



BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PRESIDENT: MR B. WATSON

HON GENERAL SECRETARY: MR G. B. SNELSON

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MINUTES: MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2025

AT ELSTOW PLAYING FIELD PAVILION, STARTING AT 7 p.m.

**LEAGUE
SUPPORTERS:
HBC LOGISTICS
and
SPORTSFORM**



MEMBERS: P Francis [Chair, Registration and Media Secretary], M Baxter, S Dutton [Acting Fixture Secretary], B Hallybone [Assistant Referee Secretary], R Horswell [Referee Secretary], K Redman], GB Snelson [General and Fixture Secretary – Acting Treasurer].

CLUB REPRESENTATIVES: D Gauntlett [Shefford Town & Campton], K Poulton [Elstow Abbey], P Smailes [Biggleswade FC]. **LIFE VICE PRESIDENT:** Mr, R Simmonds.

APOLOGIES: BT Watson [President].

A. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

- ❖ *Club Representatives declared an interest in any matter concerning their Club.*

1. PREVIOUS MEETING

- ❖ The minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on **2nd January 2025** were signed as a true record.

2. MATTERS ARISING

Everton Athletic **£150** **2024.12-10: PAID**

FC Polonia [Luton] **£150** **2024.11-12: final review February 2025**

- **FC Polonia [Luton]** did not attend the review, nor presented any further written evidence.
- The Committee therefore decided there is no change to the original decision, which stands, see item 15 below.

3. CORRESPONDENCE

- ❖ **The Football Association:** Nothing to report.
- ❖ **Bedfordshire FA:** General correspondence only.
- ❖ **LEA SPORTS PSG** – £500 grant payment completed.
- ❖ **Football Sponsor** season 2025-2026 **SPIRIT SPORTS EQUIPMENT**. Discussion regarding the supply of footballs for season 2025-2026. Ball provided for evaluation.
 - The ball performed well in the three matches involving Elstow Abbey, and the Committee agreed to purchase these balls for distribution at the League AGM in June 2025. The ball was passed to Biggleswade FC Reserves for further evaluation.



4. FINANCE

- ❖ **REVIEW OF PAYMENTS DUE by 24 January 2025:**

AFC Clophill **£50** **2024.12-02: PAID**

Luton Panthers **£25** **2024.12-13: PAID**

- ❖ **REVIEW OF PAYMENTS DUE by 31 January 2025:**

Queens Park Crescents First & Develop **£30+£15** **2025.01-07**

Thurleigh **£40+£15** **2025.01-08**

- **Queens Park Crescents** and **Thurleigh** fined an additional £15 for failure to pay, see item 15 below.

- ❖ Banking arrangements season 2024-2025: The Acting Treasurer, GB Snelson, now has control of the account.

5. TROPHIES & MEMENTOES

- ❖ The return of the 1904 Jubilee Cup, currently in the safe keeping of Bedford Borough Council, a request has been sent to Bedfordshire FA for the Board of Directors to act for the League in the recovery process.
 - **Beds FA Football Operations Committee agreed to proceed with this request. Nothing new to report.**



- **New base completed for the Division One Cup**

6. TRANSFERS

Joel Ametume.	Kempston United to Wootton Blue Cross.
Jamie Hall.	Wilstead to Bedford Albion.
Fraelias Mienambolo.	Marston Shelton Rovers to Cranfield United Reserves.
Gianni Battezzato.	Bedford Albion to Wootton Blue Cross.
Ryan Smith.	Caddington to LU Donz
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Sam Moore.	Blunham to Cranfield United Reserves.
Jed Coles.	Elstow Abbey to Riseley Sports.
Andrew Sinclair.	Ickwell & Old Warden to Elstow Abbey.
Glenn Tumulty.	Ickwell & Old Warden to Elstow Abbey.
Marko Tobdzic.	Ickwell & Old Warden to Elstow Abbey.
Callum Saunders.	Biggleswade FC Reserves to Shefford Town & Campton Reserves.
Giovanni Pernisco.	AFC Kempston Town Hammes to Biggleswade FC Reserves.
Charlie Cullen.	Cranfield United Reserves to Marston Shelton Rovers.
Jamie Bunker.	Flitwick Town to Wixams Wanderers.
Kian Edwards.	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves to Cranfield United Reserves.
Nathan France.	AFC Kempston Town Hammers to Bedford Albion.
Liam Andrews.	Caddington to Totternhoe Reserves
Kyron Matthews.	Bedford Albion to AFC Oakley.
Calum Burgess.	FC Haynes to Totternhoe Reserves
Gulain Lusambya.	Stopsley United to Luton Panthers.
Ross Milton.	Elstow Abbey to Green End Rovers.
Reece Smith.	Harlington Juniors to Flitwick Town.
Kane Dore.	Elstow Abbey to AFC Kempston Town Hammers.
Andre Abiri.	Shefford Town & Campton Reserves to Brache Phoenix.
Luke Griffin.	Wootton Blue Cross to Green End Rovers.
Ryan Weedon.	Lewsey Park to Stopsley United.
Lewis White.	Biggleswade United Reserves to Biggleswade FC Reserves.

