



Everton Football Club Shareholders Association

Agenda – Quarterly meeting with EFC

Royal Liver Building

4th April 2024 4pm

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1 Welcome / Introductions

Present were:

EFCSA – Julie Hobson (Chair), Keith Seymour (Honorary Secretary), John Blain (Vice-Chair), Ian Seymour, Barry Hancox, Mike Owen, Phil Parker, Tony Rimmer, Dave Kelly, Robbie Daniels, Tom Hughes

Everton – Colin Chong (Interim CEO), Richard Kenyon (Chief Commercial and Communications Officer).

Apologies: Ian Webster, Martin Williams, Paul Murphy.

2 Accounts

The EFCSA questioned the Club and CEO Colin Chong about the FY23 Accounts and specifically the significant payments made to former Directors for 'Loss of Office' and the increasing people costs at a time of financial distress for the business resulting in multiple breaches of the Premier League's Profitability & Sustainability Rules

Payments to Former Directors

Colin said that the payments made to former Directors for loss of office were decided upon and approved by the former Board of Directors. He said that due to matters of confidentiality he couldn't say anything further.

EFCSA did ask why the payments were not held back to be part of the next year accounts but Colin explained that he couldn't go into further detail of timings or any other matters in relation to this.

Increasing Head Count and People Costs

Colin gave a summary of the Club's staffing and why there were some numbers in the accounts which could be misleading – for example, within the accounts more than forty casual matchday staff were moved into permanent status – but this has since been reversed. The Club confirmed that over the last six months there has been a considerable reduction in headcount.

Richard noted that the Club also had some reasons to expand resource in certain areas due to the new stadium project.

Action: *EFC to provide up to date staffing numbers to EFCSA*



Compliance with FFP rules for FY24

Colin confirmed that at this time the Club is working to ensure it will be compliant with Profitability & Sustainability Rules moving forward and there is ongoing work across departments to ensure compliance for 2024.

The Club has been working hard to a more sustainable future and while this isn't an overnight fix, progress has been and will continue to be made.

3 Profitability & Sustainability Rules – Referral to Independent Commission for FY23

Colin confirmed that the Premier League's Commission had concluded but that at the time of the meeting the outcome had not been received by Everton's Legal Team and representatives. He noted that the Club only gets a very short turnaround between receiving the outcome and it being made public.

It is expected that the judgement will be made public in the coming week and after reviewing the decision the Club will decide as to whether to appeal or not.

4 Change of Ownership

Colin Chong gave an in-confidence overview of the state of play with regards to the proposed acquisition of a controlling interest in the Club by 777 Partners and briefly explained the 'minded to approve' status that had been covered by the media.

Colin also confirmed that the Club's intention is to keep a majority, and thus controlling interest, in the Everton Stadium.

The Shareholders concluded that week commencing April 15th, 2024, could be a significant one in the history of the Club.

There was a brief discussion on other options among the Shareholders over what the scenarios could be should 777 partners not complete.

Colin Chong committed to explaining to the EFCSA how the Board would ensure the potential for a conflict of interest at Board level wouldn't compromise any decision to approve the sales of a majority shareholding. EFCSA offered to oversee the integrity of the process for making any such decision.

5 AGM

Colin was asked for a definitive answer on reinstating AGMs, which Mr Moshiri had personally answered to the Shareholders back in the summer of 2022. Colin said that he had already made a 'written recommendation to the board' and that this item will remain in the board meeting minutes until 'any new owners' have taken control and can decide on next steps. In his opinion Colin believed that General Meetings should be reinstated.



6 Tour of Everton Stadium

The Association thanked the club for arranging the recent tour of our magnificent new stadium. A question was raised by the members on the tour about the use of photographs.

Richard explained that they were restrictions on photographs due to the security and sensitivity factors as well as GDPR considerations.

7 Ena Jones/Tony Heslop Awards

Richard confirmed that the club would fund the replacement Ena Jones trophy which they have been unable to reclaim from the previous winner.

The Association have agreed to fund a yearly trophy for the winner to keep permanently while the main trophy will remain with the club. Julie will liaise with Richard to arrange the purchase of the new trophy.

7 AOB

The Association thanked the Club for providing support for the recent forum which was extremely well attended and prompted several very good discussions around the approach the Club will take to the allocation of season tickets for the new stadium.

There is a list of questions from members which the Association will provide the club. Richard confirmed he would also clarify the plans around shareholders and season tickets for the new stadium.

Meeting closed at 5:30pm