



**Clackmannanshire
Council**

**Clackmannanshire Football Partnership Meeting
Notes From Meeting of Monday 15th June 2015
Alloa Town Hall, Alloa**

Present:

Councillor Robert McGill	Elected Member (Chair)
Marjorie MacFarlane	Sports Development Manager
Martyn Buckie	Sports Development
Kerry Kennedy	Scottish FA
Alan Morgan	Scottish FA
Stephen Morrison	Clackmannanshire Council
Peter Kelly	Sauchie Juniors
Luke Richardson	Cairn FC
Claire Richardson	Cairn FC
Kenny Mitchell	Dollar Glen FC
John Martin	Abercromby Arms FC
Davy Reynolds	Tullibody CFC
Gary Horne	Kincardine AFC
Stuart Deerin	Kincardine AFC
Callum MacAulay	Sauchie Amateurs
Mark MacAulay	Sauchie Amateurs
Scott Gardner	Alloa Saints
Martin McDonald	Clackmannan Athletic

Apologies:

Andrew Gilchrist	Scottish FA
Gary McCheyne	Hillfoots CC
Paul Robertson	Alloa Saints
Mark Keye	Tillicoultry AFC
Fraser Binnie	Tillicoultry AFC
Chris Mann	Tillicoultry AFC
Martin Taylor	Clackmannan Community Ams
James Allan	Bank FC / FVWL
Stuart Johnstone	SWFA

1. Welcome, introduction and apologies were given by Councillor McGill. Kenny Mitchell also passed on apologies for James Allan and Stuart Johnstone. Martin Taylor also passed on his apologies.
2. Minutes of previous meeting 23rd February 2015 were discussed and agreed.
3. Matters Arising:
 - No Matters Arising
4. Football Development::
 - MB gave an update on Alva Academy and Lornshill Academy School's of Football. Selection process for both schools are now complete with Alva selecting 16 boys to be part of next year's S1 programme. Lornshill Academy are now running with their new 'School of Sport' model which includes a Girls Football Academy, Boy's School of Football, School of Rugby and School of Dance. 15 boys and 15 girls have been selected for next year's S1 programme and these 30 pupils will be a class in their own right, attending all subjects around the school together as one.
 - The 15th Annual Football For All Festival ran on Friday 5th June and was successful with 700 participants on the day ranging from pre-school, P4/5 Fun Fours, P6/7 Soccer 7's and an ASN tournament/fun activities. The festival focused on fair play and sportsmanship with prizes going to participants that demonstrated this the best. Fiona Brown of Glasgow City attended on the day to award the prizes.
 - PCS Open Parents Workshop and other Coach Education courses are coming up within Clackmannanshire, all with spaces available. Anyone interested in booking on should contact Martyn Buckie directly. Marjorie Macfarlane and Alan Morgan encouraged clubs to promote PCS workshops strongly within their clubs as this is a core element in the Scottish FA and Sports Developments strategies. Parents, coaches and players will find them extremely beneficial.
 - MB promoted Sports Developments Active Summer programme highlighting that there were a variety of multi sport aswell as football specific camps available for children/youths to book onto. MB went into more detail about the Performance Football Camp and Football Skills Camp on offer.

Actions:

- **MB to resend Active Summer booklet to all club contacts to then forward onto their club members.**
5. Facilities:
 - Stephen Morrison reminded clubs that certain pitches were closed during the Summer period as this is typically the 'off season' for

football clubs and land services use this time to repair/maintain the pitches ready for the season starting again.

- The only pitches available for booking over Summer to help support the FVWL's Summer Football League are Tullibody Civic Centre, West End Park and the Secondary School facilities. These facilities are available for other clubs to book and use also however SM asked clubs to avoid booking on a Tuesday to avoid FVWL fixtures.
- SM highlighted that the 10 day booking error that occurred previously was a system error and should be working now. If not clubs were to notify SM.
- Leisure Services are compiling a review and asked clubs to give them feedback so they can look to change/adapt their services to suit wherever possible.

