



**THE CHILTERN YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
**(Affiliated to The Bedfordshire FA)**



**MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**  
**AT 7.00 P.M. AT BEDFORDSHIRE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION**

**PRESENT:** Mr. P. Brown (Patron & Chairman), Mrs. J. Brown, Mr. R. Shekle, Mrs. P. Johnson, Mr. T. Gee, Mr. J. Thomas, Mr. S. Chamberlain and Mr. J. Brown (Secretary)

**ALSO PRESENT:** N / A

**APOLOGIES:** Mr. C.J. Davison (President & Vice-Chairman), Mr. V. Shekle, Mr. G. Wilson, Mr. M. Desborough (Referee Development Officer, Bedfordshire Football Association) and Mr. R. Leonard

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes were approved as a true record of the last Committee Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Nothing to report

**JANUARY CORRESPONDENCE:**

- **Bedfordshire Football Association** re:- County Cup updates **NOTED**
- **Hertfordshire Football Association** re:- County Cup updates **NOTED**
- **Bedfordshire Football Association** re:- Various Central Appointments System Updates **NOTED**
- **Hertfordshire Football Association** re:- Discipline updates **NOTED**
- **Bedfordshire Football Association** re:- Discipline updates **NOTED**
- **Various clubs** re:- Free Week requests **NOTED;**  
**DETAILS FORWARDED TO FIXTURE SECRETARY FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL WHERE APPROPRIATE AND REQUEST MADE WITHIN LEAGUE RULES**
- **Various clubs** re:- Observations relating to appointment of referees **NOTED;**  
**DETAILS FORWARDED ONTO MIKE DESBOROUGH FOR REVIEW AND ACTION WHERE APPROPRIATE**
- **Various clubs** re:- Enquiring about levies for non-payment of fines **NOTED;**  
**TREASURER AND GENERAL SECRETARY RESPONDED TO ALL QUERIES. CLUBS ARE REMINDED THAT FINES SHOULD BE PAID FOLLOWING THE ISSUE OF THE MONTHLY MANAGEMENT MEETING AND INVOICES WILL ONLY BE ISSUED TO CLUBS WHO ARE LATE MAKING THEIR PAYMENTS**
- **Various referees** re:- Observations relating to late match confirmations by clubs **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT. ALL CLUBS ARE REMINDED THAT MATCH CONFIRMATIONS SHOULD BE MADE BY THE HOME TEAM, TO BOTH THE OPPOSITION AND THE MATCH REFEREE BY 9PM ON THE TUESDAY PRIOR TO THE SUNDAY**
- **Various clubs** re:- Notification of summer tournaments **NOTED;**  
**DETAILS FORWARDED TO MEMBER CLUBS AND ALSO TO**

**WEBMASTER TO BE POSTED ON CYFL WEBSITE –**  
[www.chilternyouthfootballleague.com](http://www.chilternyouthfootballleague.com)

- **Sundon Athletic Youth (Under 17)** re:- positive observations relating to performance of referee in recent fixture **NOTED WITH THANKS; FEEDBACK FORWARDED TO MIKE DESBOROUGH TO PROVIDE FEEDBACK TO MATCH REFEREE IN QUESTION**
  
- **Great Denham Youth** re:- Positive feedback and praise relating to CYFL organisation and Flitwick Eagles execution of Under 11 Autumn Cup Final. Also for behaviour and sporting conduct of 2Touch Football Academy **NOTED WITH THANKS; THE CYFL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ECHOED THESE SENTIMENTS AND ALSO PLACED ON RECORD THEIR THANKS TO ALL CONNECTED WITH FLITWICK EAGLES AND FLITWICK FOOTBALL CENTRE FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN HOSTING THE FINAL**
  
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- **Ross Cole (Referee)** re:- Observations relating to behaviour of Langford Youth officials during and after recent fixture V Markyate Youth (Under 14, Division 3) **NOTED WITH DISAPPOINTMENT; CORRESPONDENCE FORWARDED TO LANGFORD YOUTH FOR THEIR OBSERVATIONS**

