

...But where has the money gone?

In this dream, money is only a means to an end, it's not the end itself.

Karen Gill (Bill Shankly's granddaughter, March 2008.)

Tom Hicks and George Gillett don't seem to agree – Their dream is the money, making every last dollar they can out of LFC. The Americans David Moores and Rick Parry (the latter two who got us into this mess) seem reluctant to tell us anything, so let's see if they can answer our straightforward questions...

WHAT DOES LFC AND ITS ASSOCIATED COMPANIES OWE TO BANKS AND OTHER FUNDERS?

We have seen reports that the Club owes in excess of £400 million. If this figure is even close to being accurate it is unsustainable and the Club cannot continue to service it.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST EACH YEAR TO PAY THE INTEREST ON THESE LOANS?

From published figures the interest repayments are £30m+ per year met by the club. How long before Torres, or Gerrard are sold to meet these costs?

WHERE HAS THE MONEY GONE FOR THE INITIAL GROUND WORK ON A STADIUM?

It is clear from the accounts that £60m was set aside for initial stadium planning and work. Millions has been spent on wasted architect fees while all we have to show for it are some pretty pictures.

CHRISTIAN PURSLOW – WHO IS HE?

Would he happen to be RBS' man on the board, to oversee the running of the club as a condition of the re-financing? How can our Club be run on the part time basis he is engaged upon?

WHERE WERE THE TRANSFER FUNDS THIS SUMMER?

Despite the ludicrous and frankly insulting comments made by Christian Purslow about our competitive transfer kitty it is clear we had nothing but part of the sales money to spend. And Kyriakos cost less than the owners' expenses claims....

WHERE IS THE CLUB'S REVENUE GOING?

We have increased revenue from sponsorship, Champions League and television deals, yet this is all going to go on paying interest to banks – how is the manager to compete in this environment?

DAVID MOORES AND RICK PARRY HAVE NEVER PROPERLY EXPLAINED THEIR DECISION TO CHOOSE THE AMERICANS AND CONTINUE THEIR “SEE NO EVIL, HEAR NO EVIL, SPEAK NO EVIL” POLICY. COME ON LADS, ISN'T IT TIME WE AT LEAST GOT A SORRY?.

Moores pocketed £85m for the sale of his shares making a handsome profit for his shareholding to top a barren sixteen year title period with the Americans being icing on the cake. He's lost his seat in the Directors' box and on the team coach and clearly he's still lost his tongue. Rick continues to console himself with his Ferrari.

These are some of the basic questions that the fans need answers to – answers that will make it clear to fans that we are looking over the edge of a cliff now. So come on Tom and George – you've got nothing to hide, have you?

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