



New Mills Juniors Football Club | Committee Meeting 10 March 2025

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	Vice Chair & 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	JM
2. Matters arising	All
<p>a. <b>League intentions:</b> the Club will lodge applications with all relevant leagues at the end of March; MN to email all coaches outlining the available league options with input from PB. It was noted that Leagues aren't confirmed as running until teams express their interest in joining them and numbers are established.</p>	
<p>b. <b>Club training:</b> with our arrangements at Glossop coming to an end in late March and the need to confirm arrangements with NMFC and Whaley Bridge, a discussion was held on this and teams moving to training on grass pitches w/c 31 March. Training slots/times would be confirmed following the move back to grass.</p>	
<p>c. <b>Wildcats:</b> Numbers are growing and, on a positive note, current Y3 girls may seek to form a team from September onwards. Conversely, additional coaching support will be needed if numbers continue to grow.</p>	
3. Financial Report	JD
<p>Nothing to report, finances in a good (normal) state. We are awaiting Football Foundation grant money for the new floodlights to come in so we can purchase them.</p>	



4. Welfare, Safeguarding & volunteer training	MN/RA/JM
Some verifications have been received in line with normal.	
5. Club Equipment	All
<p>We have taken delivery of our new mower at Ollersett in part exchange for the other mower and payment from our Football Foundation (FF) grant money.</p> <p>It was decided to buy some aluminium pod goals for training use at both sites.</p>	
6. Fundraising and Events	JM/PB
<p><b>Summer tournaments:</b> we are using the Tournify app to manage our tournaments this summer, which will make the whole process more efficient and allow for a better experience for our guests.</p> <p>Our tournament briefing packs for coaches and teams are also being updated for this year's events.</p>	
7. OPF Welfare Facilities	RA/SM/CH/BC/RO
<p>New Mills Town Council have agreed in principle to grant us a 25-year lease for the Ollersett site, with details of the lease to be collaboratively developed. This will then allow us to apply for FF grant money to support our project.</p> <p>A constructive meeting was held with the DCFA and FF, and our next steps in terms of finalising a design that complies with FF requirements, submission of planning application and FF grant application are being progressed by the OPF sub-committee.</p>	
8. Media and Marketing	RO/BC/PB
<p>Some posters to promote team requirements and tournaments have been developed in line with usual business. Additional promotion of the girls' tournament is being done to help boost numbers.</p> <p>A further discussion was held around adopting Microsoft Office 365 as a Club, to protect our data and future proof ourselves as we grow, so that documents can be shared more easily and we don't lose important information. It was agreed to purchase a single-user login to start the process of moving our data across.</p>	
9. Groundskeeping	RA
<p>All pitches are in a good state, with no cancellations of training or matches over the past month. The new mower at Ollersett will enable the pitch to be cut more efficiently in future, saving our volunteers' time.</p>	
10. Parent and Coach Liaison	MN



A call will be sent out for help to set up and staff our May tournaments.

New Mills Carnival – a plan was discussed to get all our teams involved with this event.

15 June – 3 August was mooted as being our off-season in line with our membership payment schedule and to allow for pitch renovation work to take place. Tournaments can be played with players who are registered.

11. Any other business

All

Liam Murray was recently nominated to represent the Club on the DCFA Coach Mentor scheme and is progressing well through the course. All colleagues in the Club can ask for support and guidance from Liam across all aspects of their role. Congratulations to Liam on being selected for this course and doing well in it.

Date of next meeting: Monday 21 April