7. ALTERATIONS TO HANDBOOK

- ❖ REVISION 3 ready for release.

8. REFEREE SECRETARY REPORT & REFEREEING MATTERS

- ▶ Saturday 4th January 2025
 - **Catsbrook Wanderers:** no low referee mark form [AFC Clophill v Catsbrook Wand Div 4]
 - Club fined £10 as per rule 23[H], see item 15 below.
- ▶ Saturday 18th January 2025
 - **Kempston United:** no low referee mark form [Clifton v Kempston Utd Div 1]
 - Club fined £10 as per rule 23[H], see item 15 below.
- ▶ Saturday 25th January 2025
 - **Catsbrook Wanderers:** no low referee mark form [Catsbrook Wand v Everton Div 4]
 - Club fined £10 as per rule 23[H], see item 15 below.

- ❖ **COVERAGE:** Good for February except for the 8th.

- ❖ **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE INSTRUCTION: To referees and all Clubs: Effective from Saturday 4th January 2025.** Following any match the referee should only be paid his or her fee in exchange for the completed REFEREE MATCH REPORT FORM. All Clubs were issued a pack of these forms at the Annual General Meeting. Contact Referee Secretary Richard Horswell if you have any questions.

- ❖ The Committee are looking to simplify the reporting method for red and yellow cards.

9. FIXTURE REPORT

- ❖ Acting Fixture Secretary Simon Dutton gave a brief report to the Committee, stating that a number of free weeks had been agreed, and that the cup competitions are progressing satisfactorily. Members raised a few points about fixtures in cup competitions which are outstanding, but the Secretary has these under control.
- ❖ A point was raised about the in balance of the number of fixtures played, which has occurred for a number of reasons but mainly the weather affecting grass pitches. The balance will be restored.

