

BURY AFC SHAKERS COMMUNITY BOARD

ELECTION 2020

8th June 2020

Herewith my report on the 2020 Board Elections to the Membership.

I was pleased to be asked to act as the Independent Chair and Returning Officer of your election process.

By the closing time and date of the nomination period twelve nominations had been received for the nine Board positions that were subject to election in this first year of your existence.

We have therefore conducted a contested election which opened on 2 June at 0900 and closed on 8 June at 1700.

There were 422 eligible voters on the electoral roll and 2 more were added after the election started after satisfying me that they had been omitted from the membership list.

From this electorate of 424 there were 326 ballots submitted which consisted of 2431 votes and there were four abstentions.

The votes cast were (in alphabetical order):

Mike Bailey	240 votes(9.9%)
Anne Bent	232 votes(9.5%)
Darren Bernstein	245 votes(10.1%)
John Cranshaw	165 votes(6.8%)
Marcel de Matas	159 votes(6.5%)
Amanda Freeman	113 votes(4.6%)
Michael Howarth	197 votes(8.1%)
Ian Pearson	206 votes(8.5%)
Rod Peters	192 votes(7.9%)
David Triggs	211 votes(8.7%)
John Woodhead	197 votes(8.1%)
Phil Young	274 votes(11.3%)

I therefore declare that the following are elected (in vote total order): **Phil Young, Darren Bernstein, Mike Bailey, Anne Bent, David Triggs, Ian Pearson, John Woodhead, Michael Howarth, and Rod Peters** with 11.3%, 10.1%, 9.9%, 9.5%, 8.7%, 8.5%, 8.1%, and 7.9% of the vote respectively each.

It is worth stating that a contested election is the best outcome to show a vibrant and engaged membership so you should be encouraged that this was the case in your initial election.

I am also asked to comment on the election process, and firstly I am extremely grateful for the help of George Thomas who coordinated the election locally for me and also helped with the extensive testing necessary to validate the electronic voting system that was used.

Secondly, I would like to congratulate and thank all the nominees for standing for election, a Trust is only as good as its' memberships' engagement.

Lastly, I can confirm that your election policy and your rules were followed in conducting this election and were fit for purpose.

Good luck to you all in the coming year – except if you happen to play Exeter of course!

Best wishes, Neil Le Milliere

Independent Chair & Returning Officer 2020