

Tankerton FC Youth Council Minutes – 01/02/2016

The Kent FA filming meeting

Present: Toby Elgar, Adam Whyte, Niall, Harry, Jake Swan, Joe, Finlay, Charlie , Kieran, Annie, Ellis, Alex

Lates: Adam Barton

Guests: Luke Baker (Kent FA)

Welcomes

- Toby introduced the group to the camera men and Luke Baker who was down from Kent FA to watch over proceedings
- The camera men and Luke explained the purpose of the project
- Toby highlighted to everyone the agenda and what the group would go through tonight

Deadline Day – Budget Game

- Those present were split into groups of four
- Each group were given the role of being a representative of a club
Jordan Rhodes has been linked with this transfer window
- The group had to explain why Rhodes should sign for them over the other clubs
- The clubs were Sunderland, Middlesbrough and Hull City
- The three groups discussed their points for 10 minutes and then pitched their cases to Toby (who acted as Rhodes)
- Middlesbrough: “we guarantee you premier league football”
- Hull City: “you'd rather be in a promotion battle than a relegation battle”
- Sunderland: “you'll be the hero, you'll keep us up”

RESPECT Project

- Toby confirms to the group that he has had positive feedback from all of the club's executives in regards to this project
- However there is a slight issue, the cost – executive Jason Tongue emailed Toby some examples of banners the club could afford
- The respect banner will be 4ft by 2ft and there is an option as to whether it will be single sided or double sided
- Double sided is more expensive however ensures maximum impact for both spectators and players
- The next step is finding money to fund the project

- There are 3 sets of 11-a-side nets, 2 sets of 9-a-side nets and 10 mini goal nets – meaning the project will cost up to £800 (a great deal of money for the club at the moment)
- Toby asked the group for some ideas on funding for this
- Annie suggested money from the Rotary Club however that has all been spent
- Charlie suggested fundraiser events, with Ben suggesting a car wash event
- Ellis suggested a Tankerton party which has been popular in past
- Niall suggest sponsored runs with Jake Swann suggesting a 12 hour football game
- Adam Barton suggested a jump-athon
- Joe suggested packing people's bags in supermarkets, with Finlay backing this idea
- Toby suggested a litter pick around the beach or the Thanet way (may come with health and safety)
- Ben made the point that a quiz is a common event and that it may be less of a draw-in
- Niall suggested putting leaflets through people's doors, as well as advertising via the newsletter
- Adam's point at the Trustees meeting last week whereby he suggested the messages on the banner should be with quotation marks was reiterated by Toby
- Toby asked the group what they feel they should do next AFTER the banners – the group were given five minutes to discuss
- The group noted down with paper and pen their ideas, ready to feedback to Toby after 5 minutes
- Finlay: "five-a-side football tournament to enhance the message of respect"
- Joe: "respect on the club sleeve"
- Niall: "members going round to the teams and explaining our respect project, asking for suggestions"
- Ben: "respect badges on shirts and equipment"
- Jake: "improved respect lines, ones that are easier to move"
- Harry: "boards not banner"
- Charlie: "simple acts like shaking the referees hand and the opposition manager – an act to be enforced by the youth council"
- Ellis: "RESPECT painted on the floor near technical boxes"

- Toby reminded the groups that respect boards would be difficult to move around – and would also be quite costly
- Harry suggested the boards could be held down all the time
- Adam Whyte reminded the group that permanent items at Seaview would be a threat to vandalism
- Executive Terry Whyte suggested to the group in an email that they should consider the equipment they use on match days and whether respect can be reiterated on these
- For example having RESPECT and the respect message printed on the corner flags
- The idea of a RESPECT logo being stitched or included onto the club kit was reiterated and suggestions were brought up by the group on how to put this idea into action
- Adam Barton reminded the group that the respect logo on the kits may be a long term project
- In response, Niall suggested targeting this team-by-team
- Overall the respect logo on the sleeves and the corner flags would be good ways to move forward in the “roll out process” for the youth council’s respect project

Luke Baker Message

- The group explained to Luke the Youth Council’s respect project, with Niall giving details on the respect banners
- Luke said he will look into the Kent FA’s respect budget and whether they could help the youth council fund it
- Luke suggested splitting the £800 needed within the 14 members - £58 odd each
- Luke asked the group how they would measure its impact – he suggested the group making a comment on what they think respect is now and compare that with 6 months time
- He also suggested having quantitative targets – such as decreasing the number of yellow cards by a certain percentage

Next Newsletter

- Toby reminded the group that they need to get the newsletter out more next time
- Some members of the group volunteered to go round local shops in Whitstable and Tankerton
- Toby needs the articles by MONDAY 7th MARCH

Football Futures

- Luke told the group about football futures
- He told the group that the club has many members signed up for football futures, however they need ideas in order to make the project more effective
- Adam Barton suggested some members going to meet experienced and well qualified coaches at St Georges Park
- Toby suggested discounted tickets and presentations for people who have received certificates
- Ellis wanted new football boots
- Harry wanted new goalkeeper gloves
- Luke introduced having a competition every month for being Football Futures Volunteer of the Month – something football futures and Tankerton have already introduced
- The group largely wanted experiences over prizes – football matches, England training sessions, meeting players