



**FSA Cymru / FAW Meeting (on Teams) August 10<sup>th</sup>,2021,3 pm**

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Kieran Jones	DSA Cymru	Inspector Wayne Palmer	South Wales Police
<i>Kevin Davies TBC</i>	Gôl	Dave Dulin	Wonky Sheep
<i>Carys Ingram TBC</i>	Rainbow Wall	Penny Miles	Wal Goch Y Menywod
<i>Colin Lewis TBC</i>	Red Wall		
<i>Allyson Rees TBC</i>	Red Wall		

Apologies: Ian Davis, Ffion Miles (FAW)

## Agenda

### **1. Welcome and introductions/apologies**

PC asked all participants to introduce themselves. We had 10 apologies for absence PB, ME, VA, AJ, CD, MJ, DW, KD, CI and IGW

### **2. Wal Goch y Menywod introduction (Penny Miles)**

Penny introduced herself as the new contact for the women's football, her aim is to create a larger fan base following Wales International Women's team, both home and away. She has set up a membership group which is inclusive and open to everyone; they are also affiliated to the FSA. [Form to sign-up is here.](#)

PM would like to see more women who are travelling alone, be given the opportunity to sit together at away games, so they can feel less vulnerable, in a recent report several have complained about sexual harassment from fellow Welsh fans at both away and home games.

PC offered full support from FSA Cymru and said telephone help line numbers and contacts can be added into the FSA Fan information booklet and shared on social media. WP said from a police perspective they are conscious of all sexual, hate and disability crime, but need to be made aware of it when at the games, sometimes this is impossible due to the environment, but stress it's important that every incident is reported, immediately if safe and possible but alternatively later.

AG said at all home games at CCS there is a mobile number advertised around the stadium direct to the command Centre which can be used to report incidents, this has been successful. AG will look at increasing signage around CCS promoting this help line number.

Unfortunately, Women's home games are played all over at different venues and not all have this help line, but PC said anyone in distress or needing assistance for any matter whilst abroad can contact the FSA Cymru help line number **+44 7905 861848** when the fans embassy is present.

PM asked, if possible, could there be a women's membership, a bit of a discussion on this with KJ saying that as Cymru DSA he was happy with the Red Wall membership as this was an all- inclusive membership, with no disparity between any member. PM was happy for the women to join the Red Wall

### **3. Euro 2020 round up and summary**

PC attended the Euros with the FAW as a Supporter Liaison officer, unfortunately the vast majority of fan's did not travel based on the guidance of the Government, UEFA and the FAW. PC said the FSA provided a limited Digital Online Fan Embassy and showed the Euro report to the group, which has been submitted to the FSE

24 Fan Embassies participated in the Euro's but only a few had boots on the ground where they were allowed.

The one positive element of the Euros for the FSA was the invitation to the Pre-Match Security meetings, this has been done before but not on a regular basis and it's hoped that all fan embassies from every country are afforded this because its proven best

practice.

PC mentioned Qatar and the issues surrounding it, there was a small discussion, however PC wants this on the next agenda and for all future meetings leading up to the finals.

On travel CL said he and many other fans were extremely frustrated that despite the FAW and Government telling fans they were not allowed to travel they still did. WP replied by saying it was not illegal for them to travel and therefore could not stop anyone who had decided to.

#### **4. Match tickets, tournament tickets, memberships. Prices and availability**

LM said there is currently 15k Red Wall membership and hoped there would be information later in the week about Finland Tickets.

This season there will be no Tournament /Campaign tickets, all tickets will be for individual games at home.

PC stated that the Campaign tickets provided discounts for fans, as well as securing advanced and guaranteed income for the FAW, and the fact we have reverted to individual tickets will mean a jump in price for fans and hoped the FAW were taking that into consideration.

WN said nobody could really complain about the Welsh ticket prices because they are excellent compared to the other home nations.

#### **5. September games, Finland/Belarus away and Estonia home**

Finland, as above, PC said Belarus has been moved to Kazan in Russia with no fans, home or away permitted. FSA Cymru are still awaiting confirmation of funding for fan embassies to be run at the away games, this is dependent upon FIFA allowing away fans to attend. LM said if away fans are allowed in Finland, it will be a ticket collection point only.

Estonia home, LC said the FAW hope to have something to announce on the 18<sup>th</sup> of August for tickets, WN said there is a code of conduct for all fans on entering Cardiff City Stadium and facemasks must be worn whilst queuing and, on the concourse, but generally, the strictest Covid rules are no longer required although caution and self-risk assessment is advised.

#### **6. October games Czech Rep and Estonia away**

The double header is an attractive fixture; many fans have booked. DD said Wonky Sheep have had a big interest from the fans for this, however in the Czech Republic the UK is currently on one of their red lists (they have 2) where you have to quarantine on arrival (not in government hotel) and needs to drop two lists to enable entry without isolation, at the moment there is no exemption if double-jabbed because we are not in the EU, But said things were looking more hopeful for entry to Estonia.

TC said there were plenty ready to go from North Wales just ready for their PCR tests. As soon as ticket information / travel information from UEFA is announced LM will pass it on.

#### **7. November games Belarus and Belgium home**

The FAW will release ticket information to fans later in the year.

#### **8. Cymru Disabled Supporters Association (Cymru DSA) update (Kieran Jones)**

KJ gave an update that there is a Wales meeting setup for next Thursday, August

19th and that there is a need to get the DSA off the ground asap. JW asked if Rainbow Wall members could attend, KJ said there was no problem at all and invited PM to attend as well

#### **9. FSA Gogledd update**

TC and RC said they were just waiting to attend a football match, loads of fans are ready to go abroad.

#### **10. Any other business**

PM asked if it was possible that regular followers of women's football get priority for Women's football games before going on general sale, LM said she could not see a problem with that.

PC said he had spoken to KD, who had informed him that Gol donated at all 3 venues in Euros. Plans are being made in the hope of travel being allowed for up-and-coming games, but nothing confirmed until things are clearer.

PC said about the new CEO of FAW, Noel Mooney. PC had already had conversations with him on twitter and found him to be very interested in meeting the fans. PC suggested we invite him to a future FSA Cymru/FAW meeting or maybe ask if he can do fan forums in the future.

Next Meeting – November/December Date TBC

**Please note this meeting was held in advance of the announcement by UEFA/FIFA that no away fans are allowed to travel for international fixtures in September**



