**WEARSIDE FOOTBALL LEAGUE**

**MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Wednesday 10thJanuary 2024**

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

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

Dani Maguire, Helen Pollard, Ian Stewart, Joe Partridge, Kevin McKitterick,

Paul Sharpe, Sean Rooks, Steve Futers, Mick Grant.

1. **Apologies** Keith Simpson,Marshall Lawson, Paul Bell.
2. **Minutes of the last Management meeting**.

The minutes of the last management committee meeting held on Tuesday 5th December 2023, previously circulated, were confirmed as a true record.

1. **Matters Arising.**

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

1. **Correspondence;**

* **Applications for promotion to National League Step 6.**

Letter/Listing from the FA National League informing that they had received applications for promotion to National League Step 6 (Northern League) from the following 4 Wearside League clubs; **Darlington Town, Gateshead Leam Rangers, Norton & Stockton Ancients Youth and Durham United FC.**

1. **Billingham Town Reserves - failing to field a team away to Hetton Juniors in the Washington Aged Peoples Trophy on Saturday 16th December 2023.**

Billingham Town Reserves Club Secretary Ray Morton submitted an email in mitigation informing that they had recently changed manager and have had to recruit new players who were not available, injured or some simply didn’t reply to messages. We are in a transition and hope to continue as normal after Christmas.

Following discussion, the decision of the management committee was that **FA and League Rule 20.E.1**. be applied resulting in the club being excluded from the above Cup competition and Hetton Juniors to progress to the next round.

1. **Birtley Town Development - failing to field a team at home to New Durham AFC in the league on Saturday 6th January 2024.**

Deborah Irving, Birtley Town Development Secretary, submitted a letter in mitigation, apologising and informing that many of their players were attending the Sunderland v Newcastle match. The club was not aware of this until they requested availability of the players for their league game on 6th January. In addition to this they have players who have not been in the Northeast over the festive period plus injury problems which meant they did not have enough players to field a team.

Following lengthy discussion, the decision of the management committee was that **FA and League Rule 20.E.1**. be applied resulting in the club being fined £50.00, as per the Fines Tariff in relation to the rule. The fixture to be rearranged on a later convenient date.

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

Being no other business, the meeting closed at 7.15pm.