

**MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING HELD
AT THE ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERS
ON THURSDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

PRESENT: P. Hill (Chairman), P. Brasher, K. Carr, C. Cattanch-Chell (left meeting at 8pm), C. Darling, K. Diver, M. Foster, J. Gee, T. George, I. Greenstock, R. James, G. Jolley, I. King, J. Knox (Chief Executive and Company Secretary), A. Mayes, B. Meldal, P. Mitcham, M. Mizon, R. Nichols, M. Pauley, R. Pawley, A. Reeves, H. Smart, M. Symons and D. Woodrow.

CAMBS FA Staff C. Abbott, D. Bradshaw, K. Critchley and R. Kay

Apologies A. Alvarez, A. Beattie, A. Durman, J. Hill, M. Luffman, M. Macdonald, R. Mallett, G. Nichols and R. Wright.

The Chairman welcomed new Council members to their first meeting, Ceredig Cattanch-Chell representing referees (Mick Foster moved to representing NLS clubs) and Chris Darling representing education. Both members will be presented with a county tie when available. The Chairman also welcomed Roy James back to Council.

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C 16/24

Council minutes

The minutes of the Council meeting held on Monday, 12th June 2023 were approved. There were no matters arising.

C 17/24 Safeguarding

The latest safeguarding report had been circulated to members before the meeting. There were no questions. Members were reminded that The Play Safe weekend is being held on Saturday, 30th September and Sunday, 1st October. Details have been circulated to clubs. Any Council member able to attend any matches and promote the weekend should contact Diane Bradshaw.

C 18/24 Committee Reports and FA Representative Report

There had been no committee meetings held so no reports are available. The Chairman in his role of FA Representative reported that he would continue to sit as a member of the FA Referees Committee and on the EDI Committee. The National Game Board are carrying out a review of County FA's and the Chairman will sit on that review.

T. George informed members that the Cambridgeshire over 60's are playing against Essex on Saturday and the over 65's are playing against England over 70's the following Tuesday.

C 19/24 Governance

The Chairman and Chief Executive will be meeting shortly to agree a way forward to achieve our aim of completing the next stage of Code of Governance by June 2025.

The Chairman is keen to ensure that the Board are accountable at all times.

C 20/24 Operational Plan – Development priorities

Each staff member present outlined their roles and responsibilities in delivering the operational plan and told the Council a little bit about themselves.

There were also video presentations from the following staff who were unable to attend the meeting: Amy Newell, Tom Dickens, Martha Barham, Jack Badcock and Sally Metcalfe.

C 21/24 CFA Facility

The Chairman reported that the fund for a new facility in the form of a 3G pitch. had been set up when Bill Coad and Roger Pawley were at the head of the Association and had grown over the years to a sizeable sum.

Currently discussions were ongoing with Histon FC and Cambridge City FC with the Board needing to make a decision at their next meeting in October.

C 22/24 Commercial

Members were informed that the Commercial Director, Nigel was returning to live in the UK.

As things stand there is no sign of attracting a mainline sponsor for the Cambridgeshire County League. Whilst the search for a sponsor continues efforts to grow the 1884 Club are ongoing. It has also been decided to look for a sponsor for each division.

All Council members are asked if they know anybody who owns a company that may be interested to make the initial contact. If the company are interested then members are asked to notify Martha Barham or Sally Metcalfe who will follow up any interest.

C 23/24 Questions for Chairman and Chief Executive

The Chairman explained that there would be an opportunity for members to ask any questions to the Chairman or Chief Executive at future Council meetings.

Any member wishing to ask a question should, wherever possible, put the question in writing seven days in advance of the meeting.

The Chairman reminded members that there is still a vacancy for a disability representative on Council. Any member with any ideas should contact the Chief Executive.

C 24/24 Next meeting

The date of the next Council meeting is Monday, 11th December 2023.

As there was no further business the Chairman thanked members for their input and closed the meeting.

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