

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



TONY JERMYN PERSONAL STATEMENT FORM

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.

My connection with the County goes back to 1912. My maternal Grandfather came from Wolverhampton to work in the new Lysaght's Steelworks. He told me he helped dig the first pitch at Somerton Park. My Father also followed the County. They were instrumental in sparking my interest in the County. My father took me to Somerton Park for the first time on 27/8 1966 to watch County v Barnsley. The vivid colours of the pitch, team shirts and the atmosphere propelled my senses into overdrive. I have followed the County from that day on. County are, therefore, in my DNA

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

The Trust has a vital role to play in helping the County progress in the future. As well as an important income stream, I see the new Trust Board working closely and seamlessly with the Club Board to ensure that there are no conflicts of interests; and any decisions made by both Board's serve to improve the governance of the County in a more efficient and effective way. In this respect, two members of the Trust Board will be able to sit on the Club Board and thereby greatly strengthen the day to day off field operation of the Club.

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

40 + years' experience working in central government, local government, Parliamentary and voluntary sectors. Addressing the Person Specification - my honesty and integrity have never been questioned. I respect the views of others but would not hesitate to question any proposal considered to be detrimental to the Trust. I accept responsibly for my actions. I agree to accept and abide to the seven commitments listed. I have experience of team working and the concept of collective responsibility. I have excellent writing skills and have no difficulty in expressing myself concisely. I am used to working within statutory and policy frameworks.

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

Communication is key to the successful operation of any organisation. It is vital to ensure there is no disconnect between the Trust and members. Leaving members in the dark could engender lack of faith in the Trust and a drop in membership. Ways of establishing two-way lines of communication are needed e.g. the Board could issue regular updates to members; and appoint a Trust Member Liaison Director to act as a dedicated point of contact for members to express their concerns and convey new ideas which could then be passed directly to the Board for consideration and action as necessary.

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

I have experience of several of the specialisms listed and would be able to play a role in - planning and managing meetings, communications and public relations, engagement and consultation, event management, fiscal management, fundraising and general administration. The Trust Board faces new challenges given the change of ownership; and I believe I have the skill sets required to bring something to the table and make a positive contribution to overcome these challenges, and to work closely and collaboratively with other board members to help devise and implement policies and initiatives to promote and enhance the work of the Trust.

Signed and dated:

Anthony Jermyn

11 June 2024

