



**Clackmannanshire  
Council**

**Clackmannanshire Football Partnership Meeting  
Notes From Meeting of Monday 23rd February 2015  
Alloa Town Hall, Alloa**

Present:

Councillor Robert McGill	Elected Member (Chair)
Marjorie MacFarlane	Sports Development Manager
Martyn Buckie	Sports Development
Andrew Gilchrist	Scottish FA
Alan Morgan	Scottish FA
Brian Forbes	Clackmannanshire Council
Fraser Matheson	Clackmannanshire Council
Peter Kelly	Sauchie Juniors
Chris Spence	Cairn FC
Kenny Mitchell	Dollar Glen FC
James Allan	Bank FC / FVWL
Colin McKerracher	Alva Swifts YFC
Stuart Johnstone	Scottish Welfare FA
John Martin	Abercromby Arms FC
Dean Collinson	Tullibody Hearts
Martin Taylor	Clackmannan County
Davy Reynolds	Tullibody CFC
Greig Strang	Wasps CC
Gary McCheyne	Hillfoots CC
Mark Dowie	Hillfoots CC
Gary Horne	Kincardine AFC
Callum MacAulay	Sauchie Amateurs
Scott Mitchell	Sauchie Amateurs
Albert Stirling	Sauchie Amateurs
Martin McDonald	Masonic Athletic

Apologies:

Kerry Kennedy	Scottish FA
Keith Chaplin	Lornshill Academy
Paul Robertson	Alloa Saints
Tom Stenhouse	Sauchie Juniors
Mark Keye	Tillicoultry AFC

1. Welcome, introduction and apologies were given by Councillor McGill.
2. Minutes of previous meeting 20th October 2014 were discussed and agreed.
3. Matters Arising:
  - Notes of meeting on 20th October 2014 agreed by all.
  - Leisure Management were to visit AGS to check youths disturbing club sessions, however no-one visited.
  - Councillor McGill has met with Kenny Mitchell and discussed the issues regarding Market Park.
  - MB has worked with communications and created a map to show club activity within Clackmannanshire.
  - MB is preparing Futsal sessions with Secondary Schools over the next year.
  - MB has met with Kenny Inglis re Summer pitch usage for FVWL.
  - MB shared that home clubs are responsible for ensuring that facilities are kept clean, tidy and any rubbish is removed after facility and pitch use. Leisure Management will provide bin bags for at each facility for rubbish to be removed.
  - An up-to-date membership list for the Football Partnership was created and sent onto Leisure Management and the Booking Office.
  - MB to work with Leisure to produce booking procedures for all clubs to follow.
  - Clubs expressed that they are looking for new volunteers via Coach Education courses.
  - Alloa Saints has arranged for an additional First Aid course to be put in place. Further details given from the agenda.
  - Info sent to Sauchie Juniors re Be-spoke UEFA B Licence.
  - MB has spoken with Davy Reynolds re grass 7 a-side pitch at Lornshill Academy. Pitch linings and goals secured however there may be complaints from neighbouring housing.
  - MB approached local bus companies to assess the potential in the providing discounted costs for clubs travelling to away games. Bus companies were not keen however they were willing to have 1-1 conversations with clubs about potential sponsorship.
  - MB to work with Tullibody CFC re recruitment for under 17yr girls.

**Actions:**

- **Leisure Mgt to visit AGS to witness first hand any youths disturbing club sessions.**
- **MB to work with Leisure to produce booking procedures for all clubs to follow.**
- **MB to work with Tullibody CFC re recruitment for under 17yr girls.**

4. Football Development::

- MB gave an update on Alva Academy and Lornshill Academy School's of Football. Alva's School of Football and Lornshill's Girls Football Academy have been running successfully for a number of years. Lornshill's boys only School of Football is brand new this year. Promotion has occurred within all Primary Schools and clubs were encouraged to promote the opportunity within their club. Alva Parents Evening on Wednesday 4th March; Lornshill Academy Parents Evening Thursday 5th March; Alva Selection Day Monday 16th March, Lornshill Selection Day Wednesday 25th March.
- Clackmannanshire based Scottish FA Coach Education Courses all have spaces available. Anyone interested should contact Martyn Buckie direct.
- Positive Coaching Scotland (PCS) Workshops for Coaches and Parents. Spaces are free and anyone interested should contact Martyn Buckie direct.
- Paul Robertson has arranged an additional First Aid course starting 2nd March 2015. This course is £30 per person and is accredited by the SYFA. Anyone interested should contact Paul Robertson direct on 07968200863 / alloasaints@fsmail.net.
- Numbers are increasing for Sports Development's Over 50s Walking Football Programme. Sessions are open to anyone over 50 years old and are free thanks to funding from Tullibody Healthy Living. Sessions are on a Tuesday, 11am-12noon at Tullibody Civic Centre.

5. Facilities:

- Brian Forbes introduced himself as the Customer Service Manager for Clackmannanshire Council and encouraged clubs to be open with his department so they can find out 'what is working' and 'what needs to change'.
- BF made all members aware that there are current proposals to increase charges for pitch hire going forward. More detail to come following Clackmannanshire Council Budget Meeting on Tuesday 24th February 2015.
- Leisure is currently being reviewed with a potential restructure in place. Staff may be moving departments in some areas however this will not impact clubs' procedures when booking facilities.
- Fraser Matheson reported that there were no issues regarding Home Pitch Status. Greig Strang and Gary McCheyne commented that the current system is working well and there is no need for change however the highlighted that Football Partnership member clubs have not been given the 10 day priority booking benefit they should be getting, only the standard 7 day booking.

