

# Ayr United Community Initiative

## The Honest Men Trust



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### Society Board Meeting No.13

Cariston Hotel, Miller Road, 6 September 2004.

#### 14.01 Present

Callum Yorke  
Alan Farmer  
John Dalton  
Lyn McConnachie

Neil Bone  
Gordon Rodie  
Eddie Bulik  
Ronnie McJannet

Fraser McCallum  
Alan Thomson  
Donald McNeill  
Thomas Slider

#### 14.02 Apologies

#### 14.03 Previous Minutes

**Action**

03.01 The minutes of the 5 July 2004 were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Donald McNeill and seconded by Fraser McCallum.

#### 14.04 Matters Arising

04.01 There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

04.02 In the absence of JD, it was decided that FMcC should chair the meeting.

#### 14.05 Chairman's Report

05.01 FMcC addressed the meeting as the new Chairman of THMT. Regarding the recent press statement from AUFC regarding 'cash flow problems, FMcC stated that he had hoped for a bucket collection on the first available Saturday, but understood the reasons why it was decided against.

05.02 FMcC also wanted a resume of the decision to start a 'United for Youth' Campaign, taken in his absence. It was agreed that the assistance to AUFC to help retain their Skillseekers programme' was a worthwhile exercise; it fell within our constitutional obligations and it allowed THMT financial assistance to have direction.

05.03

#### 14.06 Secretary's Report:

05.01 NB stated that following the AGM both he and AT would now be required to compile various submissions to the FSA, and that this would happen in the following months. These submissions include agreed audited Accounts and amendments and inclusions to the Constitution.

#### 14.07 Treasurer's Report:

06.01 AT tabled August's monthly report: this report covers the last two months of operation.

06.02 Following receipt of a copy of the 'signed' constitution, AT confirmed he will make an application for funds to assist in the Anti-Racism Appeal.

06.03 NB asked what items could be purchased based on the 'awards for all' grant. AT confirmed that Laptops Laminators Overhead Projectors and equipment to help take the Exhibition on the road would all fall under the award.

#### **14.08 Membership Service's Report:**

07.01 TS addressed the meeting as the new Membership Secretary of THMT: TS confirmed that we have 13 members signed up for 2005 and that 2005 renewal forms will be taken to the THMT Kiosk on Saturdays.

07.02 TS stated that he did not particularly agree with an annual January membership he would have to work within that scope

#### **13.09 Public Relations Report:**

08.01 DMcN suggested that the position of a Development Officer should be resurrected, this would bring fresh ideas to THMT and also provide an outlet for Trust ideas to be put into practice.

#### **13.10 Corporate Fundraising Report:**

09.01 It was agreed that sourcing Corporate funding should be left to AUFC, particularly in light of the recent case of both parties 'sounding out' the new Asda Store at Heathfield. THMT will still contact Local businesses and attempt to build a portfolio of memberships and contacts.

#### **13.11 General Fundraising Report:**

10.01 FMcC confirmed that half the stock of 'Advertiser' 87-88 shirts had been sold.

10.02 The search for a photograph of 'that' penalty continued and mouse mats will become available.

#### **13.11 Project Engineer Report:**

11.01 CY suggested that THMT should have a stall at all the local village and holly fairs. It was that we should source a list for spring summer 2005.

11.02 CY confirmed that THMT were to have a dedicated page within the match day programme, and stated that prospective texts should be sent to him no later than a week in advance of the game, for inclusion

**All**

#### **13.12 Boardroom Report:**

12.01 FMcC related a boardroom report in the absence of JD

12.02 The new home shirt sponsor would be Kennedy Construction, with the works to repair Somerset Park for the safety certificate currently being undertaken by that Company

12.03 The Board of AUFC has requested that THMT undertake a fundraiser to pay for improvements in and around the ground. THMT declined the offer and cited the not receipt of shares for the Player Fund as a reason.

12.04 JD suggested that THMT could underwrite the painting of a 'show racism the red card' sign on the roof of the railway end, in advance of the grant being awarded. The Society Board stated that since they were not aware of the exact terms of the grant they would not sanction this advance payment.

#### **13.13 Any Other Business:**

13.01 AUFC Lottery Manager had offered THMT members a special introductory package to the 5 star lottery. The Society Board did not feel that this type of

use of their database was permissible, and that many would be members in any case

**13.10 Date of Next Meeting**

10.01 NB suggested that since the next meeting coincided with the AGM a 'special' pre AGM meeting should take place one week prior to the AGM. Therefore, the next Society Board Meeting would not be until 6<sup>th</sup> September 2004.