

# CUSC TRAVEL NEWS

## February 2012



### Supporters Direct Launches Key Principles for Licensing

On Wednesday 1st February 2012 Supporters Direct launched their Key Principles for Football Club Licensing in England in an event at the Houses of Parliament, hosted by Jessica Lee, Conservative MP for Erewash. As well as Ms Lee, there were speeches from Tom Greatrex (Labour, Rutherglen & Hamilton West), the Rt. Hon. Simon Hughes (Liberal Democrats, Old Southward and Bermondsey) and William Gallard, Advisor to the President of UEFA, Michel Platini.

On a day where the Government's Health and Social Care Bill was receiving another reading in Parliament, and the voting bells were sounding at regular intervals, the attendance (39MP's and over 30 representatives from the Trust movement - Norman Steel being one of them) its testament to the outstanding efforts from members to ensure that their local MP was made aware of the event - ours was, John Stephenson is supportive of the Key Principles.

Westminster Hall Debate on the CMS Select Committee Report on Football Governance - 9th February. It is vital that the current momentum surrounding the proposals outlined in the Key Principles for Licensing (which have been received warmly by both DCMS and the football authorities) ahead of the Government imposed deadline for the FA and Premier League to deliver their proposals for reform on February 29th.

The Westminster Hall debate represents the ideal opportunity for the benefits of the Key Principles to be re-emphasised. As a supporters group we have written to all the Cumbrian MP's encouraging them to attend the event in Westminster Hall and support the proposals.

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### European News

#### First Supporter Liaison Officer training courses underway

Having introduced Supporter Liaison Officers (SLOs) for clubs in the top two divisions back in 2005 the Swiss Football League have recently launched a brand-new training course, aimed at SLOs from both football and ice hockey. Those involved are required to complete the various components, and from the 2013/14 season, a certificate in the course will be compulsory for all SLOs.

### Supporters Liaison

Under Article 35 of the 2010 UEFA Club Licensing and Financial Fair Play Regulations, clubs across Europe will be required to appoint a supporter liaison officer (SLO) before the beginning of the 2012/13 season to ensure a proper and constructive discourse with their fans. The introduction of this UEFA licensing requirement constitutes a new landmark in club-supporter relations and emphasises the importance UEFA attaches to dialogue and communication between clubs and fans.

#### Article 35 - Supporter Liaison Officer

1. The licence applicant must have appointed a liaison officer to act as a key contact point for supporters.
2. The supporter liaison officer must regularly attend meetings with the club's management and must collaborate with the security officer on safety and security-related matters.

Article 35 is the result of detailed talks between European football's governing body and Supporters Direct. During the development phase the SLO concept was discussed at the 2009 European Football Fans Congress held by Football Supporters Europe (FSE) in Hamburg. The SLO concept gained full approval from the national associations represented on the UEFA Club Licensing Committee during the 2009/10 season and was drawn up in close cooperation with Supporters Direct. UEFA then appointed Supporters Direct to facilitate the introduction of the new SLO requirement. The introduction of SLOs across Europe will hopefully help to ensure fans have a voice at their respective clubs. All too often, clubs and associations take decisions affecting fans without ever having involved

them in the decision-making process or taken the trouble to listen to their views. Having an advocate inside the club should serve to remedy this situation.

Article 35 pursues the following aims:

- To establish networks of SLOs at a national and European level to facilitate the sharing of knowledge and best practice and improve the relationships between the various stakeholders, in particular the relationship between supporters and club directors/owners and safety and security organisations.
- To provide some guarantee that a minimum level of communication flow occurs between clubs and supporters and hence reduce the likelihood of supporters becoming disenfranchised.
- To better align the ability of supporters to feed into club decision-making with their huge importance to clubs.
- To provide incentive for largely unorganised club supporter bases to come together and express their views. A better organised fan base will have added power to its voice and the SLO will provide an improved opportunity for this voice to be heard.

Supporters Direct has been instrumental in bringing about Article 35 and its efforts have since been acknowledged by the British government in its response to the Culture, Media and Sport Committee Inquiry on Football Governance: "The Government believes that every club should have a dedicated and mandatory supporter liaison officer."

The SLO project is now entering its second phase and Supporters Direct will play a key role, for example by providing national associations with guidance and expertise as they introduce the new requirement in their respective countries.

### SD Europe handed a boost by European Parliament vote

This past week saw the 'Fisas' Report, which sets out the European Dimension in Sport, was ratified by the European Parliament. The report covers a range of issues, and provides strong backing for the work already being undertaken by Supporters Direct in Europe.

