

NEWPORT COUNTY AFC SUPPORTERS TRUST
ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO THE TRUST BOARD 2024



PERSONAL ADDRESS STATEMENT FORM FOR CANDIDATES

Please answer the following prompt questions to present yourself to the voting members of the Trust. Each answer should not exceed 100 words. Please remember to provide a portrait photograph of yourself. The photo should be recent, of you alone and not a group photograph, and one in which you are easily recognisable.

Describe your personal history with, and passion for Newport County AFC.

I was a founding Director of Newport AFC in 1989 serving until 2003, and again from 2016 to 2024 stepping down when the Huw Jenkins takeover was completed. I also served as Club Secretary in an honorary capacity from 1991 to 2013 until the club was promoted to the EFL. During our time as Newport Stadium, I was Bar Manager of Bar Amber, a successful venture that raised considerable sums for the Football Club. Since the founding of the current club in 1989 I have attended virtually every match home and away missing less than a dozen games to date.

Why do you believe that the Trust is important to Newport County AFC under the new club ownership model?

The Trust still holds over 25% of the share issue and has contributed significant sums to the Club over recent years and Huw Jenkins has made it clear that he values the Trust and wishes the Trust to continue to support the Club. The Trust will have two Directors on the Club Board who will contribute to the management of the Club and also act as a conduit to ensure Trust Members are kept aware of significant matters and also to provide feedback to Huw and the Board on Members opinions and suggestions.

What skills and experience would you bring to the Trust if elected?

As noted in my personal history statement I have many years of experience in the administration and management of the Football Club which I can pass on to new Trust Board members. I have a sound knowledge of Finance and budgeting from both personal and professional angles which I would also apply to the management of the Trust.

How would you stay in touch with Trust members to be able to represent their views and voice their issues?

I believe the Trust Board should issue a regular news bulletin to Members, disseminating information from the Club Board (subject to confidentiality restrictions) to Members, and I would also ensure that the views and opinions of Members (whether expressed in person, or via e-mail) are collated and discussed by the Trust Board at the regular Board Meetings and shared with the Club Board as appropriate.

What roles might you play in the Trust and what difference do you believe you could make?

My skills and experience lend themselves to a number of roles but would, in my opinion be best utilised in an administrative capacity. I would also share my experience as a Club Board member and as Football Secretary with the other members of the Trust Board to help develop their knowledge of Club Management. I believe that this is important as at some point in the future it may be that the Trust becomes the majority shareholder and resumes management of the Club, and the Trust needs to be prepared for that eventuality.

Signed and dated:

Mike Everett

01/06/2024

