

DoE will report to us
next week. Hf for 27/2

MR ADDISON

13 February 1986

FOOTBALL HOOLIGANS

MEETING AT DoE, 13 FEBRUARY

Attending were:

Giles Shaw MP

Dick Tracey MP

Ted Croker

Jack Dunit

Graham Kelley

Five officials also attended, including David Bellfall and Teasdale.

1. Membership Cards

30 to 35 clubs now had partial membership card schemes and all four divisions had been invited to join. Jack Dunit agreed on behalf of the FA that the eventual aim was for 100% card coverage. There is evidence that the membership card schemes are working well, for example the Leicester Club has better attendance figures, particularly from families. Most card schemes were self-funding but some, such as Notts County, were funded by the clubs themselves.

2. Exclusion Orders

Although exclusion orders are best linked to the membership card scheme they are also to be regarded as effective because of the existence of CCTV. The major outstanding query was whether Magistrates ordering exclusion orders could release photographs of the culprits to the Football League authorities. The Home Office will consider this but failing an agreement that the photographs - which form part of a criminal record - can be released to the FA the CCTV will be operated by the police, who can have beside them the photographs of the excluded hooligans.

3. Executive Boxes

? | So far there is no evidence of loss of money directly as a result of the 1985 legislation. No amendment could be made by the Government without evidence of financial or other genuine suffering by the clubs. (I attach the first piece of evidence that has come to me of financial suffering of a club, in this case Tottenham).

4. CCTV

This is now in 36 clubs, the Metropolitan Police have been slow drawing up technical specifications in London but this is now available. The England and Scotland match will be covered by CCTV.

5. Community Liaison

There is a pilot scheme which DoE and the football authorities are keen to push forward which will create a thousand jobs paid for by MSC money in six clubs. The jobs will be to liaise with existing youth clubs and to assist the eradication of hooliganism.

6. New Hooligans

Because the Prime Minister had raised the subject of smart, rich hooligans the group considered whether any special arrangements could be made to eradicate this menace. A positive suggestion which emerged from the discussion was the creation of a central registry or intelligence base.

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7. The Future

A message should go out to the public that their help was needed to stamp out trouble, (possible inclusion in future PM speech).



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