10. REGISTRATIONS, RESULTS, PRESS & MEDIA SECRETARY REPORT

❖ Charge Notices

- ❖ **Wootton Blue Cross A**: In breach of Cup Rule 3 in having played one Gianni Battezzato in their Watson Shield game on Saturday 11th January 2025 against Cranfield Colts U18 Cobras (won 4-2) who having earlier in the season played for Bedford Albion in both the Bedfordshire FA Intermediate Cup and Centenary Cup was not eligible to play in this seasons Watson Shield.
 - Charge found proved.
 - Tie awarded to Cranfield Colts U18 Cobras, who are reinstated into the competition.
 - Action against ineligible player combined with the following charge,
- ❖ **Wootton Blue Cross A** : In breach of Cup Rule 3 plus League rules 18M/21C in having named on their team sheet and played in their Watson Shield Round One tie on Saturday 11th January 2025 against Cranfield Colts U18 .Cobras.Dylan Steffens, Cody Copperwheat, Fin Watt, Alan Henman ,Tyrone Joseph and Orestas Jonitas all of whom were not eligible to play in this seasons Watson Shield having earlier in the season played for the club in this seasons Beds FA Senior Trophy or Beds FA Intermediate Cup. and then post match failed to include them on your loaded Full Time Result Sheet replacing them with Alex Handley, Gianni Battezzato, Theo Brazier, Sam Marshall and Andrew Watt all of whom are not listed on your exchanged team sheet.
 - Charge found proved.
 - Club fined £150 as per rule 21[C], see item 15 below.
- ❖ **Athletic FC**: In breach of Cup Rule 3 that in their Watson Shield Round One tie against Turvey on Saturday 18th January 2025 (won 5-3) they played Jason Allison who having played for Renhold United in this seasons Beds FA Intermediate Cup against Caddington on the 19th October 2024 was not eligible to play in this seasons Watson Shield.
 - Charge found proved.
 - Club fined £20 as per rule 18[M], see item 15 below.
 - Tie awarded to Turvey, who are reinstated into the competition.
- ❖ **Flitwick Town A** : In breach of Cup Rule 3 that in their Watson Shield Round One tie against Everton Athletic on Saturday 25th January 2025 (won 1-0) they played Daniel Howarh who having played for Flitwick Town Reserves in this seasons Beds FA Intermediate Cup against AFC Development on the 19th October 2024 was not eligible to play in this seasons Watson Shield.
 - Charge found proved.
 - Club fined £20 as per rule 18[M], see item 15 below.
 - Tie awarded to Turvey, who are reinstated into the competition.
- ❖ **M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves**. In breach of Cup Rule 3 on Saturday 1st February 2025 in their Watson Shield game against Stopsley United Reserves in having played Jake Inskip, Luke Platts and Dylan Weeks all of whom were not eligible have played for their first team in the Beds FA Intermediate Cup on the 19th October 2025 against Caldecote Res plus Adam Booth who played for their first team in the Jubilee Cup Against AFC Bedford United on the 25th January 2025. (lost 1-3)
 - Charge found proved.
- ❖ Club fined £20 as per rule 18[M], see item 15 below.
- ❖ Result to stand.

❖ Report Notices

- ❖ Clubs in breach of league rule 21B in failing to submit their result into the SMS text system by the required deadline. Comments from both clubs noted.
 - ▶ Saturday 18th January 2025. **AFC Oakley BBF Development**
 - ▶ Saturday 25th January 2025. **EB Lions AFC U21**
 - Clubs fined £15 as per rule 21[B], see item 15 below.
- ❖ Clubs in breach of league rule 21C in failing to load their Full Time Result Sheet by the required deadline
 - ▶ Saturday 4th January 2025. **Caldecote, Elstow Abbey and Elstow Abbey Reserves**.
 - Clubs fined £15 as per rule 21[C], or WARNED, see item 15 below.
 - ▶ Saturday 4th January 2025. **New Bradwell St Peter Development**. (incomplete, missing goalscorer information)
 - Club fined £10 as per rule 21[C], see item 15 below.

► Saturday 18th January 2025. **Bletchley Scot, Catsbrook Wanderers, Queens Park Crescents Development, Wilstead**

- Clubs fined £15 as per rule 21[C], or WARNED, see item 15 below.

► Saturday 25th January 2025. **Queens Park Crescents Development.**

- **Queens Park Crescents Development** did not load their FT Result Sheet by the time of the February meeting, as instructed.
- Club fined £15 as per rule 21[C], see item 15 below.
- With no loaded Result Sheet, it was not possible to check the eligibility of QPC Development players, therefore the committee decided to eliminate the team from the competition [Watson Shield] and reinstate their opponent **Dunstable Wanderers.**
- A charge of playing ineligible players was served, post meeting, on the club and this matter will be concluded at the March meeting of the committee.

- ❖ Clubs in breach of league rule 21C in failing to load onto their Full Time result sheets details of the red/yellow cards issued to their players.

❖ Saturday 4th January 2025. **Bufs FC**

❖ Saturday 11th January 2025. **Luton Panthers.**

❖ Saturday 18th January 2025. **Bletchley Scot, Everton Athletic Reserves, Henlow Hurricanes, Lewsey Park.**

❖ Saturday 25th January 2025. **FC Polonia [Luton], Stotfold Juniors**

- Clubs fined £10 as per rule 21[C], see item 15 below.

