



**Clackmannanshire
Council**

**Clackmannanshire Football Partnership Meeting
Notes From Meeting of Monday 24th February 2014,
Dumyat Centre, Menstrie**

Present:

Marjorie MacFarlane	Sports Development Manager
Alan Morgan	Scottish FA
Kerry Kennedy	Scottish FA
Greig Strang	Wasps Community FC
Gary McCheyne	Hillfoots Community FC
Davy Reynolds	Tullibody Community FC
Niomi Millar	Tullibody CFC
Keith Chaplin	Lornshill Academy
Tom Robertson	Clackmannan FC
Kenny Mitchell	Dollar Glen FC
James Allan	The Bank FC / Forth Valley Welfare League
Mark Keye	Tillicoultry AFC
Ian Stone	Tullibody Hearts
Stuart Johnstone	Horseshoe
Darren Abercrombie	Star Inn
Laurence McDonald	Alva Swifts

Apologies:

Andrew Gilchrist	Scottish FA
Councillor Ellen Forson	Elected Member
Councillor Robert McGill	Elected Member
Ian Ash	Alva Academy
Fraser Duncan	Sauchie Juniors
Steven Beattie	Sauchie Juniors U19's
Luke Douglas	Sauchie Juniors U21's

1. Welcome, introduction and apologies were given by Marjorie MacFarlane.
2. Minutes of previous meeting 21st October 2013 were discussed.
3. Matters Arising:
Dollar Glen and The Bank FC were identified as not being on register from the previous Football Partnership Meeting.

Alan Morgan recapped on the SYFA forum held in October 2013 and no Clackmannanshire clubs attended.

Oakwood FC are to be taken off registers as they have now disbanded.

4. Football Development Update - Martyn Buckie / Keith Chaplin:

Martyn reminded the group that an update on programmes that finished in 2013 was sent out along with the agenda.

School of Football - Promotion within local primary 7 classes is currently underway. Trials take place at Alva Academy on 18th and 27th March.

Coach Education dates within Clackmannanshire are as follows:

Early Touches - 11.05.14

Development Activities - 1.06.14

Coaching Young - 29.06.14 and 6.07.14

Coaching 13+ - 14.09.14 and 21.09.14

Coaching in the Game - 16.11.14 and 23.11.14

Keith Chaplin gave a breakdown of the Girls Football Academy at Lornshill Academy and expressed that recent visits from external speakers/coaches has been worthwhile.

Martyn Buckie discussed the 'Sports Concussion' booklets that were handed out with the group. Marjorie MacFarlane stressed how clubs should raise the profile within the club members, parents and protocol in reporting back to schools.

Action: Martyn Buckie to send electronic copies of the Sports Concussion booklets to clubs.

5. Facilities/Land Services - Martyn Buckie

Hillfoots CFC would prefer to use Tillicoultry pitch as their home pitch, however they are currently playing at Menstrie.

Holytree FC have to be taken of the Facilities spreadsheet as they have disbanded.

Action: Martyn Buckie to meet with Stephen Morrison re updating the Home Pitch status.

6. Scottish FA Regional update - Alan Morgan:

Alan Morgan congratulated Tullibody CFC and highlighted their progress with obtaining Legacy Award in the near future.

An update on the National Database was given. It is an important tool to monitor how many registered players are playing football across the board.

Clubs were reminded to contact Football Development Officers prior to booking onto Coach Education courses to check if space is available and if QM discount applies.

The Communications department at Hampden is currently short staffed which is why the Scottish FA website is not showing if courses are full. Next date for clubs to submit their QM folders is 12th May 2014. Tullibody CFC and Tillicoultry AFC are close to submission. Adult clubs can now be part of the QM process. Alan Morgan suggested a possibility is for clubs to join and work in partnership to bridge the gaps in player pathways. Sunday Mail Grassroots Awards are now open for voting. Alan Morgan and Marjorie MacFarlane urged clubs to vote both regionally and nationally. Recent Positive Coaching Workshop was cancelled due to low uptake. Davy Reynolds shared that the timing of the workshop was hard to get coaches along. Clubs were reminded about the Player Pathway workshop's on Friday 28th February 2014 at Forthbank, Stirling. Alan Morgan gave an update of the new regional mentoring programme for Level 2 Coach Education courses. More information was to follow.

Action: Martyn Buckie to arrange additional/club specific Positive Coaching Scotland Workshops.

7. Girl's/Women's Football - Kerry Kennedy:

Kerry's visits to the Girl's Academy have been excellent and the feedback from Shelia Begbie is very positive. The next World Cup qualifier is being held at Fir Park, Motherwell. Kerry is looking to arrange a female only Early Touches course.

Action: Kerry Kennedy to chase up tickets to give to the Girls Academy for the World Cup qualifier.

8. Update from Clubs:

Tillicoultry AFC are ready to submit their QM folder.

Forth Valley Welfare League are exploring new options for next season as teams are struggling to get new players/teams involved.

Hillfoots CFC expressed they are finding it hard to run things as they have an abundance of players but limited coaches.

Keith Chaplin is looking to put Coach Education courses on for senior pupils within Lornhill Academy.

Davy Reynolds discussed Tullibody CFC's Futsal programme and how it is open to all 12-16 year olds irrespective of club.

Tullibody CFC's are slowly increasing with 1 player progressing through to the second selection stages of the Graeme High Performance School trials.

9. AOB:

James Allan, Chairman of the Welfare League asked for support in spreading the message of recruiting players to the Welfare teams. An advert has been placed in a number of local papers about a meeting at the Claremont Hotel on 3rd of March 2014, 7:30pm for any interested parties.

James queried if Kincardine CFC can attend future Football Partnership Meetings. Alan Morgan and Martyn Buckie agreed that they could attend and would be included in email list.

Davy Reynolds and Gary McCheyne shared that local youths turn up to the Secondary schools and disturb training.

Martyn Buckie gave details of Vicky Stephen (Sports Development Officer and Athletics Coach) providing specialised speed training to local Rugby clubs and asked if this would be something worthwhile for Football clubs.

Action: Martyn Buckie to speak with Stephen Morrison re policing at Secondary Schools. Also to pass on details of the Scottish Welfare Meeting and providing information on the speed training programme.

10. DONM - Monday 16th June 2014, Dumyat Centre, 7pm

Note: Due Tullibody Inn FC failing to attend the last 3 meetings in 2013/2014 they have now lost their discount privileges.