



**THE M&S WATER SERVICES CHILTERN YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
**(Affiliated to The Bedfordshire FA)**

**MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2022 AT**  
**THE FLITWICK FOOTBALL CENTRE AT 8.00 P.M.**

The Chairman welcomed the League's President, Mr. C.J. Davison and the representatives of the member Clubs to the meeting.

The Chairman also extended a welcome to representatives of Prestige Design Limited (Barton and Flitwick) who would be supplying trophies (including player of the match awards) for the League Cup Finals. The Company had also supported the supply of vouchers that would be awarded in the draw at the close of the meeting, with all Clubs in attendance being included in the draw.

**Apologies were received from:**

Mr. P. Mockett and Mr. P. Roberts (Vice-Presidents); Mr. J. Brown, Mr. S. Brown, Mr. A. Gee, Mr. J. Thomas, Mr. D. Garner, Mr. G. Wilson and Ms. N. Browning (League Management Committee); Leighton Town Youth, Markyate Youth, Bedford Park Rangers

(Clubs were reminded that apologies did not count as representation as required by League Rule 6(0).

2. The Minutes of the previous Full Council Meeting held on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were approved as a true record.
3. Matters Arising: None
4. **Hon, General Secretary's Report:**  
Mr. J. Brown had apologised for being unable to attend, the meeting (due to Covid) and had sent a written report which the Chairman read to the Meeting.  
This referred to:
  - Apologies for not being able to attend tonight due to COVID and thanks to everyone who has taken the time to attend
  - Thanks to all teams and clubs for efforts in playing games and trying to work through issues this season. Despite challenges with teams withdrawing, the league has actually gained additional teams during the season and at this point has 62 clubs and 187 teams as part of the constitution
  - Unfortunately, misconduct appears to be a major issue, with 10 games being abandoned during the season due to misconduct; all referred to the relevant County FA's for investigation and disciplinary action
  - Cup Final Super Sunday – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May @Barton Rovers FC & Barton Parish Council Playing Fields. Will be 12 Cup Finals played across the day
  - Under 16 and Under 18 Cup Finals – to be played on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May – venue to be confirmed

- Unfortunately, the Under 17 League Cup had to be sacrificed to complete League Season programme at this age group
- Congratulations to
  - Cranfield Colts who have reached the Under 18 Beds. County Cup Final.
  - Crawley Green Youth Pumas who have reached the Under 16 Beds County Cup Final
  - MK Warriors, who have reached the Berks & Bucks Under 16 County Cup Final
- Proposed rule changes were circulated to clubs at the end of February
- Application forms for Season 2022-23 will be circulated to all clubs at the end of April
- AGM scheduled for Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June – meeting to be held at the Bedfordshire Football Association.

The report was adopted with no questions being raised.

5. **Hon. Fixture Secretary Report:** A written report from Mr. A. Gee was read to the Meeting this referred to:

1. Covid has caused 180 games to be postponed during the season; these have been rescheduled as the league have taken a non-quibble stance to Covid postponement requests hence why midweek games have been scheduled to complete the season.
2. The League is on target to complete season by Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May.
- 3, Any Cup games that have been postponed will probably be midweek games.
- 4, Divisions that have already been completed please organise own friendlies.
5. Please Notify of KO time change if not using the Full-time App.
6. When submitting Match Result Forms, there have been lots of issues submitting details with App so please use another device to check details are correct and uploaded and visible on the Full-time Website; really only does take a minute extra to check and avoid a fine.
7. Next Season - Junior pitches issues with availability in Luton and Dunstable will be a concern.

The report was adopted with no questions being raised.

The Chairman expressed sincere thanks to Mr. Brown and Mr. Gee for their excellent work in administering the League so efficiently.

6. **Hon. Treasurer's Report:**

The Treasurer asked Clubs to ensure they paid pitch fee invoices, fines and other dues on time to avoid having to pay late payment levies.