### Actions:

- **Leisure to look into and correct the priority booking for membership clubs to ensure they receive the 10 day booking option.**

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#### 6. Scottish FA Regional update - Alan Morgan:

- AM introduced himself and described his role within the Scottish FA.
- Still spaces available on the Fun Fours and Soccer 7's Player Pathway Workshops on 27th February at Forthbank, Stirling. Any coaches/volunteers interested should contact Scott Kinross at Active Stirling.
- 11 a-side pathway in-service on 24th April 2015 is essential for teams making the transition from 7's to 11's if they wish to play friendly matches during pre-season. Any coaches/volunteers interested should contact Aidan Forbes at Falkirk Community Trust.
- Quality Mark submission date has been rescheduled for Monday 30th March 2015.
- Quality Mark discounts have changed. 1.1 course discounts are only available to Entry Level QM Clubs and Re-Accredited QM Clubs. 1.2 and 1.3 courses are available to accredited and entry level clubs.
- A 'Learning & Development Framework' will be available to QM clubs during 2015 onwards. These workshops will be based on club development in areas such as Club Planning, Marketing, Club Philosophy etc. More details will follow soon.
- McDonalds & Sunday Mail Grassroots Award nominations are now open. AM urged all members to put forward nominations for Regional Awards. Regional Award winners are then put forward for a potential National Award.
- Scottish FA's Central Region Futsal League is now established and plays every Sunday out of Stirling University / Wallace High School with 6 teams attending each week. Anyone interested in entering a team should contact Atta Yaqub at the Scottish FA Central Region Office.
- MARS Just Play funding deadline is 27th February 2015. Open to QM Clubs for application to deliver a games based programme focused on adults.

### Actions:

- **MB to forward on link to all clubs for McDonalds/Sunday Mail Grassroots Awards Nominations.**

#### 7. Scottish FA National Update - Andrew Gilchrist:

- AG introduced himself and described his role within the Scottish FA as well as welcoming new member clubs to the Football Partnership.

- AG gave a details on the refresh of the Scotland United Strategy and the key areas the Scottish FA will be focusing on at local, Regional and National level (Participation, Education, Stronger Clubs, Attractive Game).
- Clubs were encouraged to keep in touch with the Scottish FA regarding promoting club activities, relaying good news stories and helping out anyway they can.
- Gary McCheyne questioned senior school pupils going through coach education courses and not volunteering with local football clubs. AG and MB highlighted that these pupils sometimes do not want to step out of their comfort zone and are happy volunteering within school sport.
- AG suggested relaying job adverts etc to the Scottish FA and they could promote via their website and social media.
- Marjorie MacFarlane suggested using the link with Alva Community Sports Hub as an avenue for recruitment. Gary McCheyne has not seen the benefit from this and feels the focus is more on multi sport rather than football specific.

#### Actions:

- **MB to work with Alison Mackie and Kirsty McEwan to develop a strategy to deploy senior Secondary School pupils out to local football clubs once they have gone through coach education courses.**

#### 8. Clubs/Schools:

- Wasps CC - highlighted that the nets at Alloa Academy are in need for repair/replacement. Youths are still turning up and disrupting sessions. Also requested if flood lights could get turned on earlier ready for training to begin on schedule. FM does not think this would be a problem.
- Hillfoots CC - 7 a-side nets at Alva Academy are needing new clips. Flood lights are still out at the bottom right hand corner of the astroturf. Also time for pitch cancellations is too tight. FM shared that it is the schools choice whether cancellations occur during the day and it is out of his control until school is over for the day. Schools tend to keep facilities in use as much as possible.
- Dollar Glen FC - received £2000 funding. Currently sitting at the top of the FVWL.
- FVWL - 9 teams registered for the FVWL Summer League. Season to start 2nd May 2015. Total cost for teams to join FVWL is £290 which covers insurance, cup entries etc. West End Park will be sued for Summer fixtures which was confirmed by BF and FM.
- Tullibody CFC / Sauchie Juniors - Stewart Regan, CEO of Scottish FA visited club on their recent Legacy Award achievement. Have formed a new partnership with Sauchie Juniors to bridge their player pathway between youth and adult football. Requested for Futsal Academy goals to be moved indoors at Lornshill Academy. Now have 18 teams at different age groups with teams training at various venues throughout

the week. Requested for facilities to look into a plan for all clubs to train within their catchment Secondary School. AM suggested looking into lets for children/youths teams being between 6-8pm as other local authorities do.

**Actions:**

- **Leisure to look into replacing nets and net clips where required at AGS.**
- **Leisure to relay to staff that floodlights at AGS have to be tuned on 15 minutes earlier.**
- **MB to arrange meetings with FVWL and Leisure to finalise details for FVWL Summer Football League.**
- **MB to speak to Secondary Schools about getting Futsal goals secured indoors.**
- **MB to meet with Karen Kirkwood about potentially rearranging AGS bookings to ensure clubs are not scattered at various venues throughout the week.**

9. **AOB:**

- AG reminded all clubs that Forth Valley Football Academy were holding a coaches in-service open for all clubs to attend. Ricky Sbragia is guest deliverer who has had a career with Manchester United, Sunderland AFC and is now Head Coach of Scotland u19's.
- Gary McCheyne queried 'girls provision' when it comes to QM. AG made clear that clubs must demonstrate a girls pathway through girls specific teams.
- Stuart Johnstone queried what will happen with pitches at Tullibody Civic Centre with the new primary school being built. Councillor McGill was not sure but said he would find out more detail.

**Actions:**

- **Councillor McGill to find out more detail about Tullibody Civic Centre facilities with new Primary School relocation.**

DONM - Monday 15th June 2015, Alloa Town Hall, Alloa, 7-9pm