

Communities, Equality and Local Government Committee

Inquiry into the Welsh Premier League

Response from Tom Morgan

PROFILE

1992 – 1995	:	Aber Town Player-Manager
1995 – 1997	:	Llansanffraid Assistant Player –Manager
1997 – 1998	:	BBC Radio Cymru Pundit
1998 – 1999	:	Rhayader Town Manager
1999 – 2004	:	Carmarthen Town Manager
2004 – 2008	:	Welshpool Town Manager
2008 – 2010	:	Porthmadog Manager
2010 – 2012	:	Carmarthen Town Manager
2012 – present	:	Aberystwyth Town Manager

WPL INCEPTION - DEVELOPMENT

- WFA had to form league or risk lose international status
- Formation of League badly managed
- Alienations of clubs – court procedures (Newport) forced clubs
- WFA had little or no interest in League or its progression

MEDIA PERCEPTION

- Poor beginning didn't help
- No 'result service' midweek
- Swansea/ Cardiff / Newport / Wrexham England destabilises League
- WFA continued insistence of clubs playing in Welsh Cup

PLAYERS / MANAGER PROGRESSION

- Coaching courses second-to-none
- Players many have gone on to play in football league
- Clubs – community-based very positive

INFRASTRUCTURE – PYRAMID SYSTEM

- Grounds – lots of work to do playing surface

INVESTMENT