

**AYLESBURY UNITED SUPPORTERS TRUST (21C.D.) LIMITED  
CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

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## **RULES**

### **NAME AND DEFINITIONS**

1. The name of The Supporter's Trust is to be Aylesbury United Supporters Trust (21<sup>st</sup> Century Ducks) Limited and it is called "the Supporter's Trust" in the rest of these Rules;

Aylesbury United FC Limited is called "the Club"; and

Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire is called "the Area"

2. For the purposes of this constitution, a 'supporter' shall mean any person who is a fully paid-up member of the Supporters' Trust.

### **OBJECTIVES**

3. The Supporter's Trust's objectives are, either itself or through a subsidiary company or society trading for the benefit of the community and acting under its control:

- a. to strengthen the bond between the Club and the community which it serves and to represent the interests of the community in the running of the Club.
- b. to benefit present and future members of the community served by the Club by promoting encouraging and furthering the game of football as a recreational facility, sporting activity and focus for community involvement.
- c. to safeguard the long-term future, sustainability, and heritage of the Club for the benefit of current and future generations of supporters and the community. To encourage the Club to take proper account of the interests of its supporters and the community it serves in its decisions. This includes protecting the Club's identity, name, and intellectual property to ensure its legacy and distinct character are preserved and respected.
- d. to encourage and promote the principle of supporter representation on the committee of any company owning or controlling the Club and ultimately to be the vehicle for democratic elections to the committee.
- e. to promote, develop and respect the rights of members of the community served by the Club.
- f. to assist and drive the return of Aylesbury United FC to the Aylesbury Vale
- g. To raise money and donate it to the Club to be spent in such a way as to promote the aims and objectives of The Supporter's Trust and for the benefit of the local community and the supporters of Aylesbury United.

### **POWERS**

4. The Supporter's Trust may achieve these objects in whole or in part through an interest or interests in the companies and societies provided that the objectives of the companies or societies are consistent with The Supporter's Trust's objectives. The Supporter's Trust may acquire an interest in the Club or any limited company owning or controlling the Club either itself or through a subsidiary.

5. In order to achieve its objectives The Supporter's Trust may either itself or through a subsidiary company or society acting under its control:

- a) Buy, sell and lease property
- b) Borrow;
- c) grant security over its property and assets;
- d) establish promote and maintain for the purposes of The Supporter's Trust any lawful fund raising scheme;
- e) buy and hold shares in the Club;
- f) hold and exercise proxies for shares in any company owning or controlling the Club either itself or through a subsidiary;
- g) promote means to give supporters greater opportunity to invest in the Club;
- h) indemnify or take out and maintain insurance for the benefit of people who are or were:
  - i) members of The Supporter's Trust Committee or the Executive Committee; or
  - ii) officers; or
  - iii) employees

of The Supporter's Trust or any subsidiary company or society of The Supporter's Trust against any liability which they may have as a result of their involvement with The Supporter's Trust or its subsidiaries;

- i) indemnify or take out and maintain insurance for the benefit of people who are or were elected or nominated by The Supporter's Trust to serve on the committee of any company owning or controlling the Club;
- j) so far as permitted by these Rules take out and maintain insurance against any risks to which The Supporter's Trust may be exposed;
- k) co-operate with other supporters organisations, co-operatives and societies conducted for the benefit of the community at local, national and international levels;
- l) do anything else which is necessary or expedient to achieve its objectives.

6. The business of The Supporter's Trust is to be conducted for the benefit of the community served by the Club and not for the profit of its members.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

7. The members of The Supporter's Trust are the people whose names are entered in the register of members.

8. Membership is open to any person, firm or corporate body who or which:

- a. is a supporter of the Club; or
- b. has an interest in the game of football in the Area and is in sympathy with the objectives of The Supporter's Trust; and

The Supporter's Trust Committee shall have power to refuse membership to any person who does not in the opinion of The Supporter's Trust Committee meet these requirements.

## **SHARES**

9. Every member holds one share in the capital of The Supporter's Trust.

10. Members are to pay an annual subscription of such a reasonable sum as The Supporter's Trust Committee shall decide, the first payment to be made at the time of application for membership. The sum of £1 from the first payment shall be applied to purchase a share in The Supporter's Trust.

11. The Management Committee of The Supporter's Trust shall comprise the Officers of The Supporter's Trust plus up to seven elected members from amongst Society members.

12. Members of the Management Committee shall be elected annually on a staggered basis at the Annual General Meeting.

13. Members of the Management Committee may be co-opted from amongst the Supporters in exceptional circumstances. Any member co-opted shall serve on the Management Committee for the remainder of the year up to the next Annual General Meeting and then for one further year.

## **OFFICERS**

14. The Officers of the Supporters' Club shall comprise a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, all of whom shall be elected at the AGM.

15. The Chairman shall also serve as a Director of Aylesbury United FC Limited.

## **MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

16. The Management Committee shall meet at least every six weeks.

17. Five members of the Management Committee shall form a quorum

18. Minutes shall be taken at all proceedings of the Management Committee

## **GENERAL MEETINGS**

19. The Annual General Meeting of the Supporters' Club shall be held after 30 June each year to enable the end of season accounts to be produced.

