

SUPPORTERS CLUB

Our Constitution

1. CONSTITUTION

1.1 The name of the association / organisation shall be called the "Shildon AFC Supporters Club".

2. OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES OF THE SUPPORTERS CLUB

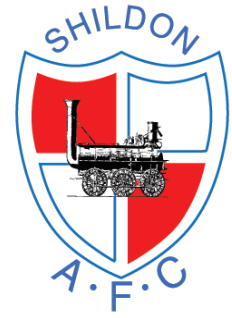
- 2.1 To promote the interest of supporters.
- 2.2 To introduce and develop the interest of the Supporters Club and to encourage future membership.
- 2.3 To organise, when viable, trips to football matches involving Shildon Football Club (SAFC).
- 2.4 To assist in the organising of competitions, social functions and fund raising events to support SAFC and the Supporters Club.
- 2.5 To make the Supporters Club open to all persons regardless of colour, creed, sexual orientation or disability.
- 2.6 To enable the community to benefit, wherever possible, from the activities of the Supporters Club.
- 2.7 To do all things that may be deemed necessary to facilitate the objectives of the Supporters Club.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Members will be adult (over 18) or junior (under 18). Only adult members are entitled to vote at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).
- 3.2 Members shall pay an annual membership fee.
- 3.3 The membership year shall commence on 1st September annually.
- 3.4 The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held by the month of July each year.
- 3.5 Membership fees will be set by the committee for adoption at each AGM.
- 3.6 Every candidate seeking membership of the Supporters Club will complete an application form, which will be submitted to the committee for consideration. Such a committee will have absolute discretion for its acceptance and the issue of membership cards and copies of the constitution.
- 3.7 No application will be approved unless acceptance of the rules is given and current membership fees are duly paid.
- 3.8 In the event of any member making payment for an excursion fare or the like and failing to appear, any reimbursement sought will be at the discretion of the Supporters Club committee.
- 3.9 Should payment be made by cheque and for any reason is dishonoured upon eventual presentation, the member involved will be liable to any administration costs involved.
- 3.10 The Supporters Club committee shall have the power to reprimand, suspend or expel any member (including committee members) who shall infringe the rules or whose conduct shall, in the opinion, render him/her unfit for membership of the Supporters Club.

4. COMMITTEE AND OFFICERS

- 4.1 An Executive Committee consisting of a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and three (3) other persons shall be formed and elected annually. Nominations for election to the committee, proposed and seconded in writing, must be submitted to the Secretary not less than fourteen (14) days prior to each publicised AGM.
- 4.2 The elected committee members shall appoint the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer at the first committee meeting after an AGM.
- 4.3 The committee shall have the authority to co-opt up to a maximum of three (3) additional members as it deems appropriate.



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5. QUORUM

- 5.1 The quorum at Supporters Club committee meetings shall be not less than three (3) people.
- 5.2 The quorum at the AGM of the Supporters Club shall be not less than twenty (20) members or 25% of the membership, whichever is the smallest. This includes sitting members of the committee.

6. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 6.1 The committee shall meet at least once a month.
- 6.2 The date, time and venue of each committee meeting shall be decided at the previous meeting and published on the Supporters Club website.
- 6.3 Items for the agenda, and any relevant supporting papers, must be submitted at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to a committee meeting.
- 6.4 The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Supporters Club committee, including reports from the Treasurer and a total amount of memberships to date.
- 6.5 Any committee member who fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings without reasonable explanation will be deemed as having resigned from the body.

7. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS (AGM)

- 7.1 The AGM shall take place at a given date, time and venue and before the end of July of each year.
- 7.2 The purpose of the AGM is:
 - i) To elect the Executive Committee for the coming season.
 - a) Only those members present at the AGM are eligible to vote at the AGM.
 - b) No proxy votes are permitted.
 - ii) To receive the annual report of the committee.

8. EMERGENCY GENERAL MEETINGS (EGM)

- 8.1 The Chair of the committee may, at their discretion, call an Emergency General Meeting (EGM) of the Supporters Club.
- 8.2 The secretary must also call an EGM within fourteen (14) days of receiving a written request to do so by at least five (5) members who have held membership of the Supporters Club for a minimum of six (6) months.

9. DISSOLUTION

- 9.1 The Supporters Club can only be dissolved at an AGM or EGM.
- 9.2 The Supporters Club may be dissolved at any time via a resolution passed by a two thirds majority of its members.
- 9.3 Any meeting to dissolve the Supporters Club can only occur after twenty-one (21) days notice has been given to ALL members in writing.
- 9.4 In the event of the Supporters Club dissolving, the assets and proceeds of the sale of effects shall be donated to an organisation with similar aims or to an agreed charity as agreed at an AGM or EGM.