### Travel Committee

Kate Rowley  
Ali Ross  
Martin Armstrong  
Karen Gallagher  
Susan & Keith Elliott  
Helen Fuller  
Becky & Steve Potts  
Jo Merrie

## Away fixtures results 2011

Date	Fixture	Result	Scorer
Tue 9 August	Oldham (Carling Cup)	1- 1 aet, won 4-2 on penalties	McGovern 57
13 August	Bury	2 - 0	Berrett 68 Noble 90
Tue 16 August	Rochdale	0 - 0	
27 August	Leyton Orient	2 - 1	Miller 68, 87
Tue 30 August	Aldershot T (Carling Cup)	0 - 2	-
Tue 6 Sept	Accrington Stanley (JPT)	2 - 3	McGovern 61 Zoko 68
Tue 13 Sept	Tranmere	2 - 1	Miller 3, Berrett 35 (pen)
Tue 17 Sept	Chesterfield	1 - 4	Miller 20
1 October	Walsall	1 - 1	Robson 50
15 October	Yeovil	3 - 0	Noble 55 McGovern 65 Livesey 84
22 October	Charlton	0 - 4	-
5 November	Exeter	0 - 0	-
12 November	Alfreton (FA Cup)	4 - 0	Miller 24 Loy 33 Berrett 41 Noble 45
19 November	Sheffield Utd	0 - 1	-
3 December	Charlton (FA Cup)	0 - 2	-
10 December	Scunthorpe	2 - 1	Berrett 64 Zoko 90
Monday 26 Dec	Preston	3 - 3	Miller 20 (pen) Zoko 45 Berrett 62
Friday 30 Dec	Huddersfield	1 - 1	Noble 8
28 January	Hartlepool	0 - 4	-

## Away fixtures and departure times 2011-2012 Saturdays unless stated

Date	Fixture	Depart	Cost
11 February	Stevenage	6.00am	£30
Monday 20 Feb	Brentford	11.00am	£32
3 March	Notts County	9.00am	£20
17 March	Bournemouth	6.00am	£35
24 March	Colchester	6.30am	£32
Tuesday 27 Mar	MK Dons	1.00pm	£28 (if paying)
Friday 6 April	Wycombe	6.00am	£28
21 April	Sheffield Wed	9.00am	£17
5 May	Oldham	10.00am	£15

**Please note:** Some times/days may be altered subject to league alterations.

**NOTE:** In the case of a game being called off after our transport has arrived at the venue, coaches will depart from the venue 15 minutes prior to the listed kick off time. If you are not on the coach by that time it will be assumed that you are making your own way back to Carlisle and our coaches will depart.

## Don't Quote Me On It

*Kenny Dalglish wasn't that big but he had a huge arse that came down below his knees. That's where he got his strength from.*

Brian Clough

*Mark Hughes is playing better and better, even if he's going grey and starting to look like a pigeon.*

Gianluca Vialli

*The first half was end-to-end stuff. The second half, in contrast, was one end to the other.*

Lou Macari

*The Scottish football fan's ability to smuggle drink into matches makes Papillon look like an amateur.*

Patrick Murray

*Leeds United are having problems with injuries. The players keep recovering.*

Bill Shankly

*Great managers have to be ugly and swear a lot.*

George Best

*It's not nice going into the supermarket and the woman at the till is thinking 'dodgy keeper'.*

David James

*Wayne Rooney is a potato-headed Granny shagger.*

Jonathan Ross

*You can't guarantee anything in football. All you can guarantee is disappointment.*

Graeme Souness

*Most football teams are temperamental. That's 90% temper and 10% mental.*

Doug Plank

## Ten to Try

1. Who plays at McDiarmid Park?
2. Which country's Formula One Grand Prix will be held this year at the Yas Marina Circuit?
3. Who was the runner-up in the men's tennis final in the 2012 Australian Open?
4. In which two countries will the 2015 Cricket World Cup be held?
5. In Rugby League which Super League team are nicknamed the Vikings?
6. In Rugby Union which country won the 2011 Six Nations Championship?
7. In golf in which American state does the US Masters take place?
8. Who was the only world heavyweight boxing champion to win every fight of his pro career?
9. Which will be, on the 25th of July, the first sport to be played at the 2012 London Olympics?
10. Who won the 2011 World Snooker Championship?

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## Football Needs Freedom of Information Act [Aug 2011]

The Football Supporters Federation (FSF) believes that football's governing bodies should be subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FoI). Sport's governing bodies should be held accountable in the same manner as government departments, local councils, and civil servants.

Currently organisations like the Football Association (FA) are exempt from the Freedom of Information Act as are other sporting bodies such as the English Cricket Board, British Cycling Federation, and British Olympic Association (BOA).

The FSF argues that sports governing bodies should not enjoy the same privileges as private companies. Governance of sport is a matter of great public interest because of the huge amounts of public money spent on sport and sporting events.

England's failed attempt to host the World Cup in 2018 cost the FA an estimated £15m while local councils spent £2.1m in an attempt to become host cities. No internal inquiry was ever held by the FA to examine why the bid failed - despite it being a matter of massive national interest given football's popularity and the impact on the public purse.

Failed bids cost millions but their impact is miniscule compared to the billions of pounds worth of spending a successful bid can trigger. The government's latest figures estimate that the Olympic Delivery

Authority's (ODA) construction programme will cost £7.25bn.

The FSF also argues that sports governing bodies should be answerable to the public thanks to their role in encouraging sport-specific legislation when one of the world's great events such as the Olympics or World Cup comes to town.

