



**Minutes of Committee Meeting held at 3 East Fergus Place, Kirkcaldy
Thursday 23 November 2009**

Present: George MacDonald (Chair), Ken White (Secretary), Liz Anderson, Gary Innes, Jennifer Mann, Alan Cutter, Helen Kuzyszyn, Bill Hogg (Link Officer).

1. Apologies: Alastair Robertson (Treasurer), Martin McGovern (Fife Police), Don Burns, Shona Irvine, Marilyn Livingston.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting/Matters Arising:

The minutes of the meeting of 15 October were accepted as a true record, proposed by Liz Anderson, seconded by George Macdonald.

Jennifer Mann raised the situation regarding Balwearie and that it was now affecting 50 gymnasts. The situation at St. Andrews high was also raised and Alan Cutter explained that the problem facing St. Andrews was based on manpower. Following some further discussion George MacDonald agreed to contact Robert Graham, Head of Community at St. Andrews and Kirkcaldy High.

Action GMacD

Liz Anderson reported that, similar to the Gymnastics Club, Raith Rovers Ladies Football Club had been told to Leave Balwearie at one weeks notice.

Helen Kuzyszyn suggested that it may be worth while contacting Adam Smith College, although they were not open on Friday evening.

Again there was further discussion and it was agreed that the current situation was very serious and that the Sports Council should enter discussions with the Facility Managers and the Sport & Leisure Trust. George agreed that he would speak to Cllr. Neil Crooks in the first instance.

Action GMacD

3. Reports

a) **Chair** – George thanked everyone for their attendance and introduced Alan Cutter from Dunnikier Cricket Club who had expressed an interest in joining the committee. Alan was welcomed unanimously.

b) **Secretary** – reported that he had received no correspondence from SALSC since the last meeting, which was very unusual. George however reported that he had received two e-mails from SALSC, one was the newsletter the other requesting Kirkcaldy Area Sports Council consider hosting a Junior Golf Competition. It was suggested that Cllr. Crooks may be interested in pursuing this request. George will mention it to Neil.

Action GMacD

There were six e-mails received during since the previous meeting:

i) From Duncan Zuill with further information for their affiliation. Ken will pass on to George.

Action KW

ii) From Fife Sport & Leisure Trust, forwarded from George, regarding an invitation to attend one of the stakeholder meetings. Ken reported that he had attended the first one in Glenrothes and noted that no one from the trust was in attendance. Bill Hogg Commented

that he had attended the final meeting in Cowdenbeath and they must have taken note of comments of previous meetings as a representative of FS< had been present.

Consultants who are assisting FS< in how the Trust is being managed ran the meetings. They reported that they had carried out a survey on how satisfied the public were on how the Trust is performing. The average satisfaction level was 86%. Discussions that ensued did not appear to back the figure given.

- iii) From Jennifer Mann, again via George, requesting help for Montfleurie Primary School. George said he was uncertain where the boundary of Kirkcaldy Area Sports Council lay and wasn't sure if we could help or not. This generated considerable discussion on where the Levenmouth boundary changed to North East Fife Sports Council's area. Bill Hogg was requested to make enquiries on this point so that we can be sure that we are not encroaching on North East Fife.

Action BH

Jennifer explained that the pupils at the School were a feeder for Balwearie and staff at the school helped at Balwearie Gymnastic Club. Jennifer reported that the competition had already taken place and Montfleurie Primary had won the team competition and will now represent Fife in Scottish Schools in Perth.

Following further discussion it was agreed that the Sports Council will make a contribution to Montfleurie Primary School.

Action GMacD/AR

- iv) From George regarding an online petition to 'Save the outdoor Car Park behind Tolbooth Street'. Following a short discussion Ken was requested to forward the e-mail to the committee and members.

Action KW

- v) From Fife Free Press with the draft voting form for Sports Personality of the Year plus a query as to why professional sportsmen/women are not included. Ken reported that he had responded explaining that as Fife Council funds us we cannot include professionals.
- vi) From George re Volunteer Awards and training. Liz Anderson and Jennifer Mann will attend.

- c) **Treasurer** – In Alastair's absence Ken read out a short report in that Alastair had now attended a Child protection course. He had also reported that he had banked the checks from the membership renewals and had sent out receipts.

Ken distributed receipts to George and Alan. Alan asked that it be recorded that he is representing Dunnikier Cricket Club, not Kirkcaldy as on receipt. Ken apologised for this error.

- d) **Link Officer** – Bill informed the meeting that Jen Henderson would like to visit the Sports Council. He further reported that the Sports Strategy had been approved by the Housing and Communities Committee and a Strategy Forum, which was likely to include the Sports Councils in Fife, is to be set up.

The Sports Development Team, of which Bill is a member, is to be restructured from four generic Sports Development Officers to that of area responsibility. As such Bill will be responsible for North East Fife with Gordon Forrest covering Kirkcaldy and Levenmouth. The intention is to have the new structure running by Christmas.

Coach education is ongoing and all courses are ILA approved for those earning below £22,000.

