



**Clackmannanshire
Council**

**Clackmannanshire Football Partnership Meeting
Notes From Meeting of Monday 16th June 2014,
Dumyat Centre, Menstrie**

Present:

Councillor Robert McGill	Elected Member (Chair)
Marjorie MacFarlane	Sports Development Manager
Martyn Buckie	Sports Development
Atta Yaqub	Scottish FA
Andrew Kelly	Sportscotland
Gary McCheyne	Hillfoots Community FC
George McColl	Tullibody Community FC
Tom Robertson	Clackmannan FC
Kenny Mitchell	Dollar Glen FC
James Allan	The Bank FC / Forth Valley Welfare League
Mark Keye	Tillicoultry AFC
Stuart Johnstone	Scottish Welfare
Adam Steedman	Horseshoe
Darren Abercrombie	Star Inn FC

Apologies:

Councillor Ellen Forson	Elected Member
Andrew Gilchrist	Scottish FA
Alan Morgan	Scottish FA
Ian Ash	Alva Academy
Keith Chaplin	Lornshill Academy
Kayleigh McMahon	Lornshill Academy
Graeme Liveston	Alloa Athletic
Fraser Duncan	Sauchie Juniors
Luke Douglas	Sauchie Juniors U21's
Billy Duncan	Hillfoots AFC
Ian Stone	Tullibody Hearts
Davy Reynolds	Tullibody CFC
Robert Horne	Clackmannan FC
Alex Brown	Wasps CC

1. Welcome, introduction and apologies were given by Councillor McGill.
2. Minutes of previous meeting 24th February 2014 were discussed.
3. Matters Arising:
All attendee's agreed there were no matter's arising.

4. Football Development Update - Martyn Buckie:

Martyn Buckie informed the group of a number of upcoming Coach Education courses within Clackmannanshire still with spaces available and Quality Mark discounted pricing for clubs which have Quality Mark status. Coach Education dates within Clackmannanshire are as follows:

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

Updates regarding Positive Coaching Scotland Workshops were also given:

PCS Open Coaches Workshop 24th June, 6-7:30pm at Lornshill Academy. Clubs must email/phone Martyn Buckie with their name and club to be placed on a register.

PCS Open Leaders Workshop 18th June CANCELLED.

Martyn Buckie also provided everyone with information on Clackmannanshire Council's Summer Programme, Active Summer where a variety of sports were open to all ages for the full 7 weeks. Further detail was given on the 2 x Football specific camps that will be running as part of Active Summer: the Football Skills Camp w/c 21st July and the Performance Football Camp w/c 28th July.

Gary McCheyne expressed his concerns of scouts 'poaching' players during the Performance Football Camp.

Martyn Buckie and Marjorie MacFarlane ensured everyone that the programmes will be run by Clackmannanshire Council/Scottish FA qualified staff with a neutral view on players and 'poaching' will be prohibited.

Action: Martyn Buckie to email all clubs/schools the briefing of these programmes for them then to forward onto their club/school members.

5. Facilities/Land Services - Martyn Buckie/Fraser Matheson:

Fraser Matheson gave an update on the Home Pitch Status and requested that club's most up to date contact info be passed along to his team to then piece together for the upcoming season after Summer.

Gary McCheyne questioned the issue on policing around the AstroTurf's at the Secondary School facilities for youths while clubs are training. Martyn Buckie informed the group that discussions between local police and Community Wardens have begun to take place with the Facilities Mgt Team.

Marjorie MacFarlane suggested speaking to Youth Services to put on structured activities for these youths in the evenings.

Gary McCheyne suggested that school attendants ensure gates are locked until the 1st club/team arrive for training to help ensure youths do not play on the pitches.

Martyn Buckie gave an update on the Pitch Maintenance Programme for Summer 2014. With grass pitches closed until 9th August, only the Secondary School Astro turf's are available. A number of Welfare reps requested that pitches that have had their work completed mid July be open for use before 9th August.

Action: Martyn Buckie to email Fraser Matheson with updated team contacts.

Fraser Matheson and his team to follow up discussions with local police, community wardens and leisure staff.

Martyn Buckie to speak with Youth Services about putting on structured activity for youths.

Martyn Buckie to speak with Kenny Inglis about pitches being open for use over Summer if work is completed.

6. Scottish FA Regional update - Martyn Buckie/Atta Yaqub:

Martyn Buckie congratulated Davy Reynolds on receiving his Regional Grassroots Award for Best Volunteer in Youth Football.

Clubs were made aware of the opportunity to potentially be part of the Central Region's Coach Mentoring Programme for the C Licence.