In the Olympics' case new legislation was introduced to protect the Olympic brands while the FA used the prime minister and Prince William to promote the 2018 bid. FIFA would also have demanded exemptions from normal United Kingdom tax laws if the bid had been successful.

Raj Chandarana, of the FSF, said: "Sport is not just another business commodity - it is at the cultural heart of the United Kingdom and fans of every sport deserve to know what their governing bodies are up to for better or worse. The Freedom of Information Act has been crucial in increasing transparency in other walks of life and we believe sport could benefit from it too.

"In effect, sport's governing bodies are public bodies, because of the importance of sport in our national life, and the fact that sport receives financial backing and other forms of help from government. In a football context this is illustrated by the Commons Culture, Media and Sport's inquiry into football governance."

## CUFC League Positions at the end of season 2011 / 12

### Cash prize of £20

League Position	Name 1	Name 2	Name 3
1	Kate Rowley	Kate Rowley	Daniel Cottrill
2	Jayne	Dan Irving	Peter Osborne
3	Thompson - Gretna	Carol Merrie	Dan Foughey
4	David McNay	Susan Elliott	Ann Watters
5	Nichol	Bob Lindsey	Becky Potts
6	Andrew McNay	David Jackson	A Irwin
7	Doyle (Dan's pal)	Nichol	Nathan Armstrong
8	Thompson - Gretna	Nobby	Jay Gleen (Green)
9	Ronny Harrison	Jo Merrie	Ray Dent
10	Krystal Gayle	Michelle Merrie	Jason Bell
11	Raymond Bristo	Marjory Carr	Jay Gleen (Green)
12	Barry Johnston	Netta	Ryan Blaylock
13	Brian B	Rosalyn	Craig Phillips
14	Janice Edgar	Bill Bradford	Matty Buek
15	Nichol	Keith Elliott	Tommy Milner
16	PI	George Gayle	Martin Armstrong
17	Bill Edgar	PI	Steve Potts
18	Barbara H	Alan Carr	Carl McDermott
19	Laura McNay	Susan Elliott	Josh Pieri
20	Barry Johnston II	Bryan Jackson	Don Foughey
21	Maggie	Norman Steel	Robbie Morley
22	George Gayle	Ian Tuer	Robbie Marley
23	Brian Sanderson	Helen Ross	David Mott
24	Tommy Coleman	Joan Bradford	Liam and Luke

## Quiz Answers

1. St Johnstone
2. Abu Dhabi
3. Rafael Nadal
4. Australia and New Zealand
5. Widnes
6. England
7. Georgia
8. Rocky Marciano (49 wins out of 49, 43 on knockout, 6 on points)
9. Football
10. John Higgins

## League One End of Season Run-in (to Saturday 4th February)

Position	Team	Current Points	Games Left	Maximum Points Possible	Season Form Projected Points	Recent Form Projected Points
1	Charlton	64	18	118	103.6	101.8
2	Sheff Wed	57	17	108	89.3	85.9
3	Huddersfield	55	17	106	85.6	89.0
4	Sheff Utd	53	19	110	89.1	94.8
5	MK Dons	49	18	103	79.6	70.6
6	Stevenage	45	19	102	75.4	85.9
7	Carlisle	45	18	99	73.8	73.8
8	Brentford	40	18	94	65.2	58.0
9	Bournemouth	40	18	94	65.2	70.6
10	Bury	38	18	92	61.4	61.4
11	Notts County	37	18	91	60.4	49.6
12	Hartlepool	37	18	91	60.4	60.4
13	Colchester	36	19	93	60.7	66.4
14	Preston	36	18	90	57.6	55.8
15	Leyton Orient	35	18	89	56.6	63.8
16	Oldham	32	20	92	56.0	48.0
17	Tranmere	32	17	83	50.7	43.9
18	Yeovil	27	17	78	42.3	40.6
19	Exeter	27	18	81	43.2	41.4
20	Wycombe	26	17	77	39.6	44.7
21	Walsall	25	18	79	39.4	43.0
22	Scunthorpe	25	19	82	42.1	40.2
23	Rochdale	24	18	78	38.4	38.4
24	Chesterfield	23	17	74	34.9	41.7

### Have your say?

We would be happy to have some of your thoughts (only ones we are able to print please) on any aspect of:

- Football
- Carlisle United
- Sport in general
- Away Travel

As providers of away travel It would be good to have your thoughts on anything we provide on your behalf. Likewise, if there is anything you want to get off your chest, advertise or share with others please feel free to email [kathleen.rowley@sky.com](mailto:kathleen.rowley@sky.com) and we will do our best to include in the next or future newsletters.

### M K Dons

Although it seemed a lot of money when we paid our insurance for cancelled games, once again it paid off. The cost of £1700 per season sounds quite a lot but when you have one aborted game such as MK Dons it is well worth it. All those who travelled with us to this game have been reimbursed and will travel free of charge to the game on Tuesday 27th March 2012. If you travelled no need to rebook as your name will automatically be transferred onto the list for the 27th.



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