



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, Bayview Stadium, Methil on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

Present: George MacDonald, Liam Redpath, Colin Davidson, Gordon Fyfe, Jennifer Mann, Liz Anderson, Paul Armour, Don Burns, Richard Watt, Alistair Cameron (Chair), Allan Duthie, John Vaughan, Gordon Langland, Grieg Hopcroft, Michael Kavanagh

## **1. Welcome**

Alistair Cameron welcomed all along to this year's Kirkcaldy and Central Fife Sports Council's Annual General Meeting. Alistair advised that due to data issue, some of the invites were only sent in the last few days which is why there was several apologies.

Alistair advised the last 12 months have been particularly challenging with the passing of the Treasurer, Alistair Robertson after illness. All at the meeting took a moments silence in member of Alistair.

The chair then advised that not just losing Alistair from the Sports Council, the Secretary, Ken White, had to resign due to severe ill-health which meant he was unable to do his duties. Alistair advised that thankfully Ken was still with us and is recovering from his illness.

## **2. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr Ken Caldwell, Cllr Mick Green, Cllr Jan Wincott, Cllr Craig Walker, Cllr Derek Noble, Cllr John O'Brien, Cllr David Alexander, Cllr David Ross, Cllr Ian Cameron, Cllr Carol Lindsay, Cllr Kathleen Leslie, Cllr Rod Kavanagh, Cllr Alistair Suttie, Cllr Judy Hamilton, Gail Prince, Kenny Crichton, Ken White and Alan Johnstone.

## **3. Minutes of previous AGM held on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

Approved – Gordon Fyfe

Seconded – John Vaughan

## **4. Annual Reports**

A) Chairman – Alistair report that the Sports Council has had an interesting and mixed 12 month. During this period the Council and Committee have shown great strength and commitment to the Sports Council as not very many Management Committees could have dealt with the loss of both Treasurer and Secretary in such a short period of time. Alistair thanked both Greig Hopcroft and Don Burns for the extra effort they have put in to make sure everything continued to run normally. With these challenges, Alistair has advised it comes an opportunity for him and the Management Committee to look at the set up and how this could be bettered. Alistair advised that last year there was a lot of great ideas tabled by the Management Committee but due to many facts, it was proved difficult to implement these. After approval at the AGM, the Sports Council were able to bring in Greig as a Development Officer, who has been able to do a great deal of work in the background of Sports in Central Fife. Alistair thanked Greig for all his efforts and emphasised the massive difference between where the Sports Council was to where it is now with the relationship with its members, connection with SALC and the relationship with Michael Kavanagh, Fife Council Link

Officer.

Alistair continued by advising that there has been an increase in membership in the last 12 months if 33% (going from 52 members to 69), with the ambition to be to get membership over 100. There were 3 member clubs that sadly folded over the last 12 months – Archers at Cluny, Eastvale FC and Raith Rovers Foundation.

With this increase in membership, there has also been a substantial increase in grants. This increase also is to do with the Sports Council being involved in larger projects such as the Kingdom Boxing Club and Olympiad.

Alistair is hopeful that this funding of grants will continue and increase with the Sports Council being involved in project such as East Fife Community Project, Kirkcaldy Football Project, Kingdom Boxing Club and Michael Woods Sports Centre.

Alistair then went on to advise his proposal for the Management Committee next year is as follows:

Chair – Alistair Cameron

Vice-Chair – Kenny Crichton

Secretary – Liam Redpath

Treasurer – Don Burns

Committee Members – George MacDonald (will be in charge of awards), Gordon Fyfe, Jennifer Mann, Paul Armour

Councillor Representation – Cllr Colin Davidson, Cllr Altany Craik, Cllr Gordon Landlands

Observer – Cllr Kathleen Leslie

B) Secretary – Due to there being no secretary no report was given.

