

Kirkcaldy Area Sports Council

Committee Members Meeting held on

Wednesday 6 June 2007

3 East Fergus Place, Kirkcaldy

1. Present: Marilyn Livingstone (Chair), George MacDonald (Secretary), Alistair Robertson (Treasurer), Megan Buchanan (Fife Council), Graeme Scoon, Dave Paton, Darren Hope, Gary Innes, Jenny Anderson, Gary Crawford (Fife Police)

2. Apologies: Jennifer Collins, Mark Bramwell, Kevin Murphy, Helen Kuzyszyn

3. a. Chair: Marilyn updated the committee on the last Full Members Meeting held in March and stated that it was well attended with valued contributions. Marilyn further reported that she and Mark Bramwell had attended the Executive Committee Meeting of SALSC in Kirkcaldy and informed the meeting that SALS are currently going through a streamlining of their committee structure and an outcome of this was awaited.

b. Finance: George reported that he had spoken with a member of staff from within Community Services to ask for an update on where the Sports Council's Application for the recurring grant had gone. George was informed that this had been remitted to the Head of Community Services and was still pending. Megan informed the meeting that she has had confirmation that finance is likely to be made available to the Sports Council to allow it to get up and running, how much this will be is yet to be determined. Megan further reported that Ken Dow is looking into the money currently held by a previous Sports Council. Agreed that Megan will pursue this matter in agreement with previous Sports Council Minutes. Gary asked if it was the case that groups/members of the Sports Council would then apply for grants to the Sports Council. Marilyn explained that the aim of the Sports Council is to 3 main funding sources, 1. Fife Council, 2. Affiliation Fees from Clubs/Individuals, 3. Fundraising. Sports Clubs would then be able to apply for grants/assistance.

c. Co-ordinator: Megan reported that the Leisure Centre Review is now complete and that all Centre Managers are now in place. Gary asked about swimming pool facilities for Kirkcaldy. Marilyn confirmed that the view and aim of the Kirkcaldy Area Sports Council is to campaign for a Sports & Leisure Complex that will cover all kinds of sports and leisure activities and not just a swimming pool for Kirkcaldy.

d. National Issues: Marilyn waiting on outcomes of decisions from Scottish Executive on funding for Sports Facilities.

e. Funding/Grants: Dave informed the meeting that he had heard a report on radio that funding for sports facilities would be taken out of criminal justice funding. Marilyn stated that the outcome of this was awaited from the Scottish Executive. Megan asked if the Sports Council is likely to engage in an advisory/assistance capacity to sports clubs as funding was available from various sources both within and outwith Fife Council. After discussion on the subject it was agreed that Megan speak to Mark about taking forward the website and discuss funding to purchase web domain and having this type of information funding opportunities to the website. **Action** Megan to speak to Mark Bramwell.

4. Update on New Sports Facility: George indicated that a petition had previously been set up by a local organisation to put pressure on Fife Council to commit to a New Sports & Leisure Centre for Kirkcaldy. Discussion was held on the possibility that such a petition be taken on board by the Sports Council. It was agreed that with some amendments to wording, this could be distributed to Sports Council Members. Further discussion was held

on the possibility of having the Fife Free Press support the petition and to inform the Head of Community Services of the Sports Council's views.

Action – George to make amendments to petition and pass back to members for comment. George to write letter to Steve Grimmond, Head of Community Services. Marilyn to contact Alan Crow, Editor, Fife Free Press.

5. Way Forward: George indicated that moves were required to secure funding and that invitations needed to be distributed to members asking them to affiliate to the Sports Council.

Action George to liaise with Megan to put together list of would-be sports clubs. Graeme to work on Affiliation Form taking ideas from existing forms made available and pass back to members. All 3 to liaise to have letter/form to be sent out.

6. Date of next meeting: Agreed that the Committee would meet on Thursday 28 June 2007, 6.30pm, 3 East Fergus Place, Kirkcaldy.

7. Any other competent business: George received correspondence as follows:

1. Job Vacancy of 'Communications Co-ordinator' - Note
2. Child Protection Awareness Training – Napier University – Megan informed the committee that this type of training is available through Fife Council at a notional cost.