

FAW/FSF CYMRU meeting June 19th, 2018, 3 pm start

AGENDA

1. Arriva Trains Wales plans for forthcoming matches in Cardiff
2. China Cup and Mexico v Wales update
3. UEFA Nations League
4. Tickets & Membership 2018-2020
5. Transport at away matches
6. Women's matches
7. Disabled Supporters Association
8. Security, Police and stewarding
9. New Manager – possible visits to fan groups throughout Wales
10. FSF Cymru fan embassies / home matches
11. FSF Gogledd Cymru
12. Women's clothing and commercial
13. Any other business

Attendees:

Name	Stakeholder Group
Paul Corkrey	FSF Cymru
Kieran Jones	FSF Cymru
Vince Alm	FSF Cymru
Mark Evans	FAW, Head of International
Ian Gwyn Hughes	FAW, Head of Public Affairs
Lucy Mason	FAW, Ticketing & Membership Manager
Rob Dowling	FAW, New Media & Publications Manager
Peter Barnes	FAW, Marketing & Brand Manager
Matt Evans	FAW, Ticketing & Membership Executive
Wayne Nash	FAW, Security Officer & CCS, Head of Operations
Sara Pennant Jones	FAW, Media Executive
Ifan Williams	FAW, Media department work experience
Dave Dulin	Wonky Sheep Events
Lewis Brencher	Arriva Trains Wales, Head of Communications
Allyson Rees	Red Wall Member
Christian Evans	South Wales Police

1. Trains will remain the same for the next two home games with plans with the new company for continued services for the Denmark game on 16th November.
It was agreed that we will go back to Reserved seats only on a 200 capacity train direct from North Wales to Cardiff, with an increase in adults to 175 and down to 25 concessions. The cost will remain the same at £45 return with a guaranteed seat but there will be no first class available. Arriva also confirmed that there is no scheduled engineering work on international dates.

It was hoped that with new investment after the takeover there will be improved services, this is why we could not have any information on trains for the Denmark game.

2. China Cup and USA: There were no arrests, all went well in both tournaments with no incidents to report. A few complaints at the ground for late buses but all fans arrived at the ground.
3. Nations League: Format was made clear, expression of interest for all three games is higher than our ticket allocation. 3,500 each for Denmark and Ireland with over 2000 for Albania.
It was asked that it be made clear that there will be a loyalty system in place for all the Euro Nations and Albania Friendly due to ticket allocation, with a possible 1300 tickets only for Denmark and Albania with an increase for Dublin.
4. Tickets and Membership: Again mentioned the small capacity stadiums we will play in Denmark and Albania. Season tickets for CCS stadium has gone up to 11,500 with 16,500 memberships completed. It was hoped a favourable Euro 2020 draw will boost ticket sales. Correspondence from Tim Morgan was read out, however it was pointed out by FAW his percentage figures were flawed as they were only based on 4 games, in the Euro we will have additional games so based on real games there was a 25% increase in Grandstand, 20% in Canton, with it averaging out an extra £4:00 per game coming to a 16.7% average rise on the last tournament tickets.
5. Away Travel: It was mentioned Leigh James coaches with a possible 17 / 18 coaches reported by some to be booked for the Denmark game, this was worrying as that would be 900 fans, some without match tickets due to the reduced ticket allocation. Wonky Sheep were confirmed as a "Preferred Coach Operator" working in partnership with the FAW. They will be running coaches at all Wales Home and Away fixtures, all coaches will be alcohol free, coach prices for Denmark, Ireland and Albania will be released later next week
6. With the success of the Women's team, now only needing a win to qualify for Euro's in France next year, the match location will be decided at latest 2nd July. It was asked if there could be more activity up North especially after the success of the Men's training session, it was asked could the Women's team play there against England and maybe the under 23 and Under 21 teams
7. Disabled Supporters Association recent forum minutes. Were put out with meeting agenda, Kieran explained Level Playing Fields had been in touch with him the day before and arranged a conference call to discuss the new setup of the DSA. Kieran will keep FSF and FAW updated on any news
8. Security Police and Stewarding: It was asked that the Principality stadium stewards have training in football matches as they are not used to football crowds. This is being looked at with Wayne Nash
9. Ryan Giggs meeting fans throughout Wales was dismissed by the FAW, we were told that he is no Chris Coleman and the FAW were well aware of his other commitments when he took on the role as National Manager. Due to his days limited the FAW will use Ryan's time wisely with the squad.
10. FSF Fan Embassies Home and away: Following on from working on an existing Memorandum of Understanding between the FAW and FSF it was agreed that the FSF should have a home presence with the three FSF members of the Embassy, Paul, Vince and Kieran being allocated Public passes by CCS stadium in liaison with Wayne Nash on all home games and when they are available at away games. This will improve the presence of the FSF to both home and away fans, meeting up with other Fan Embassies from opposing teams.

The FSF Cymru have also produced a draft booklet for visiting fans to the CCS stadium, they will work closely with Adam Gilliard at CCS to produce a working copy.

11. FSF Gogledd Cymru concerns from Gogledd Cymru were raised especially on our travel itinerary, Wonky Sheep further committed they will be running coaches from all around Wales to all home games
12. Women's Clothing and Commercial: It was firstly agreed that the FAW will continue to produce hard copy programmes for the League of Nations and Euro 2020, this was received well. Alison brought up that female football kits are not available and Adidas have put blame down to FAW. Peter Barnes confirmed he will look this up as there has been a recent meeting with Adidas in the USA trip.
13. AOB Possible training day at the Liberty like the one at the racecourse for West Wales fans was asked however this was not going to happen with the availability of Ryan as mentioned in previous minutes. The selling of alcohol at stadiums at UEFA games Article 36 of the UEFA safety and security regulations, we believe UEFA are looking at modifying the rules, this has been confirmed by Wayne Nash and stadiums will now sell alcohol at all home games, however no visibility of alcohol from the pitch is still the rule.

Persistent standing is also being reviewed, however it is hoped the singing section of the Canton will remain, but other area's will be forced to sit down

Welsh Hearts are working with the FAW to raise money for AED's in all sporting venues. It was hoped the FSF could help fundraise towards this.

14. Next Meeting – Week of 17th September in Cardiff. Venue, date tbc. It was agreed the first meeting of 2019 will be held in North Wales. FSF will be in contact with their membership for a suitable venue