



**Hinckley Community Football Club Ltd AGM  
Nomination form for Board Member**

**Name Bryan Martin White**

**Signed**

**Membership Number: 168**

**Brief description of relevant work experience, interests and what you would like to contribute to the club as Board Director (500 words minimum 1000 maximum). Use additional sheets if necessary**



**Supporting Statement From Bryan White**

**My Initial Involvement in Hinckley AFC**

I have been involved from the outset in the formation of Hinckley AFC. I contacted Supporters Direct, who were reluctant to meet with supporters as Hinckley United FC were still in existence. Based on the information I provided they agreed to meet with a number of supporters and shareholders a week later. This was nine months before the old club folded which enabled the first steps and initial planning, to be in place, allowing time for the club to be developed and operating in time for last season. The importance of involving Supporters Direct was to ensure that any new club would be community based and member owned.

From this a working group evolved and a constitution was produced for a new community based club with every member having a single share and vote. I was one of the four singularities to the constitution and represented the club as one of three who attended the meeting with the FA to demonstrate our financial plans and support the claim that Hinckley AFC be considered as the phoenix club. During the first season I was responsible for liaison with the team management, organising training facilities and managing the stadium on match days. I also worked closely with the acting treasurer in planning the budgets for this season and led the negotiations to remain at St Johns Stadium for a second year.

### **Background in Football**

I started watching not league football over 50 years ago with my father and since then have followed and been involved in the administration of the game. I also played at a reasonable level and took FA coaching qualifications in my younger days.

I first attended a match in the town in 1973 at the old Middlefield Lane ground of the then Hinckley Athletic six days after moving to the area. I continued to follow the Athletic on a regular basis for many years until I moved away because of my work but upon returning to the area in 1999 I started following the fairly newly formed Hinckley United. I also became a shareholder some years later as a gesture of commitment to the club.

### **Long Term Vision For Hinckley AFC**

My personal vision is for this community club to, in the long term, be headed up by a first team playing at the highest level achievable but with many other teams catering for all age groups, sexes and levels of ability. This would include boys, girls, older age groups and those that may have a disability either physical or learning. I would also like to see a club that reaches out to the local community and is involved and contributes to it. I recognise that a priority is to return the club to a ground in Hinckley as soon as possible. Ideally this would be at Leicester Road but if not within the town boundaries.

### **My Working Background**

Until I semi-retired 2 year ago, I gained over 40 years of experience working in various management roles in both the public and private sectors, including major international companies and a large local authority. This has equipped

me with good management, administration and negotiation skills vital in for the role of a director of the club. Along side this I have also run my own business for a number of years and still do on a part-time basis. I served for over 20 years as a committee member and trustee of a friendly society (charity) that operated under the same legislation as the football club and had assets of several millions of pounds. I and the other trustee were legally responsible for these assets, under the law, so I needed to have a good understanding of the related legislation much of which also applies to Hinckley AFC.

### **Role in the Running of Hinckley AFC**

Having been involved from day one I have a genuine commitment to helping develop Hinckley AFC into a successful community owned club providing opportunities to enjoy football either by playing or watching. This, as I have previously stated, must include all ages and abilities and sexes. Disability should also not be a barrier on and off field. I also believe that it is vital the club returns to the borough as soon as is reasonably possible.

Both my working and footballing backgrounds will serve me well if elected and allow me to be involved in the administration in a way that will help move forward. Being semi-retired also allows me to offer time to help achieve this. I also feel it is important to offer my experience at this stage in the clubs development so that there is a strong base for younger people to take on the role in the future. I promise I will be transparent as a director, if elected, and do my up most to help move the club forward. I will not back away from taking decisions that may be painful but in the best interests of the club and it's members.

I also believe that being a member of the board of Hinckley AFC should require, a person to have integrity, be honest and able to operate confidentiality. It is also important that each director has a defined role which they are accountable for and are able to offer the necessary time to undertake this. I feel the board must in all areas of finance and operations work jointly in decision making.

Thank you for reading my statement and I hope you will feel that what I am able to offer and I beliefs for Hinckley AFC are worth while and that you will support my application for membership of the board.

Proposed by (in block capitals)\_\_\_\_\_ Signed\_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by (in block capitals)\_\_\_\_\_ Signed\_\_\_\_\_

All nomination forms must be signed by nominee, proposer and seconder, all of whom must be current members of the club. Please send completed forms with signatures to:-

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***To be received no later than 12 noon 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016***