

ARGYLE FANS' TRUST
SOCIETY BOARD ELECTION 2022
ELECTION MANAGEMENT GROUP'S REPORT OF THE
ELECTION PROCESS

27 OCTOBER 2022

As the Independent Scrutineer and Chairman of Election Management Group for the Argyle Fans' Trust Board Elections 2022 I am sorry to report that at the end of the period set aside for Nominations for the Election we have received only three valid nominations, namely:

CHRISTOPHER DEAN

TONY CANNAN

EMMA SELICK

As there were six vacancies this means we are four short of the number of nominations needed to have a contested election which is disappointing and the same outcome as 2021. As previously mentioned, this is something that the new Trust Board will need to address, both the continuing vacancies and the lack of engagement from the membership to stand for the Trust Board.

Unfortunately, engagement is hard to generate when a club is doing well on and off the field. but this is perhaps the very time that supporters need to engage with their Trust to be there for when, or if, anything goes wrong.

As part of my role, I am required to report whether the current Society Election Rules Regulations and Procedures and the Society Constitution were adhered to, and I can confirm that they were.

I have attached an annexe below containing the Election statements of the nominees and their statements for publication/circulation to your members.

Neil Le Milliere

On behalf of the AFT Election Management Group 2022

NOMINATION DETAILS AND STATEMENTS 2022

CHRISTOPHER DEAN Nominated by Virginia Pike and John Lloyd.

I qualify as a “Janner”, having been born in Plymouth just after the end of WW II (my mother had met & married a Royal Artilleryman during the war), but have since spent most of my life away from the City, due to my Father’s Army service and my subsequently spending 40 years working in and around London.

I was taken by my parents to my first Argyle match in the early 1950s at Reading (which I don’t remember) purely because there were lots of Argyle fans in town and my parents decided to go to the match! (how times change!). Thereafter, I was only able to go to home matches when staying with my Grandparents in Efford between overseas postings and, when living in Oswestry, to the Greens’ first ever match at Wrexham in 1958. (I still have the Programme!)

Whilst working in London in the 1970s, I joined PASALB, and became firstly Membership Secretary and later Newsletter (“Pasty News”) Editor; I also assisted the Late Tony Scowcroft in the production and writing of the embryonic issues of the Fanzine “Rub of the Greens”.

Upon retirement in 2010, I was finally able move westwards, living firstly in Bodmin and finally coming “Home” to Plymouth in 2017.

I joined the AFT after the threat to the very existence of PAFC were averted thanks to the efforts of a number of club officials, friends and supporters’ associations. I later became a Board member and am happy to contribute to the furtherance of the AFT’s aims and support for the Parent Club as and when required.

TONY CANNAN Nominated by Emma Sellick and Virginia Pike.

I was born in and live in Plymouth, and I have been an Argyle fan for 45 years. Quite simply I want Argyle to be the very best Argyle that it can be and then to improve some more.

I would like to see AFT and all Argyle fans at the heart of the club and the club to be at the heart of the local community as it uniquely represents the city of Plymouth and the wider local region nationally and internationally. You can read my thoughts about various things, but mostly Argyle-related, in my blog at babararacucudada.blogspot.com

I have long since been sceptical that the authorities controlling football are particularly concerned with us, the fans, who ultimately pay for everything whether it

be through buying tickets for games, subscriptions for TV channels, club merchandise or by purchasing the products advertised by the game's sponsors. As

individuals football supporters are easy to ignore but collectively as a Trust we have a voice which must be listened to very carefully because without fans the game is nothing.

I believe that AFT should be active nationally and engage with the Trusts of other clubs. Collectively we really can influence national policy on issues like policing matches, match scheduling, standing areas at matches, admission prices and far more besides.

I have been a member of the AFT board for a year during which I have helped to coordinate the introduction of our new website, been largely responsible for posting messages through social media, been at the heart of compiling the last 3 years' accounts (which in turn have enabled three successful AR30 registrations with the Financial Conduct Authority) and recently have been acting as Membership Secretary.

If elected I will continue to help AFT in any way I can

EMMA SELICK Nominated by Tony Cannan and Sam Down.

My name is Emma Sellick. I am 31 years old. I work full-time as a Mental Health Practitioner at Livewell Southwest and I also hold a part-time post as a Training Officer at University Royal Navy Unit Devon.

I have been a Plymouth Argyle fan for as long as I can remember and a season ticket holder for most of my life. I travel to as many away games as my work allows. Five years ago, I decided that I wanted to be more personally involved with the football club and volunteered for a season as a Home Park Host. This role I thoroughly enjoyed but unfortunately it was discontinued. Subsequently, I experienced an interest in joining the board of the Argyle Fans' Trust. I have been on the board for the past four years.

My main role within the Trust has been to improve its social media presence. Since starting this role, I have developed the AFT Facebook page. When I started, we had a thousand followers, we now have over three thousand. We have also had a lot more people join our Twitter page. I set up the AFT Instagram page and Snap Chat accounts. Throughout my time on the board, I have also represented the Trust at numerous charity events alongside Plymouth Argyle supporter groups and have offered to volunteer to promote their events live on both their and our own social media platforms.

I would like to continue my work on the board for the Argyle Fans' Trust. I am proud to have served on the board for the past four years and would like to continue my involvement into the future.