



Candidate for Chair of the National Council

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I support Stoke City home and away. If Stoke aren't playing and York City are I'm usually there. I have been chair of the FSF since 2002 and have represented supporters on the FA Council since 2007. I worked with Stoke City to establish a democratic Supporters Council for dialogue with the Club and was its first Chair. I have a long track record of successfully working for supporters' interests at both club and national level.

The Trust philosophy

Although my national role has been with the FSF, it might easily have been with SD. I am an advocate of part or full supporter ownership of clubs where it can be achieved and of co-operative principles (I am a member of the Co-operative party)

I was the first Chair of the Potters Trust, which later merged with the Supporters Club of which I am a committee member (but unfortunately not as a Trust because of the then stringent SD audit requirements, ironically subsequently relaxed).

I am a Life Member of York City Supporters Trust, playing my part in its successful fight to save the club and take ownership of it in 2003. I chaired the Trust meeting in 2006 which decided to sell a 75% stake to JMP Ltd. This year I supported the Trust in responding to the Club Chairman's demand to gift the remaining shares to him, and spoke on that at two large meetings. I am also a member of the Enfield Town Trust.

My vision

The new united organisation can be more than the sum of our founding parts, to become the truly effective champions of supporters' interests at all levels. We know we are right, but being right is not enough. We must translate that into real change for supporters benefit.

This will not happen automatically .We must work together to make it happen by making the best use of our volunteer, staffing and financial resources, not only at the "top" of the organisation but also mobilising the skills and passion of our members. I can help make that vision happen.

Outside football

Now retired, I started as an academic, before moving into public sector senior management, up to Chief Executive level. I have been a non-executive on several QUANGOS. I still serve on the Information Rights Tribunal. I have extensive senior level experience of governance in both executive and non-executive roles.