

WFC Supporters Club & Terras Trust Press Release, 14/02/2010

The combination of Weymouth F.C Supporters Club Committee and The Terras Trust Board are pleased to be able to report updated news regarding the merger of the two organisations along with new, very positive developments in our links with Weymouth Football Club itself.

The process of the merger is now gathering pace towards a set of formal proposals being offered to the membership of both organisations. The single new organisation is to be named Weymouth F.C Supporters Society and will combine the basic core principles and values from both individual existing groups. Members are now working on the finer points of aspects such as; membership, structure, finance, WFC shareholding strategy, direct support to WFC and affiliation to national supporters bodies. A timetable has been set working towards formal proposals being offered to the membership of both groups around mid March, leading onto the public launch of WFC Supporters Society in early April 2010.

Combined members of both existing supporters groups have now held several positive meetings with George Rolls, discussing the club's current situation, and looking ahead towards the development of strong supporter representation within the club structure. Mr Rolls is very keen for supporters to be involved in the running of the club and have direct influence on key issues as the club moves forward. To strengthen that aim he initially offered us the opportunity of director's positions within the club board. The collective feeling among members however is that, whilst previous supporter's directors have worked tirelessly to represent us, the directorship itself hasn't achieved the benefit anticipated and so we are keen to explore different channels. As a result we have, during talks with Mr Rolls, agreed that we will represent supporters by forming a new Management Committee directly within the structure of Weymouth Football Club. The Management Committee will initially be made up of members from within WFC Supporters Club / Terras Trust and then WFC Supporters Society once our merger is concluded. The Management Committee will fill an active role in all aspects of the running of the club including influence on key decision making by attending WFC board meetings.

To show his commitment to supporters, George Rolls has stated his intention to offer a 'Golden Share' to be held ultimately by WFC Supporters Society. This will immediately give us the power of a major shareholder within Weymouth Football Club and will be added to the written constitution of the Club to ensure that it remains within the terms and conditions of any future takeover / change of ownership. Adding to this, Mr Rolls has stated his wish to eventually pass control of Weymouth Football Club directly over to supporters, although this will clearly be a longer term issue.

Members of WFC Supporters Club and The Terras Trust believe that this is a major step forward towards fans having a controlling interest in the Club's well being and a safeguard to it's future. Over the coming months we will be actively encouraging existing and new members to step forward, adding to our skill-base, to allow us to be as strong as possible within the new structure of both Weymouth Football Club and WFC Supporters Society. During our recent meetings with Mr Rolls we have found him to be open and direct about his plans. He has shown us evidence of the club's current financial state and his achievements so far in reducing that burden. We hope that this openness will continue going forwards and that as much information as possible will be made available to the wider fan-base. Above all we will continue to work for that long sought unity of purpose between supporters and our football club.

As usual, WFC Supporters Club and The Terras Trust welcome any feedback from members through the normal channels and by email to the following addresses.

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