**REPORTS**

**1. Chairman (Peter Brown)**

The Chairman reflected on the recent variable weather and thanked clubs for their understanding and consideration when dealing with postponement of fixtures due to unplayable pitches. Mr. Brown recorded thanks to Melvyn and Linda Gazeley and all connected with Flitwick Eagles and Flitwick Football Centre for their support in hosting the Under 11 Autumn Cup Final. All three teams on the day had helped to contribute to a well contested game, which was played in worsening weather conditions due to the snow fall. Thanks were also recorded to Gary Wilson (CYFL Committee Member) for his attendance and support on the day.

Unfortunately as a result of the snow falling throughout the morning, the Under 11 Autumn Shield Final, which has been scheduled to be played following the Cup Final, was postponed to to the pitch being unplayable. Sympathies were recorded to both teams due to compete in the final – Flitwick Eagles and M&DH Clapham Sports – and it was hoped that the game would be played on the re-scheduled date of 25<sup>th</sup> February.

**2. General Secretary (Jonathan Brown)**

**a. Withdrawn Teams**

The following teams unfortunately withdrew from the CYFL following the commencement of the playing season (during the month of January):-

**Under 17, Division 1    Wootton Village**  
**Under 17, Division 1    Sandy Colts Reds**

The committee agreed that the above teams should be fined £40, as per rule 14(B). The Fixture Secretary confirmed as they had played more than 50% of their league fixtures for the season, points would be awarded to the opposing teams for the remainder of unplayed games.

**b. Transfers**

The General Secretary advised that the following transfers had been completed during January:-

Transfer Number	Player Name	Current Club	Age Group	New Club	Age Group
23	Benjamin Shaw	Maulden Magpies	15	Flitwick Eagles Gold	15
24	Liam Milne	Atletico Europa	13	Leighton Town Youth	13
25	Christopher Faulkner	Blunham Youth	14	Mid Beds Tigers	15
26	Kacper Plachecki	Blunham Youth	14	Mid Beds Tigers	15

These transfers were approved and ratified by the Management Committee

**c. Under 14 Kick Off Times – Season 2018 / 19**

The General Secretary advised that following the survey that had been sent out to all current Under 13 teams, to canvas opinions around the scheduling of kick off times for the Under 14 age group for the 2018 / 19 season, the following responses had been received:-

- 18 replies from the 34 teams currently participating in the Under 13 age group this season (53%).
- 83% of teams recorded their support for moving the kick off times for the Under 14 age group to 10.30 am,
- 11% wanted kick off times to stay as PM,
- 6% were happy either way.

Thanks were recorded to the following clubs for their support and feedback –

AFC Dunstable, Arlesey Town Youth, ASD Phoenix Yellows, Barton Rovers Youth, Biggleswade United, Brickhill Wanderers, Crawley Green Youth Saints, Dunstable Colts, Dunstable Town, Dunstable Town Youth, Flitwick Eagles Blues, Kempston Rovers Colts Lions, Leighton Town Youth, Luton Allstars, Luton United, Sandy Colts, Stotfold Amber and Wootton Rangers.

**The Committee discussed these results and following a vote it was agreed that for the 2018 / 19 season, 10.30am kick off's would be trialled for the Under 14 age group (to bring in line with the Under 11, 12 and 13 age groups). The other age groups (Under 15, 16, 17 and 18) will remain as 2.00pm kick offs.**

**d. Proposed Rule Changes (Season 2018 – 19)**

The General Secretary advised that no proposals had been received from clubs for alterations to the CYFL rules for the 2018 / 19 season. The committee discussed and no further suggestions for rule changes were made. The General Secretary advised that he would notify clubs in accordance with Rule 20 and the only rule changes for the coming season would be as a result of changes made to SCORY by The FA.

