

Gillingham Supporters Club Meeting

18.07.24

In attendance:

GFC – PC, BR

GFCSC – DG, KP, MA, LW

a/ Vaping

Vaping continues to happen in all areas, especially certain sections of the RE. PC and BR say it is almost certain there will be a “no smoking or vaping” policy in place for the new season and communication would follow before the Carlisle game.

It was later confirmed that a no smoking or vaping policy had been enforced.

b/ Sitting in Incorrect Seats

People buy front row tickets (RE), head to the back and not spoken to. Can they be asked for tickets? Steward back row? A good one who will enforce the regulations and ask for fans to return to their seats.

BR emphasizes, sometimes, changes do not occur immediately. Takes time and full stands every game make issues more difficult to sort.

c/ Catering for 2024/25

Can meal deals be put together for adults?

BR says nachos will be made, pizzas will be too. New Hot Dogs, like Arsenal have, also coming in for the start of the season.

Group agree that food is good and queuing is okay.

Factory – all fine.

d/ Gills Museum, Mike to contact DG

Memorabilia has come in, and is in the building. Meeting required to discuss funding. Museum to be located when the old club shop was. Funds raised by GFCSC.

e/ Dressing Room Refurbishment – PC to contact DG with PL.

Matchday images to be taken with GFCSC and Gills Travel (PL). PC to sort for an upcoming home game, perhaps September 3pm fixture.

f/ Teenage crossbar challenge

Teenage crossbar challenge for members. Yes, falls in same parameters as the grassroots package, £150. They will contact JB about setting up a game.

g/ Posters

BR will check with MS on poster placings and communicate how many positions we have available. Seven discussed at three different sizes. We need to identify empty areas.

h/ New Stand v New Stadium?

BR outlined what the issues are with allowing home fans in BRS and everyone agrees, although disappointing, it is understandable. We must provide covered seating and allows a saving with stewards being in and around all four stands.

i/ U21 team

PC explains we will not have a dedicated squad but we will have “ad-hoc” friendlies containing players that fall into a U21 or `B` side. Will utilize the loan market for players who need minutes.

j/ Big Screen

PC explains not happening right now, BG keen but extensive permissions needed – not given up but right now, no.

k/ Medway Council

PC says current arrangement will stay the same with regards to Beechings.

l/ Netting for warm-up

PC says things will remain as they are, not much space to put it up. Will ask Doug to appeal for people’s alertness during warm-up.

Not much we can do with this one.

m/ Facilities

DG says outside looks terrible and needs jet washing. Turnstiles to Medway, around the corner, pitch black. Need added lighting, 10-11 and 12.

Rainham End Ladies toilets need fixing. Hot water is now there, but someone burnt their hand. Regulator is now there it was said. PC said he would pass on about the jet washing, did so in a group meet before start of season.

n/ Travel

BR still trying to get everything online but is in dialogue with PL. Listening, and trying to convert into a useable and simple format. Group said all is well on that matter. PC to send KP pics of opposition grounds to use on their website.

Car parks included in Fan Guide.

Next meeting will be held in October.