**WEARSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thursday 10th November 2022**

**Held via Zoom Video Conference at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Peter Maguire (Chairman), Helen Pollard, Ian Stewart, Joe Partridge,

Kevin McKitterick, Kevin Oliver, Malcolm Langley, Michael Smith, Paul Bell,

Steven Futers. Mick Grant.

**Apologies:** Kevin Harrison (Secretary), Dani Maguire, David Farrell, Frank Thompson,

George McKitterick, Kieran Downey, Keith Simpson. Marshall Lawson,

Paul Sharpe.

The Chairman informed the committee that the meeting had been called at short notice to discuss the notice of the folding of Durham City AFC which was submitted to both John Topping at the Durham County FA and League Chairman Peter Maguire, by Chris Tanner, Managing Director of Zenith SEM, without the knowledge of the owner - Olivier Barnard.

Peter reported on the lengthy correspondence received from Chris Tanner which informed of their fall out with the owner and that Zenith SEM had parted company and folded the Club.

The players have now been de-registered, and staff released. One of the issues mentioned was an outstanding debt owed to Willington FC.

Peter reported that there were no league issues with Durham City AFC as they have fulfilled all league requirements to date and that it is the wish of the club and the owner that the resignation be rescinded.

Discussions then took place on what stipulations should be put on them to enable the club to continue and it was proposed and agreed that the outstanding debt owed to Willington FC is paid, and payment of a Bond of £250.00 be made, which will be repaid at the end of the season, before the club is allowed to be reinstated.

League officials will be holding a meeting with Olivier Barnard and Gary Hutchinson at Durham County FA headquarters on Friday 11th November at 1.00pm. to see what their intentions are going forward.

A follow up management committee meeting will be arranged as soon as possible to update everyone.

Being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.35pm.