**e. Full Council Meeting**

The General Secretary offered his apologies to the committee for not being able to attend the recent Full Council Meeting due to work commitments at short notice. He also recorded his thanks to the Chairman and Fixture Secretary for providing updates in his absence. Observations were also made regarding the disappointing level of attendance from clubs, with 13 not being in attendance on the night.

**3. Fixture Secretary (Tony Gee)**

**a. Fixtures**

Mr Gee advised that he was happy with the way that the fixtures were progressing. He recorded his congratulations to the following clubs who have reached the semi-finals of their County Cup competitions:- Under 18, Bedford FC and Luton Borough Youth, Under 16, Totternhoe Youth Reds, Bedford FC Freestylers and Crawley Green Youth Raiders, Under 15, Stony Stratford Town and Under 14, Bedford Town Youth and Leighton United Reds. These thoughts were echoed by the committee who wished all teams good luck for the next round of the competition. The number of teams reaching the latter end of County Cup competitions indicated the relative strength of the league itself and provides a good barometer to the future of the league, especially with other leagues such as the Eastern Junior Alliance apparently intending to pass rules which prevent their teams from entering County Cup competitions in the future.

Mr Gee advised that the third mini season for the Under 11 age group is intended to start before the end of the month, although this had been complicated slightly by the fact that the final of the Under 11 Autumn Shield has been delayed for over 2 months now. The next Cup and Shield competitions for the Under 11 age group are to commence on 11<sup>th</sup> April, with knock out games to run consecutive weeks as per FA guidelines, to reach conclusion at the end of season Cup Final Super Sunday event.

**b. Committee Pitch Walking**

The following committee members - Steve Chamberlain, Ricky & Victor Shekle, John Thomas and Gary Wilson – all reported the fixtures that they had observed during the month of January. The committee also discussed a number of forthcoming games where a committee presence may be appropriate to observe the behaviour of teams.

**c. Kick Off Times**

All clubs are reminded that unless either by prior agreement with the league or due to pitch sharing commitments (again to be notified to the league), kick off times MUST be 10.30AM (for Under 11 – 13 age groups fixtures) or 2PM (for Under 14 – 18 age groups). In the case of any dispute between teams, the committee will rule that these kick off times must stand. Clubs are asked to ensure that as well the league itself, the match referee is always kept fully informed of any proposed change to kick off times. Clubs are reminded that committee members visit games each week, and if the league are not notified of a change of kick off time or venue in advance and a committee member has a wasted journey, the club will be charged with any expenses incurred.

**d. Under 11 Autumn Shield Final**

This is now scheduled to take place on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February, at Flitwick Football Centre, kicking off at 10.30. The competing teams are Flitwick Eagles Stripes and M&DH Clapham Sports.

**4. Registrations Secretary (Pamela Johnson)**

Mrs Johnson advised that 3,453 players were registered and active in the league as of 6<sup>th</sup> February.

**All clubs are reminded that the deadline for completing registrations and transfers is 1<sup>st</sup> March.**

**5. Referees**

**a. Central Appointments System Update (Mike Desborough)**

Mr. Desborough provided a report for the committee to review, in which he detailed the referee appointments in January:-

