	
1	<p>Chair's introductory remarks</p> <p>Lynn recorded the apologies and introduced the main theme of the meeting – preparing questions for our meeting with the WRU and discussing how we approach our relationship with the JSG going forward.</p>
2	<p>Minutes of the Board meeting held on Tuesday 22 February 2025 and the AGM</p> <p>Both sets of minutes have been accepted as a true record and uploaded to the website.</p>
3	<p>Matters Arising and Actions</p> <p>A great deal has changed in the period since the last formal meeting and the AGM and many of the action points have been superseded by current events.</p> <p>The key issues are covered on the agenda.</p>
4	<p>Cardiff Rugby Matters</p> <p>It is hoped that in the next few weeks we will start to have a better idea of the new management structure for Cardiff Rugby. A new company has been created and registered at Companies House.</p> <p>A meeting with Cardiff Rugby had been agreed for the 6th May but Lynn will need to confirm that this will still go ahead. At present Hugh and Sarah will accompany Lynn.</p>
5	<p>JSG and WRU</p> <p>WRU meeting – proposals for questions</p> <p>Lynn has contacted Abi again to try and confirm a meeting date with her. It is important that if a date is agreed we have a clear idea of what we want to ask her and what we want</p>

to push for on behalf of supporters.

It was agreed that we need to ask for a full Supporter Director on the Board rather than the current Supporter Advisor – someone that cannot be excluded from Board discussions at critical moments and who has an equal status to other Board members. (We need to clarify to the WRU the difference between CF10 and CAC and why having the latter on the Board would not be the same as a Supporter Director).

This is the right time to push for what we want because the problem of a lack of real supporter representation has been laid bare. This should be our key demand.

It was also agreed that we need to have a core set of questions that deal with the immediate concerns of supporters - what is critical at this time?

- Who will be the new Chair?
- When will the new Board be put in place?
- How can they guarantee our season tickets?

We have many additional concerns and questions, but these can be raised if we get an in-person meeting with Abi. The questions above, and the need for a Supporter Director are the key points that can be sent to Abi rather than overwhelming her with too many difficult questions that are not immediately relevant.

If we can't pin her down to a meeting maybe we should flesh out our questions and ideas and send those through to her for a formal response.

What should our tone be with the WRU? Positive, polite but definite in what we want? We need to make the WRU understand how helpful CF10 can be and how important it is that they get the supporters on their side. It might end up being a long-term deal and they will need a good working relationship with Cardiff Rugby, CAC and the supporters. We must try to avoid the role that JSG have fallen into – a reporting back role rather than a genuinely collaborative role.

Action

- Lynn will prepare an email to Abi which sets out our immediate concerns and asks for an in-person meeting.

Joint Supporters Group

How will recent developments change our relationship with the JSG and how should we handle this going forward?

There was general agreement that it is best not to overthink our relationship with JSG at present. Dragons were still part of JSG when they were owned by the WRU and until we have confirmation of the new management and structure, everything is just speculation.

We represent our supporters and who owns us is out of our control so we should continue to represent our supporters as best we can.

There is a difference between the legal and emotional ownership of the club and as Cardiff supporters we will continue to have the emotional ownership and will therefore continue to fight for our club. Steve pointed out that whilst there is a degree of security in coming under WRU ownership there is also a danger that the longer we stay in WRU ownership the greater the risk of losing Cardiff's own unique heritage. This is something we all need to be aware of.

	Provisional date for next JSG is the 30 th April – awaiting confirmation.
6	<p>Working Groups</p> <p>6.1 Heritage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - David and Simon moved the collection out of the WRU store and into our new storage space at CAP. New racking has been installed. - David, Sally and Simon are meeting at CAP tomorrow with people interested in volunteering to help with the Heritage project. This will include additional helping hands for events and exhibitions as well as more formalised roles where we need additional support. - Sally and David are giving a talk at the Dementia café next week. <p>6.2 Communications</p> <p>Comms has had a great deal to handle with all the recent issues. All agreed that comms have done well over the last week and managed the fine line between support and criticism.</p> <p>There was some criticism from supporters that we weren't critical enough of Richard Holland and Alun Jones but there was general agreement that our approach was the correct one and there was no point in twisting the knife at this point.</p>
8	<p>Finance</p> <p>Following our appeal at the AGM there have been two donations this month – totalling £75. The donors will be contacted and thanked.</p> <p>Funds now stand at: £1,072</p> <p>Lynn has some Zoom bills to send through.</p>
9	<p>Future of the CF10 website</p> <p>Andy Baker had been in touch about the current status of the website. The joining facility no longer works, and Andy has said this is a sign of the age of the website, which is now 10 years old, and that we urgently need to address what we are going to do with it. He raised the issue of whether we still need a web site, particularly if very little new content is being added. Maybe we should just focus on social media and newsletter mailings? His opinion is that it still serves a purpose and gives a certain status to the Group. It serves as a place where people can find out more if they wish to and keeps all our documentation and minutes in one place.</p> <p>Andy has been able to put a fix in place so that a form will now come to us if someone wants to join CF10.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There was agreement that we do need a website but maybe we need a much simpler version than we have at present, one that we can all help to maintain and update. - The site also needs a revamp. There are fewer regular blogs, and it is a lot less vibrant than it used to be. - We need to include the pieces that are written for the programme – this stopped in 2023. Steve will upload these pieces to the website going forward. - We need to think about the brand and update that accordingly. Andrew C can offer

	<p>advice about design and improving the membership sign-up.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Would Andy be willing to build us a basic website that we can then host on a server - one that is simple enough for others to be able to work on and contribute to? <p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lynn to talk to Andy to see what he can offer in terms of advice and help.
9	<p>Other Identified Business</p> <p>Meetings have been agreed for the 3rd Tuesday of the month up until the end of the summer</p>
10	<p>Date and time of next meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tuesday 20th May - Tuesday 17th June - Tuesday 15th July - Tuesday 19th August