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SONSTRUST COMMENT ON RECENT PRESS SPECULATION ON DFC OWNERSHIP

The Sons Supporters Trust has expressed disappointment over recent press reports surrounding the future ownership of Dumbarton Football Club. Trust Board members are concerned that an urgent public debate is now required to explore all options available for securing the future of the 133-year old club.

On behalf of the Trust Board, Secretary Alan Findlay said : *'As a community organisation we obviously view the recent statement of intent by the present owner as an ideal opportunity to increase the current level of community ownership and administration of our club.*

'Any change in ownership of the Club is of utmost importance to both supporters and the wider local community. We would therefore seek a meeting with prospective buyers identified by the present chairman to ensure that any change in ownership is designed to strengthen the bonds between Dumbarton FC and the local populace, and to ensure that community interests remain fully represented in the running of the Club.

'DFC requires individuals in place with vision, drive and commitment, and local people need to engage now in the ownership debate and help shape the future of our Club.



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'We have learned that a bold outline plan exists to relocate DFC from the existing site at The Rock to become a potentially pivotal location in the upcoming redevelopment of the Strathleven area of the town.

'We also understand that initial discussions between various agencies have already taken place but have recently stalled, though we sincerely hope that that this option remains firmly in the frame. To enable that however, we are aware that an outstanding issue over public monies used in the funding of the present stadium requires to be resolved.

'The Trust strongly encourage Dumbarton Football Club and Dumbarton Community Stadium Limited to settle this matter amicably and with urgency in order that everyone can now move forward.

'We are keen to mediate in this respect, but despite our best efforts we have been unable to make direct contact with John McFall MP to meet in person and hopefully address the situation.'

Alan concluded : *'The overriding consideration in any discussion should be the continued progression of Dumbarton Football Club'.*

The Sons Supporters Trust is at present keeping a keen eye on the DFC ownership issue. The Trust considers it vital that the local community is kept informed of all possibilities and that the potential of a historic community asset is realised with nothing seen as a fait accompli at this stage'.



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Notes:

1. The Sons Supporters Society Limited (Sonstrust) is a registered Industrial and Provident Society, built on not-for-profit community based principles.
2. The Sonstrust has a shareholding membership of 250.
3. The Sonstrust has an elected representative on the Board of Dumbarton FC following a £25,000 investment.
4. The Sonstrust currently maintains the Dumbarton FC website, produces the match programme, and assists the club in many different ways.
5. Dumbarton FC is Scotland's third oldest football club, founded in 1872.

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