20. The management Committee shall give one month's notice of the Annual General Meeting to all supporters. Any nominations are to be sent to the secretary within 14 days of the AGM. 10 members to form a quorum for the AGM

21. To receive from the Management Committee a report, balance sheet and audited statement of accounts for the preceding year which shall end on the last day of the financial year (30/06) prior to the Annual General Meeting.

22. To elect the management committee for the ensuing year.

23. To decide on any resolution which has been duly submitted to the meeting.

### **REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BY AYLESBURY UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB**

24. All requests for financial assistance from Aylesbury United Football Club LTD must be submitted in writing to the Supporters' Club Committee.

Each request should clearly state:

- a) The reason for the funding request, including details of the project, activity or need that requires financial support.
- b) How the requested funds will be used, providing a breakdown of costs or a description of the intended purpose (e.g., equipment, facilities, community initiatives, or operational expenses).

The written request will then be reviewed and discussed at the next Supporters' Club Committee meeting, where a democratic vote will be taken to decide whether the request is approved.

No verbal requests will be considered, and there will be NO exceptions to this rule.

### **INTERPRETATION OF THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

25. The Management Committee shall be the sole authority on the interpretation of the Constitution and Rules.

26. The decision of the Committee upon any question of interpretation of the Constitution and Rules, or upon any matter affecting the Supporters Club not provided by the Constitution and Rules, shall be final and binding on the Supporters.

### **AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION AND RULES**

27. The Constitution and Rules may be added to, repealed or amended by any resolution at any Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting by a two thirds majority of the Supporters present at the meeting.

### **FINANCIAL AUDIT**

28. The Supporter's Trust Committee shall lay before each Annual General Meeting:

- a) A revenue account and balance sheet, duly examined and signed by an appointed independent examiner (or accountant), along with their report; and
- b) A report from The Supporter's Trust Committee on the financial position and affairs of The Supporter's Trust and any subsidiary or holding company or society, signed by the Chair of the Committee meeting at which the report is approved.

29. The Supporter's Trust Committee will in respect of each year of account ending on 30 June:

- a) cause to be prepared a revenue account or revenue accounts which:
  - i) singly or together deal with the affairs of The Supporter's Trust and any subsidiary company or society as a whole for that year; and
  - ii) give a true and fair view of the income and expenditure of The Supporter's Trust and any subsidiary company or society for that year;
- b) cause to be prepared a balance sheet giving at that date a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of The Supporter's Trust and any subsidiary company or society.

30. The Supporter's Trust Committee is to lay a revenue account and balance sheet duly audited and signed by the auditor and incorporating the report of the auditor thereon before each annual general meeting, accompanied by a report by The Supporter's Trust Committee on the position of the affairs of The Supporter's Trust and any subsidiary or holding company or society signed by the chair of The Supporter's Trust Committee meeting at which the report is adopted.

31. The Supporter's Trust Committee shall not publish any balance sheet unless it has first been independently examined or reviewed by an appointed accountant or independent examiner, and the report confirms that it provides a true and fair view of the income, expenditure, and state of affairs of The Supporter's Trust. Every revenue account and balance sheet published shall be signed by the Treasurer, the Chairman acting on behalf of The Supporter's Trust Committee.

32. The Supporter's Trust Committee shall each year decide whether to appoint an auditor, accountant, or independent examiner to review the accounts, in line with applicable legal requirements and the provisions of Section 4A of the Friendly and Industrial and Provident Societies Act 1968 (or its successor legislation).

Where the members of the Society, at a General Meeting, approve that a full audit is not required for the relevant financial year, the accounts shall instead be reviewed and signed off by a suitably qualified accountant or independent examiner, provided this complies with statutory requirements

## **. ANNUAL RETURNS**

33. The Supporter's Trust will make an annual return to the Financial Conduct Authority as required by the Act.

34. The Supporter's Trust will supply a copy of the last annual return with all supporting documents to any member on request and without charge.

## **CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION**

35. The Supporter's Trust may by special resolution:

- a) amalgamate with another Society or a company registered under the Companies Acts
- b) transfer its engagements to another society or a company registered under the Companies Acts
- c) convert itself into a company registered under the Companies Acts

The quorum at any general meeting called to consider such a resolution shall be 50% of the members entitled to attend and vote at the meeting unless the resolution proposes an amalgamation with or transfer of engagements to another industrial and provident society trading for the benefit of the community and having provisions in its rules substantially identical to Rule 6, Rule 106 and this Rule.

## **DISSOLUTION OF THE SUPPORTERS' CLUB**

36. In the event of dissolution of the Supporters Club, all residual monies or effects of the Supporters' Club shall become the property of the The Football Supporters' Federation.

*36. In the event of dissolution of the Supporters' Club, all residual monies or effects of the Supporters' Club shall be transferred to Aylesbury United Supporters' Trust (or any successor body) to be used in furtherance of its aims and for the benefit of Aylesbury United Football Club and its supporters. If neither the Trust nor a successor body exists, the funds shall be donated to Aylesbury United Football Club Limited or, if that is not possible, to a charitable or non-profit organisation with similar aims, such as promoting grassroots football or community sporting activities within the Aylesbury Vale*

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