The group was reminded about the new Regional Committee date scheduled for Monday 23rd June and that Tullibody CFC and Tillicoltray AFC have been submitted for Quality Mark.

Atta Yaqub passed on the apologies for Andrew Gilchrist and Alan Morgan.

Atta informed the group that Tullibody CFC have increased the number of girl volunteers at the club.

More opportunities for Futsal will be made available at a regional level in the near future.

A female only 1.1 Early Touches course was held recently at Stirling University which was a great success. More Female only Coach Education opportunities will be coming too.

Atta Yaqub offered clubs his services to provide workshops/in-house training to provide coaches with Awareness Training for players that come from ethnic backgrounds within their groups. More information regarding this will follow.

7. Sportscotland - Andrew Kelly:

Andrew provided everyone with handouts on the specific projects he is involved in with a main focus for the evenings forum around Facilities and Small Grants.

Clubs were encouraged to contact key people when applying for grants/funding to gather their advice and help make their applications stronger. Key people such as LA's, NGB's, Active Schools, Sports Development etc.

Clubs were encouraged to get away from titles such as 'boys clubs' and take up the role of a more inclusive 'Community Club' status.

Andrew's areas which SportsScotland take into consideration when applying for funding are Changing Facilities, Synthetic Pitches and Floodlights. They do not provide funding for 'repair' or 'maintenance'. Areas of focus around Small Grants are for New Programmes, New Equipment, Coach Education and Small Facilities. They do not fund replacement strips for current teams, training wear for coaches or trips away for tournaments, however, if a club wishes to host a tournament they can support this as this is helping increase participation within their club setting.

Andrew identified a number of key funding sources he deals with such as Awards for All, Sports match and Help for Clubs.

Councillor McGill gave an update on Tillicoultry AFC plan for new changing facilities and how they are looking for funding.

Action: Andrew Kelly to send on his presentation to Martyn Buckie who will then forward onto all contacts.

8. Update from Clubs:

Tillicoultry AFC are ready to submit their QM folder. Are also waiting to get a base pitch at Coalsnaughton rather than playing out of Clackmannan.

Hillfoots CFC are happy with their recent Quality Mark review. 160 children recently attended their Tillicoultry Gala. They are also celebrating their 10 year anniversary.

The Bank FC won one of the Scottish Cups.

Dollar Glen FC finished 2nd in their league and reached 2 cup finals. They have also received funding from EDF.

Sauchie Juniors won the East of Scotland Cup.

Tullibody CFC reiterated congratulations to Davy Reynolds receiving his award. Numbers at the 2007-2005 age groups are high and running well.

Action: Martyn Buckie to check if Redwell Primary will be building a new 11 aside pitch.

Martyn Buckie to check on the timescales and progress on changing facilities at Dollar Community Centre/Market Park.

9. AOB:

James Allan from the Forth Valley Welfare League (FVWL) introduced Adam Steedman as now the main contact for the Horseshoe Bar. James requested for the Horseshoe Bar to receive their discount privileges they have lost due to a lack of attendance in past forums.

Marjorie MacFarlane and Councillor McGill agreed that it would be put to a vote to the group which Martyn Buckie would construct. There are now 8 teams playing within the FVWL and they will be carrying on as planned for the upcoming season. FVWL are looking to make a move to Summer football for Summer 2015 and were reiterating once again if parks would be open for use over the Summer period.

Gary McCheyne requested that Land Services look to cut grass pitches more regularly and particularly before any major events as the grass on pitches used for the Tillicoultry Gala was extremely long. Gary McCheyne also highlighted that a number of clubs have given their apologies over the last few meetings and asked what the protocol would be in terms of still receiving their discounted privileges. Marjorie MacFarlane and Councillor McGill agreed that clubs are allowed to provide apologies for 1 forum in which a club representative cannot attend, however for future forums if you have given your apologies previously you must ensure a club representative attends so your club can continue to receive discount privileges.

Marjorie MacFarlane shared with the group that Walking Football is taking place within Clackmannanshire and will not only be inclusive to the elderly but people with illness, heart conditions etc will be able to attend. Clubs were urged to spread the word amongst their members.

Action: Martyn Buckie to issue a vote to all Football Partnership members whether The Horseshoe should be entitled to their privileges.

Martyn Buckie to find out more information regarding the FVWL playing Summer Football.

Martyn Buckie to speak to Kenny Inglis regarding grass cutting procedures. Kenny is also to be invited to the next Football Partnership Meeting in October.

Martyn Buckie to promote Walking Football opportunities.

Clubs to receive reminders about the number of apologies they can use without sending a club representative.

10. DONM - Monday 20th October, Alloa Town Hall, 7pm