

# Kirkcaldy Area Sports Council

## Full Public Meeting

Thursday 2 August 2007

Adam Smith College, Kirkcaldy

**1. Present:** Marilyn Livingstone (Chair), George MacDonald (Secretary), Meg Buchanan (Fife Council), Graeme Scoon, Mark Bramwell, Ken White, Gary Innes, Helen Kuzyszyn, Dave Paton, Kevin Murphy, Margaret Chapman, Ade Johnson, Gary Crawford (Fife Police)

**In Attendance:** Cllr Susan Leslie, Cllr Neil Crooks, Cllr Lawrence Brown, Cllr David Ross, Cllr George Kay, Keith Auchterlonie (East Fife Sports Council), Richard Brinkley (Disability Sports Fife)

**Apologies:** Cllr J Hamilton, Cllr D Torrance, Cllr A Soper, Cllr Arthur Robertson, G hope (Locality Manager), A Robertson, D Hope, J Anderson

**2. Minutes of Previous Meeting/Matters Arising:** These were read and approved as a true record by all present. There were no matters arising.

The Chair asked for agreement that item 5. on the agenda be taken first as a number of speakers to this item needed to leave the meeting early. This was agreed by all present.

**5. New Sports Facility:** Cllr Crooks gave a report to the meeting on the decision of the Policy Finance & Asset Management Committee of Fife Council to establish a single trust to manage and operate sports centres and swimming pools and expressed disappointment that bodies such as the Sports Council had not been consulted on the matter. A discussion ensued with contributions from the floor. Marilyn Livingstone (Chair) asked for the support of the whole of the Kirkcaldy Area Sports Council (KASC) and Councillors representing the Kirkcaldy Area, to support the KASC's stance for not just a replacement swimming pool but a state of the art Sports & Leisure Facility in Kirkcaldy. Representatives from the various sports present supported this and gave examples of the inadequacies of the present facilities.

During this discussion, a question was asked from the floor as to whether the Sports Council was political and doubt expressed that this forum could continue. The Secretary informed the meeting that he was in possession of the formal Constitution created through discussions at various meetings, and all of the formative minutes ranging from the Inaugural Meeting of the Sports Council to present. It was agreed that these were legitimate and that the Sports Council should continue.

A member asked that arrangements be made for a Council Officer to meet with the Sports Council to discuss the matter of the new sports facility further. Agreed that this be remitted to the Management Committee.

**3. Membership/Affiliation:** The Secretary reported that the first applications for affiliations had been received. Following approval there are a possible 5 new members.

**4. Finance Report/Funding:** The Fife Council Link Officer reported that the initial grant application had been declined. A Start Up Grant of just under £5000 had been secured however, through Quality of Life Funding. An application for a further grant would be submitted again this year. The Chair stated that the Management Committee had worked

hard over the year to establish the Sports Council. The Chair further stated that the grant was very welcome and thanked the Fife Council Link Officer for her hard work in gaining this valuable funding.

**6. Fundraising:** This matter was remitted to the next meeting as a courtesy to our guest speaker.

**7. Guest Speaker:** The Chair introduced Guest Speaker, Keith Auchterlonie, Secretary of North East Fife Sports Council. Mr Auchterlonie gave a very informative and interesting presentation on how the North East Fife Sports Council had recently re-formed. He discussed the framework, membership and promotional ideas of his Sports Council. Mr Auchterlonie gave information on how to progress and grow our own Sports Council. He took questions from the floor after which, the Chair gave a vote of thanks.

**8. Promotional Event:** The Fife Council Link Officer produced a brochure on ideas for a suggested awards ceremony. It was agreed by all present that this would be the event and that the Management Committee develop the event for running next year. Contributions from the floor were for a Sports Convention and the proposition of offering cash incentives as awards.

**9. Correspondence:** The Secretary reported on a letter received from Fife Council requesting an increase in elected member representation from one to three. The Secretary intimated that the Management Committee had discussed this matter previously and recommended the status quo (representation by 1 Elected Member) as per the KASC Constitution. The meeting agreed to this recommendation. Secretary to reply to Fife Council.

Information from Scottish Association of Local Sports Councils – National Seminar 2008 – request for information on delegates. The recommendation from the Management Committee is to send 1 delegate to be nominated in due course. The meeting agreed to this recommendation.

**10. AOCB:** The Chair allowed a short talk from Richard Brinckley of Disability Sports Fife. Mr Brinckley spoke on the work of his organisation and their willingness to work with the Sports Council.

**11. DONM:** The Chair informed the meeting that the next meeting of the Sports Council will be the AGM and that a meeting is to be arranged with a Fife Council Officer (Item 5.). It was agreed that this be remitted to the Management Committee and that dates will be notified.