

Tankerton FC Youth Council Meeting Minutes – January 2017

Present: Toby Elgar (TE), Adam Barton (AB), Harry Elgar (HE), Niall Woodcock, Jack Mercer, Leyla Ulusoy, Harry Healy, Holly Duggan, Harry Kerr

Apologies for Absence: Ben McGovarin

Key Notes:

- Minutes once again taken by **HE**.
- **TE** has ensured every member now has a TFC YC polo shirt

Item 1 – Icebreaker

Upon arrival, **TE** gave each member several balloons to blow up. Once everyone had blown them up, members selected two balloons and were given a marker pen and had to write on the balloons. On one balloon, they had to write what they would like to achieve or complete in 2017, and on the other what they would like to do better or differently. Members then moved to the middle of the room and were instructed to drop their balloons and then try to keep all the balloons up in the air. After a couple of minutes members then had to catch two balloons that weren't necessarily their own and read to the rest of the group what was written on each one. Once this was completed **TE** emphasised the point of the activity, which was to understand and appreciate that as a group we all share the same objectives, but individually we all have different objectives that we may be able to help each other with which may also help in achieving the overall group objectives.

Item 2 - Ideas and Feedback: Jan 2017, TFC YC Members Feedback and Ideas.

Members were paired up and had to discuss what they liked/was positive about their club and what could be changed or done differently. Members then discussed amongst themselves the ideas and fed back to **TE** who then discussed with the rest of the group their ideas and put them up on a whiteboard. **TE** explained that he will take the feedback to the next executive committee meeting to be discussed on behalf of the Youth Council members to see what action can be taken.

<u>Positives (Teams)</u>	<u>Positives (Whole Club)</u>	<u>Things that could be changed/done differently (Teams)</u>	<u>Things that could be changed/done differently (Whole Club)</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Positive, encouraging coaches. - Some teams having training regularly - Certain managers washing their bibs with nice detergent! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pitches at Seaview better than last season, and better overall than most members can remember them. - Having a Youth Council! - New ground work has now started 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some teams don't pass very much, which can affect player's relationships - Teams that train at St Edmunds don't like the poor surface, players don't feel as confident playing on it. - Most teams have stinky bibs! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No Philosophy (Yet, it is being worked on!) - Older members recognise the importance of better management cooperation which can subsequently help with training and player development as well as club matters. - More opportunities/guidance and help and support to encourage U13 and

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Team management for some teams could be better (members commented on how perceived weaker players are used can be to the detriment to the rest of the team) - Girls teams would like to have separate training – would allow for the teams to work on specific things as individual teams as the girls would like to work on things to improve on that are picked up in games - Some teams would like more variance in their training sessions. 	<p>above players to become referees within the club</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Members would like continued pitch development at Seaview to ensure that we can continue to get maximum use out of it. The main point of concern for players now about Seaview is the bumpiness of certain pitches, so members ask that rolling/flattening the pitches is investigated.
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Item 3 – Endurance Football Event

Time ran out due to the time spent on the previous item, so will be rolled over to the top of the next agenda.

Item 4 – Website

AB discussed the website with the Youth Council members. **AB** asked how many members used the website and there was a mixed response. **AB** also noted that there was limited response to our YC quiz on the website. It was discussed whether a quiz is necessary, however, it was also noted that once a parent communication database is updated and sorted, it may be better to advertise it via email rather than give up on it as this is an avenue we haven't had before. The girl's team's representatives also discussed the error in the number of girls teams appearing on the websites team pages, so **AB** will set up another team page for the missing team to correct the error. **AB** also discussed which social media platform is most used by our members and their teammates. Instagram, Facebook and Snapchat were the most popular, while Twitter faired very poorly. It was suggested that as a Youth Council, we may be better getting some of our messages and projects out there to the rest of the club's players and parents and the wider footballing community via these platforms to showcase our work and promote our projects.

Item 5 – AOB & Date of Next Meeting

TE thanked members for their excellent contributions in the meeting.

TE stated he is yet to hear any more about the FA project we were involved in, in December. He was previously told it was still something the FA were pursuing and were grateful for our contributions,

however due to more allegations of child abuse being revealed, resources are currently strained so the project will be revisited in more depth in the coming months. **TE** will follow up to see if we can have a continued or further involvement in this project.

TE reminded members that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday 6th February.

Meeting Close