



**Minute of Committee Meeting
Balbirnie Park Golf Club, Markinch
Thursday, 20 July 2017**

Present: Alistair Cameron (Chair), Don Burns (Vice Chair), Kenny Crichton (Membership Secretary), Paul Armour, George MacDonald, Mark Clunie, Greig Hopcroft (Development Officer), Cllr. Gordon Langlands (Kirkcaldy), Cllr. Colin Davidson (Levenmouth), Jamie Moffat (Community Sport Hub Officer)

Apologies: Ken White (Secretary), Alastair Robertson (Treasurer), Michael Kavanagh, Jenn Mann, Gordon Fyfe

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting/Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Chair –

AC updated everyone ref the situation regarding Ken White and Alastair Robertson's ill health. Both are in hospital and things are not looking good with Alastair in particular. Ken's daughter will keep in touch with AC, Alastair's family will keep in touch with GH.

Thoughts of everyone are with both of them and updates will be passed out via email as soon as we know any more.

AC welcomed Jamie Moffat to the meeting.

AC confirmed the Fife Council Councillors who have been elected to KCFSC are:

- Colin Davidson (Levenmouth area)
- Altany Craik (Glenrothes area)
- Gordon Langlands (Kirkcaldy area)

Kingdom boxing club – AC had been out with Neil Crooks, GH had also visited to get an update on their progress. They have an overall project cost of around £60k – they have raised £48k to do the work they have completed thus far. The whole £48k has been raised by the club with no external help.

GH and MK are to help where possible with processing applications. Awards for all and Capital Grant (Fife Council) have been completed and will be submitted in the coming days.

AC also welcomed Cllr. Colin Davidson who will be Levenmouth Area representative. Chair Position – AC mentioned that one thing is that we will have two more councillors but he still wants to continue as chair and hope that the meeting will not feel that there are too many Councillors attending the meetings.

4. Secretary –

In KW's absence GH will take care of secretarial matters by way of responding to emails etc as and when required

5. Finance –

In AR's absence KC has agreed to take on the role of temporary Treasurer until we know more regarding AR's health situation.

6. Hub Update (Jamie Moffat)

Burntisland & Kinghorn

- Came together as a result of the MUGA at Beacon
- Kirkcaldy Canoe Club, Burntisland Bowling Club and Burntisland Golf House Club are members of KCFSC
- Looking to get involved in Kinghorn Gala and Burntisland Civic week going forward
- Craigncalt trust and the loch users group – looking to perhaps organise triathlon events at Kinghorn Loch
- Lovell Homes are going to include flyers within their welcome pack's for new residents. Flyer will include KCFSC logo etc.
- Burntisland Youth Action Group – group of kids meet every 2nd Tuesday in Civic Hall are getting involved in group to give the young persons viewpoint
- Been in touch with Kinghorn Chronicle and the Borough Buzz regarding promotion of the hub

Balwearie

- PA is now Chair of the group
- Appointed Norman McGlinchey as Secretary (involved with squash club)
- Beveridge Park Bowling Club, Kirkcaldy Community Football Partnership, Dunnikier Cricket Club, Kirkcaldy Squash Club, Kirkcaldy Rugby Club, Kingdom Kangaroos, Kirkcaldy Lawn Tennis Club are all members of KCFSC
- 5/6 Sept – Balwearie High School Sports Fair – clubs going to be involved on stalls in order to attract new members

Gilvenbank (Glenrothes)

- KC is chair of this hub
- Money in place thanks to Fife Council for build, now just being held up by the planning and tender process
- Kenny has this process in hand
- Glenrothes Cricket Club and Glenrothes Athletic are both members of KCFSC

Levenmouth

- Largo Cricket Club are now involved
- Clear – an environmental group are now involved
- Twinning Association – looking to run an event next year and have hub involvement

KC suggested hubs across Fife should perhaps meet together, even once per quarter, just to share ideas and get feedback from each other. Jamie Moffat to consider this and take it forward.

Action JM

SportScotland – recurring theme seems to be difficulties with SportScotland in attracting funding. The process was questioned and Cllr.CD suggested commenting on the SportScotland enquiry into these issues. Cllr.CD agreed to look into this and feedback how this could perhaps be done.

7. Funding/Grants

GH reported that there were three grant applications received which had been left for committee to agree:

Kirkcaldy West End Bowling Club – Travel and Accommodation costs for attendance at Bowls Scotland National Championship's – agreed £100

Kirkcaldy Ice Hockey Club – new practice equipment, heavy duty skill net. Cost price is £218 – agreed £150

Danielle Law School of Music & Dance – new dance school, they have joined KCFSC and are looking for some assistance with swords and mirrors – agreed £100

PA confirmed he would submit 2nd application which was approved at previous meeting.

8. Development Officer (including Website)

GH reported that he several meetings with various individual and clubs since our last meeting –

Fife College – meeting regarding awards feedback and looking at options for next year
Emma Broadhurst – meeting to look at the role of KCFSC and how we can work with other sports councils in Fife going forward

SALSC – discussions with Gail Prince regarding regional forums and how we can fit into these and play a part going forward.

Leslie Hearts – looking to join and looking to get some assistance going forward

Comic Relief – application submitted for £1k towards Dev Officer salary costs

Fife Floorball – met up with Bob Paterson, discussed club situation and what they are looking for going forward

Kingdom Boxing Club – per earlier chat met with George and looked at club situation and history

Annual awards – information gathering regarding some potential alternative venues

3 grant applications & 2 new affiliations

9. Membership

Membership stands at 68.