❖ **Registrations made at Midday 1st February 2025 : 3013 (3067 season 2023-24)**

❖ **Other Matters**

- ❖ Issue of invoice to **Wootton Blue Cross** for replacement Team Sheets pad. £3.60

11. NATIONAL LEAGUE SYSTEM including FACILITIES

- ❖ Pitch Barrier supplies- post and rail. Cost estimates now available: complete pitch approx. 328m = £4400 + VAT [materials only]. Prices on request for other lengths. Generous grants available from the league. Expressions of interest to General Secretary.

- ❖ Pitch Barrier supplies- post and rope. Small supply in stock.

- ❖ Team Shelters – no current activity

12. REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

- ❖ Nothing new to report

13. ENGLAND FOOTBALL ACCREDITED LEAGUE

- ❖ Non-accredited clubs continuing into season 2024-2025 will not be eligible for support [financial or goods] from the League until accredited.

- ❖ The FA is to introduce a new process for addressing continued [cumulative] misconduct using the Discipline Penalty Points System. Continued misconduct by Clubs will

result in financial penalties [yet to be published]. Additionally, the new process allows for a Club suspension, the cancellation of the Club's England Football Accreditation and, ultimately, the cancellation of the Club's affiliation.

- ❖ The clear message to Clubs is to take measures now to minimise continual discipline offences.

14. SAFEGUARDING

- Nothing to report.

15. SUMMARY OF FINES and COSTS

The following fines are for non-payment of fines levied in **JANUARY 2025**, which were due for payment on **31st January 2025**. The figures below include the original and additional fine of £15:

CLUB	FINE	REFERENCE
Queens Park Crescents First & Development	£45	2025.01-07
Thurleigh	£55	2025.01-08

ALL PAYMENTS DUE on Friday 28TH FEBRUARY 2025

The following fines have been levied in **FEBRUARY 2025**.

CLUB	FINE	REFERENCE
AFC Oakley BBF Development	£15	2025.02-01
Atletic FC	£20	2025.02-02
Bletchley Scot	£25	2025.02-03
Bufs FC	£10	2025.02-04
Caldecote	£15	2025.02-05
Catsbrook Wanderers	£35	2025.02-06
EB Lions AFC u21	£15	2025.02-07
Elstow Abbey and Reserves	WARNING	
Everton Athletic Reserves	£10	2025.02-08
FC Polonia [Luton] - stage payment 1	£75	2025.02-09
FC Polonia [Luton]	£10	2025.02-10
FlitwickTown 'A'	£20	2025.02-11
Henlow Hurricanes	£10	2025.02-12
Kempston United	£10	2025.02-13
Lewsey Park	£10	2025.02-14
Luton Panthers	£10	2025.02-15
M&DH Clapham Sports Reserves	£20	2025.02-16
New Bradwell St Peter Development	£10	2025.02-17
Queens Park Crescents Development	£30	2025.02-18
Stotfold Juniors	£10	2025.02-19
Wilstead	WARNING	
Wootton Blue Cross 'A'	£150	2025.02-20

ALL PAYMENTS DUE on Friday 28TH FEBRUARY 2025

Payment by Bank Transfer [BACS] - **use relevant reference shown.**

Account Name: Bedfordshire County Football League

ACCOUNT: 44053660 SORT CODE: 30-90-90 [Lloyds]

RULE 6[J] Subject to a Club's right of appeal in accordance with Rule 7, all fines and charges must be paid within 14 days of the date of notification of the decision. Any Club failing to do so will be fined in accordance with the Fines Tariff. Further failure to pay the fine including the additional fine within a further 14 days will result in fixtures being withdrawn until such time as the outstanding fines are paid.

16. APPLICATIONS & WITHDRAWALS

❖ None.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- ❖ **Sporting Carpathians FC:** An online Special General Meeting has been called for 27th February 2025 with a motion for decision that the club be excluded from the competition.
- ❖ The Committee decided that future committee meetings be held in the newly refurbished **Elstow Playing Field Pavilion**.
- ❖ Suggested rule changes for 2025 AGM: The Chair and General Secretary to draft some proposals for the next meeting.
- ❖
- ❖ There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45 p.m.
- ❖ G. B. Snelson, General Secretary

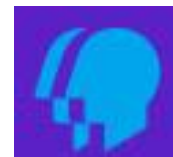
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