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**NOTES OF THE MEETING AT GEORGE PINDAR SPORTS COLLEGE
HELD ON MONDAY 12 OCTOBER 2009**

Present

Tony Brown (TB)
Sandra Troughton (ST)
Richard Adamson (RA)
Hugh Bellamy (HB)

The meeting was arranged by TB to get an update from HB about progress with the development of a facility at Pindar College and any developments following the visit to see Phil French in London.

Phil French, at the meeting in London had offered some specialist sports consultants through the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) to assist/advise the Council on developing a sustainable community sports village and football stadium. HB was concerned that nothing seemed to have happened during the last few weeks and was worried an opportunity might be being lost.

TB advised HB that he was acting chairman following Simon's resignation as chairman, though he is staying on the Board, and the Board is anxious to make progress. The Council has promised another meeting to discuss its proposals, though the date has yet to be confirmed, and we want to regain some momentum in moving forward.

HB advised that the College still intends to develop a facility but he acknowledged that there were some obstacles to overcome in relation to Sport England, opposition from local elected members and the Council's planning officers and highway/parking issues. He acknowledged that delivering a facility of the required standard to allow SAFC to play in was proving more difficult than he originally anticipated but this was still the College's intention if the Borough Council were still backing the proposal.

Before a planning application for a Unibond League standard facility can be re-submitted Sport England will have to withdraw their objections to the proposal. HB confirmed that plans have been re-submitted to Sport England for approval and he was optimistic of a response within a week.

The re-submitted planning application will require a Green Travel Plan which explains how fans would get to the ground and what SAFC would do to encourage use of public transport/reduced car use etc based on the assumption that there will always be maximum capacity crowds.



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HB advised that the College is preparing an application for planning permission to erect floodlights.

TB asked HB to clarify exactly what his aspirations are for STFC as he was aware that they have applied for membership of the Northern League next season and clearly some members of the STFC Committee see themselves as rivals to SAFC. ST mentioned she had received one of the STFC leaflets at her home. HB advised that the leaflets were produced while he was away on holiday. HB confirmed that STFC is a development team and that his only interest is in assisting players to play at whatever level suited their talents. He feels that the team has not yet reached its level and that is why they will apply to the Northern League but he does not think it likely they will go higher. HB sees the future of many of their players as being with SAFC, Pickering, and Whitby and hopefully at a higher level than that for some. HB does not view Scarborough Town as an independent football club but as the open age development side of the academy, he believes the Town side exists to service the academy not vice versa. This principle therefore frames and indeed limits aspirations and expectations for the senior side.

TB asked him about the link between STFC and Whitby Town FC. HB stated that there was no such link, the link was between the College and Whitby Town FC as part of a College initiative to encourage students from by giving them positive experiences. It was just the same as the trips by some students to Queensgate to see SAFC that take place from time to time.

HB acknowledged that some members of the STFC Committee may have a different vision of the future than him but the Committee is clear that the central principle for the existence of Scarborough Town is to develop older academy players. The committee play a key role in fund raising for the Academy, including STFC, and in the logistics of delivery. Clearly though neither the academy nor Town could operate without the College.

HB suggested that one way to start to breakdown some of the barriers between the STFC Committee and SAFC, and those SAFC supporters who are anti STFC, was to be seen to work together. He suggested some of the following as being worthy of serious consideration:-

Joint training sessions for the players

SAFC Reserves playing at Pindar

SAFC Society Board meetings being held at Pindar (at no charge)

Joint fund raising ventures at some point in the future



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Ryan Blott being made available to carry out promotional activities in other schools and settings

TB said he would speak to our manager about a monthly joint training session. There was a problem with the Reserves as currently there is no league in North Yorkshire that is of a good enough standard for them but this might change in the future. We will consider his offer re Board meetings.

The meeting ended at around 5.45.