Kirkcaldy Area had six teams who competed in the Fun in Athletics Festival at Kirkcaldy High School. The result is that Pathhead and Torbain Primary Schools will represent Kirkcaldy Area in

the Fife final and the top two teams from there will represent Fife in Dundee in the Sports Tayside and Fife final.

Bill offered his thanks to the students of Adam Smith College for their help in running the events. Sports Development also ran a Fife Gymnastics Competition at Cowdenbeath the results of which were:

Balwearie High were winners of Secondary level 1

Buckhaven High were winners of Secondary level 2 and runners up in level 1

Kirkcaldy High were runners up in level 2

Montfleurie Primary won Primary level 1

Ceres Primary won Primary level 2

These five schools will represent Fife at the Scottish Schools in Perth. There are therefore three schools from within the Kirkcaldy Area Sports Council's boundaries with Montfleurie to be clarified.

George asked Bill if he knew any more about the Strategy Forum to which Bill responded that it was in the final stages of organisation and the appropriate parties would be notified very soon.

NOTE:

There was an e-mail waiting for me when I got home inviting KASC to the forum. This will be held on 9 December and George will attend.

Action GMacD

- e) **Awards** – Ken reported that he had received four nominations for Sports Personality of the Year and following a meeting with George and the Sports Editor at the Fife Free Press six names would appear in this week's paper along with a voting form. A call for nominations for the remaining awards will also appear in the Press. Ken explained that the Sports Personality will be decided by public vote and the remaining awards will be decided by a panel consisting of Dave Somerville, Chairman, Raith Rovers FC; Linda McKnight, Director of Leisure and Recreation at Adam Smith College; and Matthew Elder, Sports Editor, Fife Free Press. Closing dates for voting and nominations is 8 January 2010 and the panel will meet on 13 January to decide the other categories.

In terms of the public vote for the Sports Personality of the Year all those who vote will be eligible for a draw to win £50 worth of vouchers redeemable at ACA Sports. The person whose name is drawn will also receive an invite to attend the Awards Ceremony along with a partner. George asked if the two additional people knew they have been nominated and suggested that Matthew should contact them in case they wished to decline their nomination.

NOTE:

This was dealt with the following day.

Liz asked if it would be possible to have posters to put up in schools. George will speak to Alistair Cameron to see if he can produce some posters.

Action GMacD

The original intention was for the Sports Council to purchase the vouchers from ACA Sports but George reported that Alistair Cameron was pleased to supply the vouchers.

Ken expressed some concern that he hadn't received a response from Adam Smith College regarding the Awards. Helen said that as far as she was concerned everything was going ahead but she would speak to Craig.

Action HK

Liz asked about the appropriateness of Leven residents being nominated. This will be clarified when we know more about the boundaries.

The date for the awards is Thursday 25 February

George made the point that everyone on the committee needs to work to ensure we get as many nominations as possible.

Action All

- f) **Grants** – George asked if we had received any requests/suggestions for funding/grants. Ken reported that he hadn't received any but he had raised it at the Fins C.S.C. committee meeting and it was suggested that they would appreciate a grant to offset the set-up costs of producing a glossy booklet that could be provided to new members explaining how the club operates. This was viewed by the committee as a reasonable request.

George mentioned that the grades 1 and 2 referees were issued with kit each year but at grade 3 and below referees were responsible for purchasing their own kit and suggested that the Sports Council may give a contribution for the kit. George reported that he had set up a meeting with Sheena Kenny, Fife Council for Friday 27 November to discuss areas of funding.

Jennifer mentioned that there were no grants available for personal clothing for the gymnastics display team. Also, as they perform in different locations it would be useful if help was available for travel costs.

Bill mentioned that there was no fund at the moment for travel costs but suggested that they may wish to contact Jen Henderson regarding sport relief.

Allan Cutter also mentioned that clothing was a problem for cricketers.

There was some discussion on the points raised but the committee were unsure of what would be acceptable. George asked Bill if he could find out from Fife Council. Bill agreed to speak to Jim Douglas.

Action BH

Liz mentioned that wherever possible any competitions should be arranged for a central venue to minimize travelling.

- g) **Active Schools** – Liz mentioned that the two teams from Kirkcaldy who are through to the Fife final will probably seek transport costs.

Active Schools are currently working on 'Top Activity Clubs' which is a programme, away from traditional sports, that will focus on non active children. Once they have experienced the various activities on offer it is hoped that they may then pursue more active activities.

Once again Active Schools are looking for clubs to speak to schools.

Action - Any Club

An event will be held next year, probably at Kirkcaldy High School, in April and the Sports Council is invited to take a stand.

Action All

- h) **Disability** – George reported that Disability Fife had affiliated through Norma Buchanan.

Gary reported that he had dictated a letter through Tanya Scoon at the Fife Free Press in support of the petition started by Chic Stenhouse but it had not been printed.

Gary will look for nominations for the Disability Award and asked Liz if she could help.

Action GI/LA

- i) **Website** – No report

- i) **Other Reports** – George reported that he had received 7 renewals but there were still some to be renewed.

Jen felt that publicity information was required.

George will look at brochures and will contact Multiprint again.

Action GMacD

4. **AOCB** – None

5. **Date of Next Meeting** – 21 January 2010 at 6:30pm.

Meeting closed at 2015.