

**BRENTFORD FOOTBALL COMMUNITY SOCIETY LIMITED**  
**(trading as Bees United "BU")**

Minutes of Society 6<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
Held at St. Paul's Church Hall, Brentford  
at midday on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

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**Board Members Present:**

Brian Burgess	(BB)	Chairman	Mark Chapman	(MC)	
Stephen Callen	(SC)		John Anderson	(JA)	
Joe Bourke	(JB)		Allison Franklin	(AF)	
Bruce Powell	(BP)		Matt Dolman	(MD)	
Natasha Judge	(NJ)		Chris Gammon	(CG)	Secretary
David Hawes	(DH)				

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**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from board members Trevor Inns & Brian Sawyer.

**Approval of Previous Minutes**

Brian Burgess asked for comments on the minutes of the 5<sup>th</sup> AGM. None were received and the minutes were duly approved.

**1. Chairman's Statement**

Brian Burgess presented the Chairman's annual statement, as distributed to members.

**2. Finance Report and Adoption of the Society's Accounts**

**3. Election of Auditors**

Stephen Callen explained that the Trust's accounts for the year had been prepared and approved by the board; and that until the 14<sup>th</sup> it had been anticipated that the auditor's report would be signed by Alvis and Co. in time for the accounts to be distributed to members ahead of the AGM. However Alvis & Co. had subsequently indicated that they would not be prepared to issue this report prior to receipt of the signed audit report for Brentford FC from their Auditors Meyer Williams. As the Society's Rules prohibit the distribution of un-audited accounts he felt unable to present the accounts at the meeting, and suggested that Items 2 & 3 could only properly be considered at a re-convened meeting.

Stephen, the board, and Brian Mason of Alvis & Co. then took questions from the floor on the processes involved and the financial information outlined in Brian Burgess' Chairman's statement.

**4. Proposed Changes to Society Rules**

Society Secretary Chris Gammon outlined changes proposed by the board to the Society's rules, which had been circulated to members for consideration and for which 49 proxy votes had been given to the Chairman.

The changes recommended were:

Firstly, that the wording of Clause 11 of the Society Rules should be changed to:

*The Society Board will decide and issue a form of application for membership. Members are to pay a subscription as the Society Board shall decide, the first payment to be made at the time of application for membership. The sum of £1 from the first payment shall be applied to purchase a share in the Society. Members who have taken out loan notes of at least £1,000 in respect of the nil % unsecured loan note February 2002 and 2005 Primary Ring-fenced Fund Loan Note can be deemed to have paid their membership subscription during the period of any such loan note.*

**A show of hands recorded 53 votes in favour of the resolution; none against; and no abstentions. Proxy votes were 49 in favour and none against. The resolution was duly passed by the necessary two-thirds majority.**

Secondly, that Clauses 29c and 30 be removed from the Rules of the Society.

**A show of hands recorded 51 votes in favour of the resolution; 2 against; and 2 abstentions. Proxy votes were 48 in favour and 1 against. The resolution was duly passed by the necessary two-thirds majority.**

## 5. Any Other Business

### 5.1 Feedback from Member's Survey

Chris Gammon presented the results of the survey of supporters sent out with the notices of the AGM. Although the board had not had the opportunity to study these they would be discussed at the following board meeting. Broadly the indications were that satisfaction levels with the work of the Trust were down on the previous year, and that the preferred priorities to be addressed over the coming year were fundraising to reduce debt levels and increasing the membership of the Trust. A number of practical suggestions were made from the floor for the refinement and review of future membership feedback surveys.

### 5.1 Adjournment of Meeting

Brian Burgess proposed that the meeting be adjourned to consider Items 2 and 3 at a later date. If the meeting were reconvened within 14 days the Trust could avoid the expense of mailing fresh meeting papers, and 6.30pm on the evening of Thursday November 30<sup>th</sup> (prior to a fans' forum) was suggested as a possible time. It was explained that moving to adjourn to a specified date introduced the risk that the Trust's auditors might still not have received the information required from the Clubs' auditors in time to present their report to members. A show of hands was requested to establish the preference of those present, and the preferred course of action was adjournment to an unspecified date, to be determined by the board, indicated by a majority of 36 to 13.

## Close of Meeting

There being no further business, the formal meeting concluded at 1.00 pm.

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Chairman