



**Clackmannanshire  
Council**

**Clackmannanshire Football Partnership Meeting  
Notes From Meeting of Monday 15th February 2016  
Alloa Town Hall, Alloa**

Present:

Councillor Robert McGill	Elected Member (Chair)
Marjorie MacFarlane	Sports Development Manager
Martyn Buckie	Sports Development
Alan Morgan	Scottish FA
Stephen Morrison	Clackmannanshire Council
Jamie Moffatt	Clackmannanshire Council
Kenny Blyth	Clackmannan Community Ams
Chris Spence	Sauchie Ams CC
Boab McLellan	Sauchie Ams CC
Callum McAulay	Sauchie AFC
Chris Piper	Tullibody CFC
Martin McDonald	Cairn FC
Lesley Malcolm	Cairn FC
Kenny Mitchell	Dollar Glen FC

Apologies:

Andrew Gilchrist	Scottish FA
Davy Reynolds	Tullibody CFC
Gary Horne	Kincardine AFC
Gary McCheyne	Hillfoots CC
Martyn Hammond	Alloa Athletic Supporters FC

1. Welcome, introduction and apologies were given by Councillor McGill. Martyn Buckie added apologies for Davy Reynolds (Tullibody CFC) and Martyn Hammond (Alloa Athletic Supporters FC).
2. Councillor McGill informed all attendees that elected members such as himself do not have to attend partnership meetings/forums. Councillor McGill expressed he still wishes to attend as long as the group are happy with him to attend and continue as chair. All attendees were happy and in favour for Councillor McGill to attend the Football Partnership.
3. Minutes of previous meeting 19th October 2015 were discussed and agreed. Martyn Buckie highlighted under agenda point 7 minutes taken from Andy Gilchrist's comments regarding Brian McClair and the Regional committee were not accurate. Martyn Buckie informed the group that these changes were made and updates minutes were now accurate.
4. Matters Arising
  - SM - Lornshill nets are brand new.
  - MB - SYFA volunteers database was emailed to all club contacts.
  - SM - Fairfield Park changing rooms now restored and open again.
  - MB - Facility leasing questionnaire was re-issued to all club contacts, however no questionnaires were returned to MB/SM.
  - MB/AM - Info regarding Coach in-services and Club Business workshops were emailed to all club contacts.
  - MB - Electronic versions of Clacks Council head injury cards were emailed to all club contacts to them be shared amongst club coaches/members.

#### Actions

**MB to resend SYFA database.**

**MB/AM to continue to send on info re Coach in-services and Club Business Workshops.**

5. Clacks Council Football Development - Martyn Buckie
  - Advised attendees that School of Football Try Outs for Lornshill and Alva Academy are being held in March 2016. If clubs can promote to their members it would be appreciated.
  - Walking Football currently running every Tuesday, 11am - 12.30pm at Tullibody Civic Centre for over 50's and partnership with Tullibody CFC. If other clubs wish to start this programme in their own catchment please contact Martyn Buckie.
  - Information regarding Clacks Councils Easter Holiday programme will be available for the general public within the next few weeks.
  - Coach Education courses are now live for coaches to book via the Scottish FA website. MB gave details on all local and regional courses as well as a break down of Quality Mark discount available to clubs. Alan Morgan gave further detail on Introduction to Futsal course and informed attendees that there is a regional Futsal league available for clubs to enter teams.

- Active Schools/Sports Development have introduced a club agreement process which clubs must sign and adhere to if they would like support when accessing/working with Clacks schools.

### **Actions**

**MB to send on info re Sports Development Easter Holiday programme.**

**MB to resend info on local/regional Coach Education courses.**

**MB to send Active Schools Club agreement to all clubs along with contact details of their cluster Active Schools Co-ordinator.**

### 7. Scottish FA update - Alan Morgan

- Free Adult in-service available for any coaches/volunteers to attend on Friday 19th Feb 2016 at Ravenscraig Motherwell. AM advised that this was the first in-service being rolled out nationally and if it is more suitable and there is a demand a more local Forth Valley based in-service may be arranged.
- Player Pathway Workshops are now available for booking online. Fun Fours and Soccer 7's 26th Feb 2016 at Forthbank Stirling. 11v11 workshop 18th March 2016 at Lornshill Academy, Alloa. All workshops are both theory and practical. 11v11 workshop is mandatory for SYFA registration
- Club Business workshops focus on developing a clubs infrastructure e.g club philosophy, volunteer management, marketing etc.
- McDonalds Club Coach Officer resource is in its 2nd year and has been seen as successful. Club Coach Officer will visit your club for a 6 month period and help develop coaches, players, parents, club leaders both on and off the field. AM highlighted that applicants must have QM status. Tullibody CFC were one of the first clubs to receive this resource and found it very beneficial. Callum mcAulay expressed his club would be interested in applying for this.
- Funding available for clubs. MARS funding available for clubs looking to introduce an adult provision e.g. over 35's, Futsal, Walking Football etc. Scottish Football Partnership funding application process now closed due to high/quick responses. SFP Growing the Game funding was available for clubs starting a new team/age group.
- C License and Children's Award Mentoring programme is open to coaches with aspirations on achieving either of these qualifications and provides them with supported mentoring/coach development to prepare them for the course. Info re Children's Award Mentoring programme to follow soon.

### **Actions**

**MB/AM to resend info re Player Pathway Workshops.**

**MB/AM to resend info re MARS funding.**

**AM to send info on Children's Award Mentoring programme.**

### 7. Facilities - Stephen Morrison

- Alva and Lornshill Academy receiving new astro surfaces, however specific dates have not been confirmed. Will take approximately 6 weeks and Lornshill will be a FIFA 2 star spec.

- Contract with Amey re school closures states that schools must be open 38 weeks and closed 14 weeks of the year. SM advised that closures will take place during winter months going forward instead of January to April.
- Consultation regarding Abercromby Primary school proposals was meant to start 15th Feb 2016 however start date has been put back 1 week. SM and Councillor McGill advised the group to say their piece at the consultation and attend public meetings. If you do not say your piece then you will miss the opportunity to build a case on your preferred proposal.
- SM passed over to Kenny Mitchell who gave an update on the situation with Dollar Park. Clacks Council have agreed to build a new pitch with the funding provided from the developers of the new housing properties in the area, however changing facilities will not be built even though this was in the original agreement. KM shared his frustration as this was promised to the community of Dollar for a number of years and now the agreement has changed. He has been informed that a new Strathdevon Primary School will have suitable changing facilities but may take 5-10 years and is not 100% confirmed. Councillor McGill advised Dollar Community Council should meet with their local Councillor Alistair Campbell to make him aware of the situation.

### **Actions**

**MB/SM to provide specific dates when astros will be re-laid.**

8. A.O.B
  - KM - FVWL - Dollar Glen FC won the only summer league of 2015.
  - CM - Sauchie AFC - formally received their standard level QM award at the Scottish FA's Regional awards night at the Westerwood Hotel, Cumbernauld.
  - KB - Clackmannan Community Ams - reached the quarter finals of the East of Scotland Cup.
  - MB - Introduced Jamie Moffatt, Community Sports Hub Officer for Clacks Council. Jamie gave a brief on his role and advised clubs if they wish to part of their local Sports Hub to get in touch with him.
  - MB - Advised the group that we will only be running with 2 forums per year instead of 3 as of now. Therefore clubs must attend/provide representation at these 2 meetings per year to ensure they receive their discounts and priority bookings.

### **Actions**

**MB to forward on Jamie Moffat's contact details.**

9. D.O.N.M
  - Monday 3rd October 2016, 7-9pm, Alloa Town Hall