



# Forever Bury

The Bury FC Supporters' Society Limited

**Forever Bury** (Bury Football Club Supporters' Society Limited)  
**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018

The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of The Bury Football Club Supporters Society Limited, known as Forever Bury was convened at 5.25pm on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2018 in the Bury FC Social Club, Gigg Lane, Bury with 21 members being present. 5 members had appointed the chair as proxy. Forever Bury Chair Dave Giffard sent his apologies.

Acting Chair – Lorraine Fox, Secretary – Susan Tunstall.

**1. Minutes of AGM 017 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

A member raised a question about a show of hands over not giving any more money to the club. It was pointed out that this was an “off the cuff” question and did not form a formal part of the meeting. The minutes of the meeting were unanimously accepted as a true reflection of that meeting.

**2. Announcement of Directors of the Board of Forever Bury**

The Chair advised members that John Trippier of the Clarets Supporters Trust had offered his good services to act as independent scrutineer and to whom all nominations had been sent. He advised by e-mail only four nominations had been received for the seven vacant positions on the Forever Bury Board. The nominations were received from Dave Giffard, Susan Tunstall, Jonathan Barratt, and Derek Boulton. All four nominations were ratified unanimously by the members present were therefore elected to the board.

**3. Chairs Statement**

The acting chair read out a statement from Forever Bury Chair Dave Giffard.

“I start by apologising for not being here yet again today as I’m back home in Crete. For the foreseeable future I’ll be there in July and September so once the new board is formed I will be doing my best to try and ensure future AGM’s are held in August so that I can definitely be there.

As most of you will be aware we are now meeting with Karl Evans on a monthly basis and putting forward any questions, suggestions and ideas from our members. We endeavour to get an answer to everything and get them circulated but if we struggle to get a clear response we raise it time and time again.

You’ll have noticed that we have vacated The Cabin, which has been our base for the last 15 years. It has finally succumbed to the weather and become unusable. We must thank the club for offering us use of the offices at the side of the Social Club as our new base. It will take several weeks to get everything back to normal but we will be open before and after all future games.

At this point I would like to thank the other Forever Bury Board members who all put so much of their time into running the Trust and the various fundraising events but would like to hear from more of our members who would like to get involved and help. We have a number of things on the backburner that are just waiting for people with a bit of time spare to get on with.

In particular, I’d like to thank Derek Boulton for his sterling work with the very popular Car Boot Sales, which prior to this year have raised over £71,000.00. Derek travels over from Halifax for the 7.00am starts and being in his seventies has now made the difficult decision to step down and let someone else take it on.

With around 650 members at the moment it would be pleasing to see that grow over the remainder of the season so please spread the word. The more members, the more proactive members, the more we can do.”

Enjoy the rest of the season!!!!

**4. Secretary’s Statement**

The secretary stated that there was a total of 668 members; voting membership was 427 comprising of 170 adults, 150 concessions and 107 young persons, junior members was 241, at the end of the financial year. The current membership was 596; voting membership was 370.



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## 5. Financial Statement

The treasurer presented the Independent Examiner's report and the analysis of Income and Expenditure for the financial period ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. The Financial Statement for the Financial Year 2017/2018 was unanimously accepted.

The beer festival was again the major fundraiser for this year, but there were concerns about the future of the social club and hence further festivals. A cooler system for the beer festival was a major contributor to the rise in expenditure of 25 %

The treasurer asked members for suggestions and help to further increase the society's income.

Forever Bury had purchased 10000 shares in the club for £10000 in the year end 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018, the money from this sale was to help refurbish the classroom for the youth team at Carrington. The club had shown the receipts to Forever Bury representatives.

## 6. Auditors/Independent Examination of Accounts

The current charge from Metcalfes for the independent examination and the provision of our PO Box was £390 compared with a full audit of round £3000.

The proposal that the members of the Society shall not require an audit of accounts covering the current financial year ending on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 when they are presented to the next AGM held in 2019 and to have an Independent Examination of the Accounts instead, was accepted unanimously

## 7. Future Aims

To continue to work on increasing/retaining the membership and to encourage more members to be more active.

To continue to meet with the club, raising concerns from our members over the clubs' finance and to have an input in any redevelopments.

To support the formation of a Nation Supporters Organisation, following the vote to merge Supporters Direct and the Football Supporters Federation

To attend the independent Football Policing Advisory Group

## 8. AOB

The relationship between the club and Forever Bury was discussed. Mike Brooks said that monthly meetings with the club's CEO Karl Evans were still taking place.

Forever Bury had not been consulted over the setting up of the Club's Supporters Group. Mike would raise this at the next meeting with the club.

The Forever Bury percentage shareholding in the club had again been reduced with the club converting loans to shares.

The club was also asked repeatedly about holding a shareholders meeting and fans forums, but no dates had been set.

The youth set up at the club was the best it had been for years and the Forever Bury Board was happy to support the youth system when purchasing shares. However it was unsure once 10 million shares had been issued whether anymore would be available.

It was suggested that the reason members were not renewing was because of Stewart Day and the worsening financial position of the club. Forever Bury would continue to build up funds.

Forever Bury had an agreement with the club, which allowed the use of club facilities until 2019 in exchange for share purchase It was suggested that members be consulted before any new agreement was signed

The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

**Meeting Closed** at 6.10pm

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Date

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