Age Group	Div	07.01.18			14.01.18			21.01.18			28.01.18			Monthly Total		
		No Games	Refs	%	No Games	Refs	%	No Games	Refs	%	No Games	Refs	%	No Games	Refs	%
18	1	4	4	100%	5	5	100%	0	0	N/A	2	2	100%	11	11	100%
17	1	2	2	100%	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A	1	1	100%	3	3	100%
	2	3	3	100%	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A	3	3	100%	6	6	100%
16	1	0	0	N/A	4	4	100%	0	0	N/A	0	0	#DIV/0!	4	4	100%
	2	3	3	100%	3	0	0%	0	0	N/A	3	2	67%	9	5	56%
15	1	5	4	80%	7	7	100%	0	0	N/A	4	3	75%	16	14	88%
	2	5	5	100%	5	5	100%	0	0	N/A	5	5	100%	15	15	100%
	3	4	3	75%	4	4	100%	0	0	N/A	4	3	75%	12	10	83%
14	1	3	3	100%	4	4	100%	0	0	N/A	2	2	100%	9	9	100%
	2	3	3	100%	4	3	75%	0	0	N/A	3	2	67%	10	8	80%
	3	3	3	100%	2	2	100%	0	0	N/A	3	3	100%	8	8	100%
13	1	5	5	100%	4	4	100%	0	0	N/A	5	5	100%	14	14	100%
	2	4	4	100%	5	5	100%	4	4	100%	4	4	100%	17	17	100%
	3	5	5	100%	6	6	100%	3	3	100%	5	5	100%	19	19	100%
12	1	3	3	100%	4	4	100%	0	0	N/A	3	3	100%	10	10	100%
	2	4	4	100%	5	5	100%	1	1	100%	3	3	100%	13	13	100%
	3	3	3	100%	5	5	100%	2	2	100%	3	2	67%	13	12	92%
	4	2	2	100%	4	4	100%	0	0	N/A	4	4	100%	10	10	100%
11	1	3	3	100%	4	4	100%	1	1	100%	4	4	100%	12	12	100%
	2	1	1	100%	3	3	100%	2	2	100%	4	4	100%	10	10	100%
	3	3	3	100%	2	2	100%	2	2	100%	3	3	100%	10	10	100%
	4	3	3	100%	4	4	100%	0	0	N/A	4	4	100%	11	11	100%
<b>Totals</b>		<b>71</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>95%</b>

**6. Treasurer (Jane Brown)**

Mrs Brown advised that she intended to close the books for the season in the near future, for submission to the auditor.

## 7. Social Media (Pamela Johnson / Tony Gee)

It was agreed that Mrs Johnson should look to re-arrange a meeting with Pitchero, with regards to a future website proposal. Mrs Johnson to feedback to the committee at the next committee meeting.

## 8. Child Welfare Officer (Tony Gee)

Nothing to report

## 9. Sponsorship (Tony Gee)

Mr Gee advised the committee that he has been in discussion with an undisclosed company regarding sponsorship for the CYFL Cup Finals and had agreed a deal in principle. This is exciting news for the league and the General Secretary was asked to confirm details on the sponsorship agreement in writing with the company concerned. It was agreed that once this had been confirmed, a press release would be made. The committee thanked Mr Gee for his work in this matter.

The committee also further discussed the Doing It Right campaign which had been announced at the recent Full Council Meeting. It was agreed that a list of proposed teams who would be amongst the initial recipients of the awards would be prepared for review at the March Committee Meeting for the committee to decide upon. Committee members would then commence presenting the footballs at match from the Sunday following the meeting. Mrs Johnson confirmed that the footballs had been ordered and would be delivered shortly.

## 10. Sub-committees

### 1. Sub-committee – Discipline

#### a. Non-fulfilled Fixtures

The General Secretary confirmed that the following fixtures had not been fulfilled during the month of January. In accordance with league rules, the team highlighted in **yellow** had been charged with the non-fulfilment of the fixture. Details of the committee decision relating to these fixtures can be found within the accompanying Club Discipline Summary spreadsheet (see January tab highlighted in **red**).

7<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Under 18, Division 1	<b>Crawley Green Youth Crusaders</b>	V	Kempston Rovers Colts Panthers
Under 17, Division 1	Amphill Town Youth	V	<b>Dunstable Town</b>

14<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Under 18, Division 1	Bedford FC	V	<b>Kempston Rovers Colts Tigers</b>
Under 11, Argentina	Leighton United Greens	V	<b>Atletico Europa</b>
Under 11	Wilstead Harriers	V	<b>Dunstable Town</b>

21<sup>st</sup> January 2018

Nothing to report

28<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Under 14, Division 2	Bedford Town FC Eagles	V	<b>Dunstable Town</b>
Under 13, Division 1	Amphill Town Youth	V	<b>AFC Dunstable</b>
Under 13, Division 2	Brickhill Wanderers Allstars	V	<b>Flitwick Eagles Gold</b>
Under 13, Division 3	Dunstable Town Blues	V	<b>Wootton Rangers</b>

