**WEARSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Saturday 9th January 2021**

**Held via Zoom Video Conference at 1.00pm.**

**Present:** Peter Maguire (Chairman), Kevin Harrison (Secretary), Frank Thompson,

Dave Copeland, Emma Collins, George McKitterick, Gordon Mason,

Helen Pollard, Joe Partridge, Keith Simpson, Kevin Gibson, Kevin McKitterick,

Kevin Oliver, Kieran Downey, Malcolm Langley, Mick Grant.

**Apologies:** Dani Maguire-Myers, Ian Stewart, Marshall Lawson, John Topping - DFA.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 1.00pm.

1. **Minutes of the last management meeting** - The minutes of the management meeting held on Monday 30th November 2020, previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record with no matters arising.
2. **Emergency meeting with ALL Clubs** - Minutes of a zoom meeting held on Friday 4th December 2020 with ALL league clubs to discuss the movement of the League into Tier 3 and how the travel restrictions imposed by the FA effect fixtures with clubs in separate Combined Authority areas, resulting in all league fixtures being suspended, were circulated to the management committee prior to this meeting to update them.
3. **Correspondence**

* **Promotion / League Completion - FA** - Kevin informed the meeting that he had been corresponding with the FA to establish what would be the outcome regarding promotion should the league not be able to complete its season due to the present lockdown resulting in some clubs not being able to complete the required 75% of their fixtures. Yesterday (8th January) he received notification, following a National Leagues Committee meeting, that the FA will be issuing a survey to be completed by all clubs in Steps 3 - 6 to gather their views before making a recommendation. Once the results are in the County FA’s will liaise with Feeder Leagues as to how they may decide what is the best option to conclude their season. The feeling of the management committee was to conclude the season now as there appears to be no end in sight, at the moment, to the increase in the spread of the virus. Kevin reported that he did not expect to resume fixtures until the beginning of March at the earliest but advised that we will wait until the FA determine what happens at Steps above us before we can make any decisions.
* **Applications for Promotion from Step 7 to Step 6** - Kevin reported that he had received 3 new applications for promotion to Step 6, **Boldon CA**, **Darlington Town** and **Chester-le-Street United**. These applications will be added to those submitted by 5 other Wearside League clubs last season which are outstanding following the decision by the FA to ‘Null and Void’ the 2019-20 season before its completion, **Durham United FC, Gateshead Leam Rangers, Horden Community Welfare, Richmond Town** and **Wolviston.**

1. **A.O.B**.

Being no other business, the meeting closed at 1.20pm.