MINUTES OF CFU ON MONDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2016 AT CUFC

PRESENT: Robert Osbourn (Chairman), Tim Christopher, Nigel Browne, Dave Doggett, Dave Matthew Jones, Carol Looker, Margaret Pearson, Frank Pearson, Terry Wilby

APOLOGIES: John Bilbao, James Taylor, Brian Thorby, Martin Chapman, Martin Page, Colin Proctor
SECRETARY: Joy Childs

1. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

   a. Current Account £18,185
   b. Lottery Account £28809.25
   c. Shop account now closed
   d. Bucket collect for Simon Dobbin - £3592 which includes £100 which had been allocated to Dial-a-Ride as they provided the journey free

2. **MEMBERSHIP**

   a. Around 340
   b. Terry Wilby trialling a new membership system

3. **LOTTERY**

   a. Currently 150 members
   b. Bank Balance £28695
   c. Prize Fund £ 8168.09
   d. Costs Fund £ 585.57
   e. Amenity Fund £13746.72
   f. CRY Fund £ 4201.89
   g. Community Fund £ 1994.28

   Terry Wilby will send out separate lottery email while jackpot is passing £1800
   Plan for CUFC to promote lottery in December

4. **100 YEARS OF COCONUTS**

   a. Focus on getting Newmarket Road Roughs to press – taking place week commencing 7th November
   b. Visit to a sheltered housing scheme in Fen Ditton has taken place – further visits to similar schemes
   c. Gathered memories and generated goodwill at Abbey People Senior Fair in October
   d. Good contacts made to work with dementia sufferers and other groups
   e. First work with local youth groups with visit to Ditton Fields Group, other groups being targeted
   f. Four-week project with primary school, Abbey Meadows, will start in November 2016

   Pat Morgan made a plea for new space for storage –needs to be dry, secure, possible a shed, lock-up garage or spare room. Contact Pat if you can help

HALL OF FAME

Decision taken that the next induction honoured players should focus on more recent players and managers

Players (2 inductees) Brendon Batson, Alan Biley, Dion Dublin, Steve Fallon, Tom Finney, Lindsay Smith, Steve Briggs, Chris Turner, Paul Wanless, Malcolm Webster

Managers (one inductee) Ron Atkinson, John Beck, John Docherty, Bill Leivers, Roy McFarland, Richard Money

An off the pitch category (1) would be determined by the Steering Group and CFU Trust Board.

5. **FANS ELECTED DIRECTOR REPORT**
   a. Supporters – Treatment of away treatment is being marked. Good information is being provided to visiting supporters. DMJ is keen for the club to aim an award in this category.
   b. EFL – contentious issues have been sorted, commercially good for the clubs, possible early matches could be pre-season in future
   c. Good relationship with Police Group – ringleaders of nuisance fans have now been banned
   d. Better atmosphere of clubs is created by diversity – approaches to various groups
   e. Equipment now provided for autistic children and adult

6. **ABBEY HELPERS**
   a. Many thanks to Roy for his work, now needs looking at again

7. **VIEWS FROM THE VAN**
   a. Robert Osbourne is happy to write article but would welcome ideas from others and material to edit.

8. **CFU AGM 2017**
   a. The Accounts will be completed by the end of November
   b. These need to be passed on to James Taylor
   c. CFU Membership criteria and role spec to be reviewed and updated

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

   CFU Meeting dates for 2017 – please note for your diaries

9th January 2107	6th March
8th June	3rd July
4th September	6th November

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING **MONDAY 9th JANUARY 2017**

Coconuts report for CFU meeting 7 November 2016

Activity since 5 September 2016

The focus has been on **getting *Newmarket Road Roughs* to press** and generating preorders for this indispensable tome – the first volume in Andrew Bennett's history of AU/CU, *Celery & Coconuts*.
Publication, delayed by problems at and with the printer, will take place in the w/c November 7.
Presales through the caravan and CFU online store have been generated by PR & social media campaigns, programme inserts & publicity at the caravan & in the supporters' club. Preorders at the time of writing total 106 & a print run of 150 has been ordered. Post-publication sales will be through the caravan, the CFU store & the club shop.

Work on **telling the U's story** in the community has gathered pace.
A visit to a sheltered housing scheme in Fen Ditton, aimed at stirring & gathering tenants' memories, was rewarding for both parties. We will return in the new year & visit other city council-run schemes with the support of independent living workers.
Coconuts gathered memories & generated goodwill with a stall at the Abbey People Seniors' Fair in October. Good contacts were made that will facilitate work with dementia sufferers & other groups.
The first work with local youth groups will take place this month with a visit to a Ditton Fields group. We will seek to tell the story by taking objects from the museum and elsewhere. Other youth groups are being targeted.
The first four-week project with a primary school – Abbey Meadows – will start this month. Working with the CU Community Trust, we will welcome Year 5 children to The Story of the U's, take handling boxes to the school, take the children on a walking tour of the area to talk about important places in club history, and finish up with the creation of an art display. We will seek to work with Fen Ditton Primary in the spring term.

Plea: the space we're using for storage – the Coconuts Cave – is very welcome but far from ideal. We are in desperate need of a dry, secure shed, lock-up, garage, spare room – anything that we could use for storage of the collection and equipment and for sorting and cataloguing. If you know

of anything that would be accessible during the day and is within a reasonable distance of the Abbey, please let me know.

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6.11.2016