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Harborough Town Community trust Minutes of AGM held 26th April 2021

Trustees Present:

Siobhan Brewin (Chair & Finance) (SB)
Laurence Jones (CEO) (LJ)
Andy Winston (AW)
Ivor McTighe (IM)
Mike Dougan (MD)
Elaine Pepler (EP)
Peter Dougan (PD)
Tomas Mikenas (TM)

These minutes should be read in conjunction with the accounts and reports made available. This year's meeting was held on zoom due to Covid 19 pandemic restrictions.

1	MD	Apologies received from Cameron Price and Jim Wilson
2	LJ	<p>CEO's Report</p> <p>Thank you to the board of trustees, full time and casual staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure the club has survived the current situation we all find ourselves in.</p> <p>Thanks also the Chris and Jayne who have taken on the task of the media and communications for the club.</p> <p>Over the last 12 months we have had to financially survive the impact of Covid 19 and under take repairs caused by the flooding on Christmas eve.</p> <p>Last August the internal structure of the board with Siobhan becoming chair of trustees which allowed me to become voluntary chief executive.</p> <p>47 Junior teams from U5 to U18's and 7 adult teams. 1st team playing in the UCL at step five of the FA national league system. As a club we are in the top 80 largest clubs in England and the 1st team are in the top 708 teams in the country and five promotions from the English football league.</p> <p>Despite the lockdowns Maz has managed to offer virtual training sessions and we have open the club shop up online and developed our social media platforms.</p>



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		<p>We plan to replace the old 3g later in the year at a cost of £200,000.</p> <p>Despite the challenges we have all faced recently the club is moving on in a very positive way. We are looking to make the club a venue for sporting and entertainment activities.</p> <p>It is important to remember that the club is a not for profit charitable trust run by volunteers and our members can all help by purchasing tea or coffee from our catering outlet and book the function room for any parties and functions.</p> <p>The youth season is extended to the end of June and we plan to hold festivals over the summer months and the 1st team will commence the 21/22 season in August and hopefully we will be welcoming back fans.</p> <p>Coming out of the pandemic I an excited that the club is in a good position and with everyone getting behind the club we can achieve our dream</p>
3	SB	<p>Chairperson's report</p> <p>Thank you to all employees, casual staff, coaches and media team for hard work done over the past 12 months.</p> <p>2018/19 our turnover was £385k and up to March 2020 we were on target to equal this but then Covid struck and the lockdowns resulted with income dropping 2/3rds overnight.</p> <p>We secured several grants and bounce back loans which we are paying half of these back and funding the rest over 5 years.</p> <p>Brook house continued to use the facility and provided most of the pitch hire during the pandemic.</p> <p>Catering, bar and use of the function room will take time to return to previous levels so we need all the support the members can give as we open up the catering and bar and functions are held again.</p>
4	IM	<p>Youth Section</p> <p>Thank you for attending this AGM a season like no other.</p> <p>I would like to thank everyone who has supported the club in a season of two halves!!!!</p> <p>Who knew that as we started the 2019/20 season it would be cut short in March with leagues and cup competitions cancelled.</p>



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		<p>I would like to thank Maz who puts in endless hours to ensure not only that the club is successful but with the added challenges that the pandemic has brought and the Kez, our groundsman, in maintaining the pitches and facility whilst closed.</p> <p>The U18's from the 19/20 season who have now left the club never had the year end presentation due to the pandemic and the trustees will do everything possible to see if this can be held at a later date.</p> <p>Finally, I have made the decision to step down as a trustee and thank you all for your support and that you will all continue to support the club and trustees. I would also like to say it was a pleasure working with my fellow trustees over the last 5 years</p>
5	PD	<p>Senior section</p> <p>Thanks to trustees, employees, coaches and parents for the fantastic job done over the last 12 months</p> <p>Senior section is self funding with a 1st team, reserves, Vets, Sunday and walking football teams</p> <p>1st team are in the UCL premier division, reserves in the UCL reserve league and the Vets in the Leics league.</p> <p>Walking football has been a success and thanks to John Bidwell in getting the numbers up to 30 players including 2 England internationals.</p> <p>Maz is evolving the pathway from youth to senior football and we are seeing is paying off with a couple of the first team coming through the youth to 1st team football.</p> <p>Sponsorship provides 50% of our funding – our thanks to these</p> <p>With 1st team fees of £120 per game for officials your support will be appreciated when we can have spectators again.</p> <p>Thanks to the senior committee for their help over the last 12 month in this stop/start season.</p> <p>Mitch Austin has been appointed first team manager with Stu Spencer in a coaching roll.</p> <p>Thanks to Kez and Callum for all their hard work in preparing the pitches which are in excellent condition.</p> <p>Thanks to Maz and the casual staff for the bar and catering</p>



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6	SB	<p>Financials</p> <p>Income down from peak of £385k in 2018/19 to £203k in first 10 months of current year all due to the pandemic.</p> <p>Harborough trading is operating at a 60% gross profit margin.</p> <p>£20k contribution to Trust + £12k rental fees</p> <p>Trust has a stable income and the sinking fund will contribute £80k to the replacement of the old 3g pitch. Income comes from 25% pitch rental, 50% club house bar/catering and 25% fees</p> <p>LJ – the Junior fees will be frozen for 21/22 season, this is the 3rd year they have remained the same. While the pandemic is still on going the trustees will need to assess the full impact before looking at this years fees. The youth season has been extended to end of June.</p>
7	MD	<p>Trustees</p> <p>Elaine Pepler was re-elected unopposed as Welfare trustee</p> <p>Ivor Mctighe has decided not to seek re-election as trustee and so this position will be advertised.</p> <p>The trustees would like to thank Ivor for his commitment and hard work over the last 5 years to make the club the success it is.</p>
8	SB	<p>Conclusion and Final Questions</p> <p>Thanks to Chris for preparing this Zoom AGM and marshalling us through it.</p> <p>Pauline Winston on behalf of the senior committee would like to thank the trustees for their support.</p> <p>LJ – Would like to thank Elaine for being the safeguarding officer which is a difficult job</p> <p>SB – Thanks to Ivor for his work as trustee</p> <p>There were no further questions</p> <p>Meeting Close at 7.55pm.</p>