10. Awards

Last years event didn't go as well as we would have liked, feedback generally was pretty poor especially in relation to their staff input and the buffet.

AC, KW, GM and GH met with the college to go through our concerns and get their feedback and thoughts ahead of potentially running it in 2018 for us.

KW runs and is main organiser for the event. Dates suggested were 8th or 29th March.

Just as a comparison the Bay Hotel was around £600 more expensive based on 150 guests – however, The Gilvenbank Hotel was around £200 cheaper than the College price proposal.

GM is keen for the event to remain at the college and has reservations about private venues being able to run the event smoothly. The college is also part of the community and they helped set the sports council up in the first place.

It was agreed to put this on hold for moment to see how KW progresses.

GM raised the point regarding KW's awards timetable, he has a feeling things do begin to kick-off soon. AC agreed to check the timetable and revert.

Action AC

From previous meeting: *AC agreed that he would speak to Gordon Brown*

Action AC

11. Link Officer

MK sent apologies as he is on holiday

12. Active Schools Co-ordinator

MC reported on several matters

- Summer camps have been very successful this year with high uptake
- 2018 timetable sorted – MC to pass onto GH. Active schools happy and keen for clubs to be involved and promote themselves at these events
- Jo Willet – Football Dev Officer linked in to Glenrothes. Schools are now mapped to specific clubs to help promote and show what's out there.
- Football development squads for Fife, these haven't happened before but looking to get kick started
- Options afternoons at the schools – would hope to get clubs involved and running these sessions for the schools

13. Bowls Project

GF gave his apologies and nothing was reported.

14. Kirkcaldy Community Football Partnership

- PA gave a presentation in relation to the project – PA been working on this for the past year. Football club has the quality mark accreditation from the SFA
- Kirkcaldy is “backwater for football”, one of 26 areas SFA would like to have a large community club in. Lots of investment in other areas of Fife, but nothing in Kirkcaldy.
- Kirkcaldy quite unique with football environment.
- Decided to go down a partnership model by incorporating and engaging with all clubs in Kirkcaldy.
- Put together a steering committee to look at the challenges within Kirkcaldy as a whole.
- Looking to get better players playing together, rather than going to Glenrothes, Burntisland etc.
- 3 key goals....
 - 1) supporting grass roots football
 - 2) developing and retaining better players in Kirkcaldy
 - 3) maximising community engagement
- Currently at 6 clubs, 30 teams and just over 500 playing members – this is excluding Raith Ladies who are also now coming on board.
- Board of trustees and Management committee now in place
- Looking to create a community hub
- Applying for charity status
- Applying to Fife Council for community asset transfer

Looking to appoint a Football Development Officer for Kirkcaldy. Looking for this person to be working with the 3-5 year old pre-schoolers, working with ladies and S1 and S2 girls, looking at senior football. Real issue between 16 years old and into the adult game.

Salary will be circa £26k, full time post. Shortfall at the moment is £3000.

SFA and Raith Ladies are contributing and looking for ways to fund this shortfall.

3 year post and self-funding after year 1.

GH asked how it would be self-funded. PA confirmed the SFA will fund the majority through an ongoing pot. Shortfall is currently around £6k but there are grants available due to being based at Windmill.

GH asked how it differs from Fife Elite Academy. PA confirmed KCFP was grass routes focussed and they would link in with FEFA and the best players will go through that process.

KC suggested the “The Leaders Fund” fund should be looked at, quick answers can be received.
KC to send PA info

Action KC

Cllr.CD suggested the pupil equity fund should be a huge target area, it should be targeted/linked to disadvantaged areas and attainment.

MC to send PA a mobile number for Peter Davidson to get in touch with him.

Action MC

Cllr.GL asked how Burntisland falls into the project. Burntisland United are interested in getting involved. Burntisland Shipyard have declined to be involved.

Land at Randolph has been earmarked and will form the community asset transfer application going into Fife Council tomorrow.

AC commented on the amount of work PA has done on this project over the past year. He has overcome lots of hurdles to get to where the project is. AC view is that KCFSC should be supporting this project and backing it as much as possible.

Raith Ladies are putting £4k into the pot for this development officer.

Raith Rovers are proposing to put synthetic pitch down at Starks Park but AC feels the community use of that facility will be minimal due to the commitments the club have with senior, development squad, women and junior setup.

15. AOCB:

Sporting Dinner – tickets are selling, need to keep promoting and get ticket sales picking up.

Kirkcaldy Leisure Centre – New flooring going down, 2 options available. Kirkcaldy getting non-roller hockey friendly surface. They can still use Cowdenbeath for Roller Hockey.

Bowling Clubs Rates – letter going out to bowling clubs in relation to the rates that are payable. Huge cuts in place and letters will explain everything.

Fife Cricket – KC is chairman of Fife Cricket, he explained to the group that they are looking to take over the running of Cluny Clays archery hall. They will have 4 x cricket lanes and 2 x 5-a-side courts available. Plans are moving forward with this and KC will keep us in the loop with progress.

16. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 26th September, 6pm @ East Fife (Bayview) (This has now been confirmed)

Meeting finished at 20:40