

**Kirkcaldy Area Sports Council
Thursday 25 August 2008
3 East Fergus Place, Kirkcaldy**

Action

Present: Mark Bramwell (Chair), George MacDonald (Secretary), Marilyn Livingstone (MSP), David Paton, Alistair Robertson, Ken White, Helen Kuzyszyn, Gary Innes, Jennifer Mann

In attendance: Alice Soper (Co-opted), Andrew Lane (Active Schools), Bill Hogg (Link Officer), Wilf Parkinson (Community Services)

1. Apologies: Elizabeth Anderson, Jenny Anderson, Gary Crawford (Co-opted Fife Police), Neil Crooks (Fife Council)

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising: The minutes of the meeting held on 18 August 2008 were read and approved as a true record. Moved by Ken White, Seconded by Alistair Robertson. Secretary had not spoken to Treasurer but had received communication via email. Child Protection Officer will attend training in November and December. SLA to be signed off. Chair attended Flag raising day at Pitreavie. Grant Forms – D Paton, Secretary and Link Officer to finalise forms. Ken white and Secretary met to discuss Awards Ceremony.

3. Reports

3a. Chair's opening remarks: The Chair has received email from Grant Ward inviting to meeting. Chair will arrange this.

3b. Secretary: reported on information received from SALSC about the AGM to be held 27 February to 1 March 2009. SALSC also looking for Sports Council to hold Bowls competition. Secretary informed the meeting that there are currently 21 affiliated Sports Clubs/Organisations representing over 3000 members.

3c. Finance: The Secretary informed the meeting that he had received the latest account sheet from the Treasurer. This was incomplete due to the transition between new and old treasurer not yet being complete. The note indicated that the Treasurer would not continue after AGM.

3d. Link Officer: Confirmed that the SLA needed to be signed off. Will need audited accounts. Asked that a supply of affiliation forms be provided to distribute to new/potential members. Coaching Calendar currently being compiled. Supplied information on Sports Camp due to be held at Beath High School with a view to rolling this type of activity out in other areas.

3e. Awards Ceremony: Secretary and Ken White had met and finalised nomination forms, award categories, letters to potential sponsors etc. after these had been sent to Committee for comment. The event is to be held on Thursday 19 February 2009. Adam Smith College to be approached and invited to be main sponsor. Suggested that Sports Tayside and Fife be approached as they are keen to get involved in awards ceremony. K White and B Hogg to liaise on this.

3f. Funding/Grants: Forms to be finalised.

3g. Active Schools: High Schools keen to get involved in creating/designing logo for Sports Council. Kirkcaldy High School suggested having one winner from each High School with each of these entering grand final. This was agreed, Chair and Active Schools Co-ordinator to take forward with a view to having this completed by end December 2008. Logo to be included in literature for Awards Ceremony and the winning designer being awarded prize at ceremony.

4. Update – New Sports Facility: Chair had given information to press for release today and affirmed his disappointment at the decision taken by the Kirkcaldy Area Committee to use the Tolbooth Street site for the new swimming

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pool. One of the main concerns is the weighting criteria set and in particular, the 'close proximity to other sports facilities'. Tolbooth Street is not close to any sports facilities but received a high score in this area. A Soper stated that these weighting had been discussed at closed door meetings but that they did not influence the decision. Further stated that there were problems with siting the facility on Dunnikier Park in that the park is designated as Open Space and would need to go to Scottish Ministers and this may take time thereby money being lost. Stated that a 3 month delay would mean losing £540,000 and a 6 month delay losing £700,000. Further stated that there was doubt about the Fife Free Press' 'give us a sporting chance campaign' stating that some of the signatures were from people who didn't even live in Kirkcaldy and that it only represented 0.7% of the population of Kirkcaldy. M Livingston stated that she was devastated by the decision and that a chance of a lifetime to give Kirkcaldy Area what it needed in terms of sports facilities is about to be missed. Kirkcaldy, an area of highest deprivation has been left with a practice pool on a site where there is no room for expansion even if further funding were to become available. Stated that she wanted the Kirkcaldy Area Committee to support the people of Kirkcaldy and not to allow this generation and the next generation to miss out on the chance of a lifetime, continuing that money was found for Glenrothes and money was found for Dunfermline, it should be found for Kirkcaldy. The Secretary stated that The Fife Free Press campaign, irrespective of numbers or location of signatories is nevertheless a voice and a point of view that could not be ignored. Further stated that it is discourteous to ignore people just because their address is not in Kirkcaldy. Went onto state that it is wrong to single any part of what is a larger campaign out. When taken together, the Sports Council's 13 page document response to the Sports Facilities Strategy for Fife, combined with the strength of feeling put across at the public meeting organised by the Sports Council, and the Fife Free Press campaign, it all adds up to a severe weighting against a like for like swimming pool being situated in a restricted site where no further expansion is possible. K White added that the promise was for a like for like swimming pool and what is proposed is nothing like a like for like. Asked if Council Officers actually visited any of the sites or was it a desk exercise? Confirmed by A Soper that all sites were checked out. Asked if the money indicated to be lost will in fact be lost or is it the case that these figures relate to possible savings that can be made. Informed that this was being investigated. Further discussion was held on the subject being finalised with the organisation of a demonstration/campaign at Fife House on the day of the Housing & Communities Committee meeting.

5. Way Forward: Message to be sent to all affiliated clubs/organisations informing of gathering at Housing & Communities Committee on 7 October 2008.

6. Date of next meeting: Secretary reported that the AGM is to be held on Monday 29 September 2008, Adam Smith College, St Brycedale Avenue, Kirkcaldy 7pm start. Committee to meet at 6.30pm.

7. AOCB: The Chair thanked all for their attendance and commented that it was good to see a high turn out of Committee Members.

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