

**CARDIFF BLUES SUPPORTERS CLUB and CF10 ARMS PARK RUGBY TRUST**

**MINUTES FOR A MEETING BETWEEN COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF  
CARDIFF BLUES SUPPORTERS CLUB AND BOARD MEMBERS OF CF10  
HELD AT CARDIFF ATHLETIC CLUB, CARDIFF ARMS PARK ON  
THURSDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2017 COMMENCING AT 6PM**

PRESENT

CF10 Arms Park Rugby Trust: Sally Carter; Huw Jones (Secretary); Derek Redwood (Treasurer)

Cardiff Blues Supporters Club: David Elsmere; Sarah Hopkins (Chair); Richard Taylor

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1	<p>Introductory Comments</p> <p>It was important at this particularly difficult time for the club that CF10 and CBSC were seen to be working together. Both organisations said they were committed to this aim.</p>	
2	<p>Respective roles of the two organisations was discussed:</p> <p>2.1 Cardiff Blues Supporters Club</p> <p>SH tabled a presentation on the role and work of CBSC. It was democratically elected, self-managed and funded. It was officially recognised by, but not part of Cardiff Blues Ltd. It represented the views of its members and the wider supporter base; sought to raise the profile of the club around the world; organised away travel; undertook charity fundraising events; organised events such as Player of the Year; communicated with members through its website, Twitter, Instagram and Facebook; undertook player liaison. CBSC had been involved in the establishment of the Joint Supporters Group – at the time of the dispute between RRW (now PRW) and the WRU, and continued to be active in this regard on behalf of Cardiff Blues supporters.</p> <p>2.2 CF10 Arms Park Rugby Trust</p> <p>The CF10 Mission statement was discussed. The Trust was established as a company under the Community Benefit Society Act. The Board was democratically elected. A fundamental role of the Trust was to act as a critical friend to Cardiff Blues Ltd. As part of this role it was organising small shareholder involvement. It now had nearly 40,000 proxy shareholders which</p>	

	<p>made it the 9<sup>th</sup> largest shareholder. This gave it influence with the club and through AGMs. The protection and promotion of Cardiff rugby heritage was important and the Trust had catalogued all artefacts. It was seeking to build an archive of CB artefacts to sit alongside CRFC. The ultimate aim was to develop a museum as part of the redevelopment. Maintaining the heritage of Cardiff Rugby as part of the redeveloped stadium was seen as being important.</p>	
3	<p><b>Aims in respect of Cardiff Blues</b>  It was agreed that both organisations had the same desire, namely to see the success of Cardiff Blues and a return to Cardiff being one of the world’s greatest rugby clubs.  The aim of both organisations should be to ensure that in future it’s not a case of ‘us and them’ but mutual respect and support for each party’s unique roles, and joint working where appropriate.  HJ emphasised that the Trust had no desire to duplicate the great work being undertaken by CBSC. Neither was it seeking membership of the JSG. It would consider an invitation to meetings if others felt it appropriate but this was not its objective.  SH welcomed these comments. She said the CBSC raised concerns privately with CB management but couldn’t necessarily be seen to do this publicly.</p>	
4	<p><b>Joint Working and Mutual Support</b>  There were many areas where the two organisations could provide mutual support when the other was leading on an initiative. This could be done through Twitter/Facebook etc. Examples include:  Trust supporting CBSC – Away trips; fundraising events;  CBSC supporting Trust – development of heritage (especially CB) and the application to HLF for museum funding;  Mutual help in seeking volunteers from both memberships.</p> <p>Agreed areas for future Joint Working include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Joint meeting with RH on a quarterly basis;</li> <li>- Liaising on matters related to the Working Group;</li> <li>- Gaining supporters’ views through joint surveys or joint meetings;</li> <li>- Working on redevelopment of the ground. Agreed that it needed to be first and foremost a rugby stadium with heritage an important component.</li> </ul> <p>SH mentioned that they had requested an Open Meeting for supporters following recent events at CB. Trust members would be welcome to attend.</p>	HJ/SH
5	<p><b>Heads of Agreement</b>  It was felt beneficial to build on this positive meeting through formally setting out the principles discussed in a Heads of Agreement document. This would need to be agreed by both parties. HJ agreed to put together a first draft for consideration by respective committees.</p>	HJ
6	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b>  It was agreed that this should take place prior to the joint meeting with RH. It was envisaged that meetings would take place every other month.</p>	

