

Wigan Athletic Supporters Club
Minutes
Thursday 8th October v Reading

Present;

Marie Brookfield, Deb Chapman, Adam Conroy, Caroline Molyneux, Jason Taylor, Jeff Taylor, Mick Wimsey, Eddie Earley. Norma Unsworth

Apologies;

Adam Pendlebury, Rachael Davis

1. Rotherham Issues

On 1st October v Rotherham there had been a number of issues with the away day and travel.

CM shared this message sent to MW on Monday this week:

Hi Mick, I spoke to XXXX (manager – Whelan's) on Saturday evening as he was concerned that he had done something wrong in opening on Saturday. He told me that a member of the committee had confronted him and asked him why they were open without consulting the committee. Obviously I didn't know anything about this. So I told him I would take the details to the meeting on Saturday and find out what the issue is. So, I'm not inviting him to come to the meeting, no.

He is not opening for the Hull fixture at all.

The next away game that it will be open for is Sunderland and he is going to do an after match deal for ticket holders again which is a great thing for our members and all fans alike.

We cannot dictate what Whelan's bar do in terms of sales, opening etc. it is completely up to them,

However, we can decide what we allow on the coaches and that is definitely no hot drinks or alcohol.

After the match they have offered food/drinks deals for all returning fans, not just ours. There is no reason why we can't highlight this with members. This doesn't need to go through committee. It's a deal for all fans and a good thing.

In addition, he has offered the use of Whelan's for the quiz night on 26th October. This means people can get pizza whilst quizzing. They have a full microphone system that we can use. Again, a great idea.

Hope that all makes sense and I will update all the committee on it all on Saturday.

CM and JT described how the manager of Whelan's had contacted us as he was concerned that a committee member had confronted him prior to coach departure to say that all matters such as opening before an away game had to go through our committee. The committee agreed that Whelan's Bar could open and we could not get involved in this matter. MW stated that they had offered to sell takeaway cans and that is why he had spoken to the manager.

Member Complaint

A complaint had been received by a member travelling on Coach 3:

The member had complained to another committee member that the steward on her coach had shouted at her, continually checked on her to see if she was vaping, even whilst she was asleep. She claimed that the committee member told her to "jump out of the emergency exit".

A discussion took place where MW explained that two females were vaping on the coach and he asked them to stop. He said that the females were causing continual problems on the outbound journey, shouting and swearing. The committee asked MW why he did not report this through the WhatsApp group as our policy is to ask the police to intervene at the ground. MW said he had dealt with it himself. He reported that the females were the same on the return journey. The committee asked MW why he did not report the matter again. He said that he did report it on the Monday after receiving the complaint from the travelling member.

A long discussion took place regarding the matter and it was decided that a formal letter should be sent to the member to notify her of our intention to ban her but with a right of appeal.

MEETING CLOSED DUE TO COMMITTEE MOVING TO SOUTH STAND FOR DUTIES

Next Meeting Thursday 17th November at Whelan's Bar at 5.30pm