

**Kirkcaldy Area Sports Council  
Annual General Meeting  
29 September 2008  
Adam Smith College, Kirkcaldy**

**Present:** Mark Bramwell (Chair), George MacDonald (Secretary), Marilyn Livingstone, Jenny Anderson, Gary Innes, Helen Kuzyszyn, Andrew Lane, Wilf Parkinson, David Paton, Alastair Robertson, Ken White, Neil Crooks (Fife Council), Irene Aitken, R Johnston, Martin Christie

**Apologies:** Elizabeth Anderson, Gary Crawford (Fife Police), Jennifer Collins, Bill Hogg, Graeme Scoon, Alice Soper, Stewart Biggar, Donald Burns, Cllr Ron Edwards, Cllr Susan Leslie, Kevin Martin, Tom Philips, Katharine Turner, Cllr Jim Young

**In attendance:** Cllr Judy Hamilton, Cllr Lawrence Brown, J Johnston, H Mitchell, H Gordon, P Petrie

1. **Minutes of Previous Meetings:** Minute of previous 2007 AGM were moved as a true record by Mark Bramwell and seconded by Cllr Judy Hamilton. There were no matters arising from the minute.
2. **Constitution:** The Chair reported that the current constitution had been examined recently and it was found that it lacked provision to cover any shortfall in necessary nominations for Office Bearers and/or Management Committee should they not be received prior to the AGM. The Chair therefore moved a motion that a change to section 8.2 of the Constitution to add the words 'Where there are insufficient nominations prior to the AGM, nominations can be accepted from the floor.' and a change to section 7.2 of the constitution to remove the words 'and a minimum of 4'. Both motions were moved by the Chair, seconded by K White and agreed by all present.
3. **Consideration of Annual Reports: The Chair** reported that this had been his first year of office and thanked all of the Committee for their support throughout this period. Was pleased with the response of the press and other interested parties for their input and response to the Sports Council's campaign for a multi-purpose sports centre for Kirkcaldy and to the Sports Council's response to the Fife Council Sports Facilities Strategy. The Chair went onto to report of the full members and public meeting and thanked all for their feedback, which helped the Sports Council form a credible response to the Strategy Document. Thanked the Fife Free Press and the campaign to 'Give us a Sporting Chance' which has been very productive in assisting the Sports Council in gaining public support for our campaign for a multi-purpose sports centre for Kirkcaldy. For the future, would like to see our affiliated sports clubs link up with the Active Schools Co-ordinators and get involved in the school taster sessions. Our **Active Schools Co-ordinator** gave a short report on all of the topics they are working on now and on how local sports clubs can indeed become involved in the taster sessions held throughout the school holidays.

**The Secretary** reported that the current number of affiliated sports clubs and organisations stands at 21. These clubs represented over 3000 sports individuals, which has been a massive achievement over the short lifespan of the Sports Council. He encouraged all present to spread the word about the Sports Council and was confident that these numbers would grow. The Secretary went onto report on the newly formed structure of the Sports Council and that there were currently five separate sections covering Coaching Education, Funding, Events and Marketing, Disability and Child Protection adding that the Child Protection Officer would be attending training courses in the near future. The Secretary thanked all of the organisations involved for getting the Sports Council to where it is in a relatively short period, namely; Fife Police, Active Schools, Fife Council Link Officer, Adam Smith College who have been particularly supportive of the Sports Council and for the support and assistance of Marilyn Livingstone MSP. The Secretary indicated at this point

that he would not seek re-election and thanked all who have contributed to the building the Sports Council thus far. The Secretary reminded all that we are still a very young organisation and encouraged all to continue to develop the Sports Council

**The Honorary President** agreed that we are a very young organisation and was pleased to see the increase in numbers of sports that are affiliated to the organisation. Carried on to thank the Chair and Secretary for all the work they had carried out over the year and thanked Adam Smith College for their support over the period. Also gave thanks to Fife Council, local Councillors and Fife Police. Went onto remind all present of the big issue surrounding the Kirkcaldy Area and the Sports Council and that was the provision of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Sports Facilities for the Kirkcaldy Area. Raised concern that Kirkcaldy received the least amount of money but that we must continue the campaign for improvement in our sports facilities. Went on to make mention of the survey carried in the High Schools in Kirkcaldy that came back with an overwhelming majority of school children who were not in favour of Tolbooth Street being the site for a Swimming Pool/Sports Facility. The Honorary President continued on the subject of the very recent decision made by the members of the Kirkcaldy Area Committee who supported Tolbooth Street on a vote of 6 for 5 against. She continued by saying that this would be unfair on swimming, there would not be the opportunities to hold gals etc. due to the lack of spectator facilities, that the site is restrictive and there would be very little room for any expansion should further funding become available. Encouraged all to attend the Housing and Communities meeting due on Thursday. It was suggested from the floor that a demonstration be held at this meeting.

**4. Consideration of Audited Accounts:** **The Secretary** informed the meeting that he had received the books from the Treasurer via a third party prior to the meeting. The Secretary also informed the meeting that the Treasurer had given notice that he was no longer able to continue in the Treasurers role. The accounts had not been audited for the period.

**5. Honorarium:** This subject was discussed and agreed by all present that the amount would remain as in the previous year at £200.

**6. Election of Office Bearers and Management Committee:** The Secretary had received written nominations to the following posts; Vice Chair – D Paton (declined), Secretary – K White, Treasurer – G MacDonald; Management Committee - D Paton, J Anderson (declined), Gary Innes, A Robertson. These had the appropriate Mover and Seconder and agreed on by all present. The Chair then asked for nominations from the floor for the position of Vice Chair. Ade Johnson moved by Marilyn Livingstone and seconded by D Paton. There being no other nominations, A Johnson was duly elected. At this stage, a motion was put forward by the Secretary that the signatories are changed with the bank holding the Sports Council's accounts to take account of the new office bearers and that the Sports Council abides by the Terms and Conditions of the Treasurers Account. This was seconded by the Chairperson and agreed by all present.

**7. Appointment of Auditors:** Sports Council to confirm with Adam Smith College representative suitable Auditors.

**8. AOCB:** Moved by Chair and seconded by Secretary that the affiliation fee for clubs remains at £10. Discussion was held on making the affiliation due on the same month of each year. Agreed that this would be considered. Discussion was held on the next step in the campaign for a multi-purpose sports facility. It was suggested that there was a need for the people of Kirkcaldy to show their dissatisfaction of the decision made by the Kirkcaldy Area Committee and that this needs to be shown at the Housing & Communities meeting where the final decision will be made on the siting of the new swimming pool. Discussion was held on the weightings given and how they were arrived at and how they favoured the

one site at Tolbooth Street more than the others. The document is available for public consumption on the Fife Council website and all were encouraged to look and make judgement. There was a strong argument for the siting of the facility to be at Dunnikier Park. A comment was made that the draw of re-generating the High Street was a bigger attraction than the need for a purpose built sports centre. Other comments made were, has the flooding issue on the promenade been taken into consideration, have the residents of Tolbooth Street and surrounding area been consulted on this decision?, have the public meeting, 'give us a sporting chance' campaign & Sports Council's response to the Sports Facilities Strategy for Fife been ignored? All were encouraged to attend Fife House on Thursday to make views known to the Housing and Communities Committee.