7. **Hon. Registration Secretary's Report:**

Mrs. Vase reported as follows:

Registrations and player transfers have now closed for the season. System issues with the WGS had been frustrating but it was hoped these would be resolved for next season as would the problems of the WGS and the Full Time System "not talking to each other". 3198 players were registered during the season (562 of those happening after the season started). There was 35 Transfers during the Season. Mrs. Vase closed by saying she always works with the Clubs to expedite registrations efficiently to ensure as many young people as possible to play football in the League.

The Chairman thanked Mrs. Vase for her report paying tribute to her excellent work for the League.

8. **Referees:**

Mr. S. Chamberlain and Mr. B. Cooper both referred to their efforts in recruitment and retention of referees asking Clubs to be diligent in their confirmation of fixtures to referees and providing good hospitality on the day.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Cooper for their superb work on behalf of the League.

9. **Child Welfare Officer:**

There was nothing to report

10. **Webmaster:**

Ms. Browning had expressed her pleasure at being invited to join the League Management Committee to do all things social media. She was keen to feature Clubs/Teams on the League's various social media channels being pleased at the recent increase in interaction and engagement on Facebook with many more likes/shares. It was hoped Clubs would contact her with achievements, match reports, team photos, comments etc. to enable her to promote these to the League audience.

Twitter -	@CYLeague
Facebook -	@chilternyouthfootballleague
Insta -	Chiltern_youthleague
Website -	<a href="http://www.chilternyouthfootballleague.org">www.chilternyouthfootballleague.org</a>

The Chairman thanked Ms. Browning for her efforts and expressed his pleasure at being able to recruit her during the season to carry out the Social Media duties.

11. **Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman thanked all the representatives for the work they do in running their Clubs.

The Chairman invited Clubs to discuss/comment on the various proposed rule changes that had been circulated to Clubs. Clubs were advised no decision would be made at this meeting but final proposals would be prepared and circulated to Clubs for consideration at the AGM having taken into consideration the points raised at this meeting. Numerous observations from the Clubs were noted and the Chairman thanked the Clubs for these and their interesting participation in the debate on the proposed Rule Changes as Appendix 'A'

Special thanks were recorded to Dunstable Town Youth, MK Warriors and M&DH Clapham for their contributions/observations on the Rule Changes.

12. **Any Other Business:**

a) A request was made that the League consider forming an Under 21 Section. The Chairman advised this would be included on the application form for Season 2022 / 2023.

Reference was also made to Girls Football and it was agreed this would also be included on the application form for next season.

b) **Roll Call:**

The following Clubs were not represented at the Meeting on a second consecutive occasion. They were **FINED: £50.00 EACH** in accordance with League Rule 6(O):

**ASPLEY GUISE, LUTON ALLSTARS, LUTON TURK RANGERS, ST. JOSEPH YOUTH, SUNDON PARK RANGERS.**

The following Clubs were not represented at the Meeting. They were **FINED: £30.00 EACH** in accordance with League Rule 6(O):

**BEDFORD FOOTBALL ACADEMY, BEDFORD PARK RANGERS, BEDFORD FC YOUTH, HOUGHTON ATHLETIC, LEIGHTON TOWN, LUTON NATIONS COMMUNITY, LUTON STALLIONS, MK WARRIORS, QUEENS PARK CRESCENTS, REAL LUTON, SMART FC**

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All the Clubs represented at the Meeting were entered into a draw for £50.00 vouchers that had been supported by Prestige. The following Clubs were successful in the draw:

**BARTON ROVERS YOUTH, MELTIS RANGERS, TOTTERNHOE YOUTH, KEMPSTON ROVERS COLTS**

The Clubs were informed that a proportion of the fines from this Meeting would be used for prizes in a draw amongst the Clubs attending the A.G.M.

The Chairman thanked Flitwick Eagles and the Flitwick Football Centre for hosting the Meeting

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.05 p.m.