



Coronavirus Closure

Dear Gordon

These are indeed unprecedented times.

Just over a week has now elapsed since we were instructed by the government to stop trading and close our doors for an as yet unknown period, so now seems an appropriate time to update members on the issues that were alluded to in the last newsletter.

As stated, Elson Silva has been retained on full pay. The retention of Elson is the correct decision and is in keeping with government recommendations on job retention.

In the past week your committee members have been working to protect the Club Centre's interests and we can advise the members of the following:

1. An application will be made for a local authority grant available to small businesses and based on our rateable value.

2. We will apply for the government support covering 80% of Elson's wages under the job retention scheme.
3. We expect the Club Centre to be eligible for 100% rates relief for year 2020/21 and will be consulting our advisors on this matter.
4. Much of the Club Centre's dated stock has been purchased by members thus reducing potential future losses.

There is no doubt however that with no income stream our finances and cash flow are going to be seriously challenged and regardless of potential government assistance your committee would appreciate assistance from the members. It is totally understood that some of our members are going to be financially worse off and be unable to help, however many members are financially secure and it is to this group of members that we hope to engage.

The initiative is to "crowdfund" the Club Centre's cash flow in the short term.

Crowdfunding our Cash Flow

For members that can afford to do so, transfer £100 into the Club Centre's current account. This sum will be reimbursed in one of 3 ways:

1. Repaid in full once the Club Centre has resumed normal trading for 3 months
2. Converted into credit for goods once the Club Centre resumes trading
3. Converted into a donation to the Club Centre

The Club Centre's account details are:

Sort Code: 80-05-17

Account No: 00103047

A cheque is equally acceptable and can be posted to:

86 Queens Road
Aberdeen
AB15 4YQ

we thank you in anticipation of your support and look forward to the day when our sporting and social pastimes can resume and to meet up at the Club Centre to share our respective experiences.

Stay well and keep positive.

David Leighton

Club Centre Chairman

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