C) Development Officer – Grieg reported that he has was employed to work part time 30 hours a month with the main aspect of this role to increase membership, add new categories and provide information and advice on funding. Grieg was happy with the progress that has been made with membership being increased by 33%. There is now a category for Hubs with 5 new hubs being involved. As for funding, there was 25 grants given out, an increase from 12, with these totalling £6.6k. In this Grant, there was a grant of £3.3k given to help 69 athletes attend the Olympiad. Grieg went onto advise that the Sports Council will begin to look for additional funding methods as currently 100% funded by Fife Council.

Grieg is also looking to see if the Sports Council can begin to network with other Sports Council and clubs. Looking to have a working relationship with Glasgow and Board to see if we can follow in Glasgow's footsteps

Grieg then went on to advise about his aims for the Sports Council which include looking at external funding to secure additional grants outside of those provided by Fife Council, increasing and updating the club directory and ensure that all details are up to date and on website, promoting as much as possible on Social Media sites to increase awareness of Sports Council and to update constitution to ensure all clubs always benefiting.

Grieg spoke about the Sporting Dinner which has been and will monitor success to see if can carry on to help with funds.

Grieg advised that he has really enjoyed his role and is looking forward to meeting more clubs in the future.

Grieg took a question regarding if any thought has been given to whether with the increase of expenditure to grants, would there be an increase in grant from Fife Council. Grieg advised that this

has not been looked at by the committee yet. The Sports Council are looking to be as self-sufficient without council as much as possible.

## **5. Annual Accounts**

a) **Presentation of Accounts for Year ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017** – Due to the passing of Alistair Robertson, there has been a difficulty picking up the accounts. Don is going to look at the accounts and from the accounting book and old spreadsheets try get these to allow them to be audited. Don has recently spoken to the bank who confirmed there is £12,354.69 but due to this not being audited this cannot be confirmed. The plan is to have an Emergency General Meeting to have finalised.

b) **Appointment of Auditor** - The previous auditor was a close friend of Alistair Robertson and has decided to step down. The auditor for Kirkcaldy Rugby Club has agreed to help in the interim until a new auditor has been found.

c) **Affiliation Fee 2017/2018** – Affiliation fee set as status quo of £10

## **6. Election of Officer Bearers and Management Committee**

a) **Chairman** – Alistair Cameron – Proposed by Gordon Fyfe, Seconded by Liz Anderson

b) **Treasurer** – Don Burns – Proposed by Paul Armour, seconded by Alistair Cameron

c) **Vice-Chair** – Kenny Crichton – Proposed by Alistair Cameron, seconded by Don Burns

d) **Secretary** – Liam Redpath – Proposed by Grieg Hopcroft, seconded by Paul Armour

e) **Additional Committee Members** – Gordon Fyfe, Jennifer Mann, George MacDonald and Paul Armour – Proposed by Alistair Cameron, seconded by Liz Anderson

No counter proposals were made for the above therefore these nominations carried through.

## **7. Honorarium**

a) **Secretary** – Proposal for secretary was to receive £500. This was proposed by Gordon Fyfe and seconded by Liz Anderson

No counter proposal was made so this was carried through

b) **Independent Examiner** – Proposal was made to have the independent examiner of accounts to receive £100. This was proposed by George MacDonald and seconded by Paul Armour.

No counter proposal was made so this was carried through.

## **8. Honorary President**

At the moment the Sports Council has one Honorary President, Marilyn Livingstone. There was a proposal made by George MacDonald to have Ken White added to this. This was unanimously voted in by all in attendance.

## **9. Presentation – John Vaughan, Fife Olympiad**

John Vaughan spoke to all regarding the recent Olympiad where he took 160 youngsters. John was due to present a PowerPoint but did not have facility. It was advised this would be added onto the website.

John wanted to thank the Sports Council for their help and funding which made this possible.

Fife won 37 gold, 37 silver and 39 bronze medals but more importantly there was a clear change in all the youths who are now more confident and enabled.

John is now stepping down from his role and will be missed

#### **10. Any Other Competent Business**

Alistair advised that this was the first time an AGM had been held outside of Fife College and feels it is beneficial to move the meeting around. Alistair thanked Colin for the use of the facilities.

The AGM was closed at 8:10pm.