

ARGYLE FANS' TRUST
SOCIETY BOARD ELECTION 2024
ELECTION MANAGEMENT GROUP'S REPORT OF THE
ELECTION PROCESS

23 OCTOBER 2024

As the Independent Scrutineer and Chairman of Election Management Group for the Argyle Fans' Trust Board Elections 2024 I am again sorry to report that at the end of the period set aside for Nominations for the Election we have not received enough valid nominations to warrant the need for a ballot.

The four verified nominations received were for:

DAVID STEPHENS

SUSAN CLARK

VIRGINIA PIKE

and

ROGER WILLIS

There were no rejected nominations.

As there were eight 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 for the last three years. I know the Board have endeavoured to encourage members to stand in recent years so perhaps it's time for the membership to let the Board know if there are any issues that are dissuading anyone from standing so that these could be addressed.

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, nominators' details, and photos of the nominees, where provided, for publication/circulation to your members.

Good luck for the rest for the season.

Neil Le Milliere

On behalf of the AFT Election Management Group 2024

NOMINATION DETAILS AND STATEMENTS 2024

DAVID STEPHENS Nominated by Victoria Pike and Anthony James Cannanl.
I have been a member of the AFT for over four years and, following a conversation with Virginia Pike, was recently co-opted to the Board to assist with memberships and any other areas where I can be of support. I am a lecturer with over 20 years of experience specialising in the subjects of Leadership & Management and Accounting & Finance and have been looking for an appropriate local charity or trust to support in my spare time. I would hope to bring my vocational skills to the AFT Board to assist the Trust in any way I can. I have now been administering AFT memberships for a number of months, with the assistance of Tim and Virginia, and am comfortable with the use of the CRM software.

From a personal perspective, I have been an Argyle fan for over 40 years and live approximately ten minutes' walking distance from Home Park. I am a strong believer in the importance of the football club to the city of Plymouth and its local community. I am also a strong advocate for the improved integration of Fans' Trusts into the strategy formulation and decision-making processes of football clubs across the country.

I have enjoyed the process of joining the AFT Board (in a co-opted fashion) and being invited to events such as the EFL Fans' Network meetings and pre-season PGMOL seminar. I am more than happy to attend such events in the future and feedback this information to other members of the Board.

I hope that you will welcome my nomination for election to the Board and look forward to hearing from you soon.

SUSAN CLARK Nominated by Gareth Clark and Bill McCarthy.

Having been a board member for a few years now I wish to stand again.

My contribution to the board is to represent the fans who have disabilities and those who need extra help to attend home and away games.

I am an unpaid carer to my disabled son, who attends PAFC as a season ticket holder.

I am a member of Level Playing fields charity who represent disabled fans.

I also take part in their regular zoom meetings.

I also sit on a few committees as a volunteer with Plymouth City Council as well as the local epilepsy support group, and PADAN again helping with disabled issues.

I do believe we need an independent voice for the fans.

Also, the AFT supports the club on and off the field and is willing to help if need be.

VIRGINIA PIKE Nominated by Ray Stidwell and Sally Cockell.

We are lucky that our football club is having one of the best times at present, but our Argyle Fans' Trust is still relevant.

With the Football Governance Bill going through Parliament at the moment, Plymouth Argyle FC needs a solid fans representative group to look after their interests and, just as importantly, the interests and wellbeing of the football club.

I have been a supporter of various fans' groups while following Argyle and am willing to continue for another term.

ROGER WILLIS Nominated by David Hocking and Susan Clark.

I was born in and live in Plymouth and I have been an Argyle fan for over 50 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 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 several years during which I have helped to coordinate the introduction of our new website, been responsible for

posting messages through social media, been at the heart of compiling the accounts and until recently was Membership Secretary.



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