#### b. Void Fixtures

Nothing to report

#### c. Abandoned Fixtures

12<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Under 12, Division 3	<b>Luton Nations Community</b>	V	<b>Barton Rovers Youth (score 0-1 @time)</b>
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The above fixture was abandoned by the match referee following alleged misconduct between officials. The matter has been referred to the Bedfordshire Football Association following reports by the match referee. Having reviewed the match reports, the Bedfordshire Football Association decided not to pursue charges against either side, ruling that there was insufficient evidence against either side, although both teams were advised regarding the behaviour of their management, officials and spectators. Match to be replayed

19<sup>th</sup> November 2017

Under 15, Division 1	<b>Newport Pagnell Town Tigers</b>	V	Shefford Saints Reds <b>(score 2-1 @Time)</b>
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The above fixture was abandoned by the match referee following alleged misconduct between officials. The matter has been referred to the Bedfordshire Football Association following reports by the match referee. The General Secretary advised that the matter was still under review with the County Football Associations and that he was awaiting for an update

14<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Under 17, League Cup **Inspire Athletic** V **Sundon Athletic Youth**

The above fixture was abandoned by the match referee following alleged misconduct between players and officials. The matter has been referred to the Bedfordshire Football Association following reports by the match referee.

**d. Ineligible Players**

**Crawley Green Youth (Under 18 Crusaders)**

Crawley Green Youth were duly charged and found guilty of fielding an ineligible player in fixture V Kempston Rovers Colts Tigers on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017. Player Ben Wills suspended as had only completed 2 games of 3 game suspension imposed by Bedfordshire Football Association. Subsequently the sanction was increased and Crawley Green Youth Crusaders fielded Ben Wiles in a fixture on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017. The General Secretary advised that the matter was still under review with the Bedfordshire Football Association and that he was awaiting for an update.

**REMINDER:- ALL CLUBS WHO HAVE BEEN FINED CAN FIND DETAILS OF THE OFFENCE AND ANY ASSOCIATED FINE WITHIN THE ATTACHED CLUB DISCIPLINE SPREADSHEET. CLUBS ARE REMINDED THAT ALL FINES NEED TO BE PAID WITHIN 14 DAYS OF THE RECEIPT OF THESE MINUTES AND PAYMENT CAN BE MADE EITHER BY CHEQUE MADE PAYABLE TO CHILTERN YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE AND SENT DIRECTLY TO THE TREASURER MRS J BROWN AT 19 LAMBS CLOSE, DUNSTABLE, BEDFORDSHIRE LU5 4QA OR VIA BACS PAYMENT AS FOLLOWS:-**

**SORT CODE:- 20-05-74**  
**ACCOUNT NUMBER:- 90206121**  
**ACCOUNT NAME:- CHILTERN YOUTH FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**2. Sub-committee – Trophies**

Clubs are reminded that all cups won in Cup Finals are to be returned to the League by 1<sup>st</sup> March. All returned cups need to be cleaned and engraved.

**3. Sub-committee - Cup Finals**

It was agreed that the committee would discuss Cup Final plans further at the next committee meeting.

**Any Other Business**

Mr. Gee was asked to make contact with the current Under 18 teams to see if they would be interested in joining the North Home Counties Sunday Football League for the 2018 / 19 season. It was agreed that this was a good suggestion to encourage the transition from youth football to adult football.

Meeting Closed: 8.50

**Dates for the 2017 / 18 Diary:**

<b>2018</b>			
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Management Committee Meeting	7.00pm	Boardroom
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Management Committee Meeting	7.00pm	Boardroom
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Under 17 & Under 18 Cup Finals	TBC	Shefford Sports Club
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Management Committee Meeting	7.00pm	Boardroom
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Cup Final Super Sunday	Various	Barton Rovers FC & Barton-le-Clay Playing Fields
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	AGM	8.00pm	County Lounge