



New Mills Juniors Football Club | Committee Meeting 15 October 2024

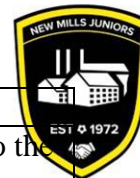
Venue: Hare and Hounds

Time: 20:00 – 21:30

Invited:

Rick Adrio	Chair & Welfare Officer	RA
Joanne Downes	Secretary & Treasurer	JD
Mark Newman	Parent and Coach Liaison Officer & Assistant Welfare Officer	MN
Rob Oakes	Media Officer	RO
Barny Crawshaw	Marketing Officer	BC
Simon Mather	Committee Member	SM
Chris Hackney	Committee Member	CH
Phil Butterworth	Committee Member	PB
Jeanette Murray	Committee Member	JM
Liam Murray	Committee Member	LM

Agenda:	
1. Apologies for absence	None
2. Matters arising	All
a) Committee roles: It was agreed that the title Committee Member would be used to refer to new colleagues joining us, except for an additional Welfare Officer (pending DBS clearance). These two roles will then be split between Development and Youth phases to ensure robust coverage for members across all stages of their football journey. It was noted that additional support was required for the Secretary role and a division of tasks will be developed to help achieve this.	
b) Vice Chairperson role: Barny Crawshaw was appointed Vice Chairman following an application and interview process opened to existing committee members in July.	
c) Winter training update – approach and member communications: all age groups have been allocated training slots as per their requirements. An FAQ will be added to the website addressing the fact that our monthly membership fee does not directly correlate to training provision and as such cancelled training does not correspond to a refund of any monthly membership fees.	
d) Club site insurance 2024/25: a general discussion was held for the benefit of new Committee members outlining the provisions in place, extent of coverage and our general approach to insurance. Our insurance is due for renewal soon and we are following the normal process to do this.	
e) Football Foundation (FF) 2024 grant application options: various approaches were discussed including seeking funds for a new mower. All FF grants are done on a 75/25% funding split, with the FF paying the greater proportion and the remainder being met by the applicant club. It was agreed to apply for the mower.	



3. Financial Report	JD
All finances in a good (normal) state. It was noted that we will have to contribute to the cost of a new mower if our FF grant application in Item 2e) is successful. League fee commitments are in various stages of payment, from deposit through to final balance in line with usual arrangements. It was noted that certain items such as referees' fees were higher in line with the increased number of teams that we have, but all within tolerance. Winter training payments will commence soon.	
4. Welfare, Safeguarding & volunteer training	MN/RA/JM
Following ongoing disciplinary issues with one of our opponents, both Derbyshire and Cheshire FA have approached the club in question and put preventative measures in place. We will continue to monitor the situation but expect the FA measures will prevent recurrence. It was agreed to source hi-vis vests to be worn at home games, with appropriate wording on ('Fair Play' or similar), to act as a deterrent to inappropriate behaviour.	
5. Club Equipment	All
It was agreed to purchase new slalom poles for each site and move some corner flags between sites to enable easier pitch setup.	
6. Fundraising and Events a. Presentation Day 2025 b. NMJFC Tournament 2025 c. Fundraiser Race night/quiz	JM/PB
It was agreed to commence the handover process for our cornerstone Club events to our new Committee members, to enable them to step into this part of their roles. The planning process has already begun for Presentation Day, with dates requested for the Town Hall venue, and for our Club tournament.	
7. OPF Welfare facilities	RA/SM/CH
A New Mills Town Council consultation will be held in November and a show of support is required from the community and those associated with the Club to ensure the programme is perceived positively and ultimately help our plans gain approval. Various approaches were discussed.	
8. Media and Marketing	RO/BC/PB
Online shop issues around broken links to products have been resolved. Following our move to sharing committee meeting minutes, these are being opened by >95% of colleagues. The Meet the Teams page has been updated to reflect current photos of most teams. We are developing a profile on TikTok and have tested a couple of pieces of content.	
9. Groundskeeping	RA
Nothing to report, pitches in a good condition.	
10. Parent and Coach Liaison	MN
An approach around Club branded drawstring bags was discussed, with pricing and personalisation options discussed. It was noted that New Mills Football Club have extended us an open invitation across all age groups to provide mascots for first team matches, by prior appointment. PB will investigate this further.	
11. Any other business	All
It was noted that the DCFA have requested information on our training arrangements in order for safeguarding spot checks to be carried out.	

Next meeting: 19 November