Actions:

- **MB to pass on Stephen Morrison's contact details to clubs.**
- **MB to pass on all up-to-date club details to Stephen Morrison.**

6. 21st Century Learning Consultation

- SM used this opportunity to skip on from the agenda and discuss the 21st Century Learning Consultation taking place regarding Abercromby Primary School relocating and potentially reforming on the current site where Tullibody Civic Centre lies.
- SM and Marjorie Macfarlane urged all clubs to voice their opinions on the 3 proposals being put forward and made it all aware that all 3 proposals showed that the site would incur the loss of at least 1 football pitch which could have an effect on football within Clackmannanshire.
- The deadline for consultation is 3rd July 2015 and clubs can find out more information by following the link <http://www.clacksweb.org.uk/learning/centurylearning/>

7. Scottish FA Regional/National update - Alan Morgan/Kerry Kennedy:

- AM gave an update from the last Club Business Workshop and urged clubs to book onto the next workshop focused on 'Developing your Club Philosophy' scheduled for 23rd June 2015 at Grangemouth High School.
- The Coach Mentoring programme has been successful with Shelly Kerr acting as the group's mentor. The programme was focused around the Children's Award and after Summer will focus around the C-Licence and will once again be made available to coaches. Info regarding the C-Licence programme will be available after the Summer break and AM urged all club leaders to pass onto members within their club to ensure no-one misses the opportunity.
- The next Regional Committee meeting is being re-scheduled with dates TBC. AM to provide an update on new date.

- AM/MB urged clubs to get involved in the Quality Mark programme and highlighted the benefits it can bring. MB also made a point that over the last year a number of adult clubs within Clackmannanshire have shown interest and are currently going through the QM process which is very promising.
- AM also reminded clubs of the Scotland United Refresh Strategy and asked clubs to follow the link which will give clubs a documented breakdown of the strategy.
- Kerry Kennedy notified clubs that a Girls Only 2020 Development Centre within Central Region will be made available to P6/P7 girls. For more info on trial dates contact Kerry Kennedy directly.
- A female only Coach Development group has been running with Shelly Kerr as the mentor. This could be something of interest to any female coaches currently working within Clackmannanshire clubs. For more info contact Kerry Kennedy directly.
- FIFA Live Your Goals programme supports girls only events/festivals through funding, promotional material etc. Any clubs looking to run a girls specific event and looking for support should contact Kerry Kennedy directly.

Actions:

- **MB to pass on Kerry Kennedy's contact details.**
- **AM to notify MB and clubs of rescheduled Regional Committee meeting date.**
- **AM to send details of Coach Mentoring programme after the Summer break.**
- **MB to resend info on the next upcoming Club Business Workshop.**

8. **Clubs/Schools:**

- Dollar Glen FC - won a recent cup final and are playing in the Scottish Cup Final on Sunday 21st June 2015. Kenny Mitchell urged other clubs to attend and support.
- Sauchie Juniors FC - U19's won the Forth Valley league. U21's won the West of Scotland league. 1st Team finished 5th place in the East of Scotland Super League and were unfortunate to get beat in the cup final. Peter Kelly highlighted that this was a great success considering the financial constraints the club have faced the past season. The partnership with Tullibody CFC is also growing strong.
- Alloa Saints - Winners of the Academy Shield.
- Abercromby Arms FC - Questioned the process Secondary Schools have in selecting players for their school football teams as his son received a very poor letter notifying him he was unsuccessful.

Actions:

- **MB and Councillor McGill to look at the best way in highlighting the success of Clackmannanshire Football Clubs.**

- **MB to look into school team selection process.**
- **John Martin of Abercromby Arms FC to forward on school letter for MB to then look into.**

9. AOB:

- Marjorie Macfarlane reminded all groups about Sportscotland's Concussion Management for clubs and requested it be on the next agenda.
- A number of clubs questioned the length of the grass over recent months and why a number of pitches have not been cut.
- Clubs also stressed the poor quality of nets at certain pitches and the lack of pegs. Stephen Morrison will look into the quality of nets however it is the club's own responsibility to provide their own set of pegs to secure nets. Kenny Mitchell suggested purchasing plastic clips for nets to avoid using tape to secure nets to the goal posts.
- MB highlighted that a number of clubs are looking for new volunteers to coach within their club but are finding it difficult to recruit. MB identified that a number of senior Secondary School pupils go through free coach education every year as part of the Cashback for Communities programme, however there is no real way to enforce them to join clubs. MB has formed a 'contract' for these pupils to follow when going through free coach education courses, specifying they must give a minimum of 10 hours voluntary coaching to a local club before they receive their formal qualification.

Actions:

- **SM to look into the quality of nets at venues.**
- **MB to place 'Sports Concussion' on the next agenda.**
- **MB to forward on draft 'contract' for new volunteers going through Cashback Coach Education courses.**

DONM - Monday 19th October 2015, Alloa Town Hall, Alloa, 7-9pm