

# Hibs' supporters' group meet Chairman



Hibs' fans are waiting to hear the outcome of yesterday's meeting between Chairman Rod Petrie, Non Executive Director Bruce Langham and David Forsyth from the Club and Paul Kane, Mike Riley, Kenny McLean Jnr and their media advisor Simon Pia from a supporters led group.

The group visited the stadium around 2pm yesterday and indicated that their intention was to see the removal of Chairman Rod Petrie.

A press conference has been called by the group at the Hibernian Supporters Club where the disgruntled fans will outline their plans on the way forward for the troubled club.

After yesterday's meeting which lasted around 30 minutes, the club issued the following statement on their website:

"A meeting took place between Chairman Rod Petrie, Non Executive Director Bruce Langham and David Forsyth from the Club with Paul Kane, Mike Riley, Kenny McLean Jnr and their media advisor Simon Pia today.

The meeting began with Paul, Mike and Kenny outlining that they had a mandate from 95% of Hibernian supporters and all Hibernian groups, and demanded the resignation of Chairman Rod Petrie.

At the meeting, it was repeated that the Board fully understands the level of supporter anger and frustration, has recognised for some months the imperative for change, and has been actively working towards this.

The Club also expressed its deep concern that any actions to

“starve” the Club of support during the challenging months ahead risk causing long-term damage.

The Club representatives asked for an opportunity for incoming Chief Executive Leeann Dempster, who takes on all Executive responsibility as of Monday, to outline plans for change – she is due to meet all supporters groups in her first week. The request to wait for a week before taking further action was turned down.

The groups Leeann is to meet under the Working Together umbrella include Hibernian Supporters Association and its branches, the fan websites, the Former Players Association, the Historical trust, The Hibernians and the Erin Trust. The group has been meeting regularly for the past two years.

The group was asked to outline their own proposals and plans for change. They declined, and instead made only one demand, which was for the resignation of Chairman Rod Petrie.

The Chairman stressed he was relinquishing all executive responsibility for the running of the Club from Monday. His non-executive role thereafter is to help facilitate the positive changes which the Board believes supporters will welcome.”