



**Clackmannanshire
Council**

**Clackmannanshire Football Partnership Meeting
Notes from Meeting of Monday 2nd October 2017
Alloa Town Hall, Alloa**

Present

Martyn Buckie
Stephen Morrison
Kerry Kennedy
Paul Robertson
Ewan Stenhouse
Kenny Blyth
Kenny Mitchell
Gary Horne
Michael Polley
Kevin Polley
Jim Buchanan
Gary Horne
Gary Pearce
Callum MacAulay
Mark MacAulay

Clackmannanshire Council
Clackmannanshire Council
Scottish FA
Alloa Saints FC
Alloa Rovers FC
Clackmannan Community FC
Dollar Glen FC
Kincardine Colts
Tillicoultry AFC
Tillicoultry AFC
Tullibody CFC
Kincardine FC
Kincardine FC
Sauchie Amateurs FC
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Apologies

Marjorie MacFarlane
Brian Forbes
Andrew Gilchrist
Alan Morgan
Gary McCheyne
Martyn Hammond
Martin McDonald
Greig Strang

Clackmannanshire Council
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Scottish FA
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Hillfoots CC
Alloa Supporters Club FC
Horseshoe Bar FC
Wasps CC

1. Welcome, introduction and apologies were given by Martyn Buckie (MB).
2. Minutes of previous meeting on Monday 6th February 2017 were agreed and seen as accurate.

3. **Matters Arising**

- Stephen Morrison (SM) updated on all actions around pitches and facilities.
- SM wants to hear clubs views on minimising the number of pitches being used going forward and only having certain facilities/pitches available for bookings.
- Following a number of reports SM asked that all clubs spread the word to members/supporters that drinking at the side of pitches is unacceptable, particularly at the 3 secondary school pitches.
- SM advised clubs that booking a pitch on-line the day before your fixture is not favourable from Leisure Bookings point of view as it does not necessarily give enough time to get a member of staff in place for the facility. SM advised clubs to book earlier in the week or phone Leisure Bookings and speak to someone directly.

Actions

- **SM/MB to gather feedback from clubs about 'minimising the number of pitches being used'.**

4. **Clacks Council Football Development**

- MB gave all clubs an update on CCD and CPD procedures for coaches with Scottish FA Coach Education qualifications. Level 1 or level 2 holders have 4 years to gain another football qualification or attend a CCD accredited workshop to keep their qualification valid for another 4 years. Licence holders must complete 15 hours of CPD accredited courses over 3 years to keep their qualifications valid.
- MB gave information on a number of CCD/CPD accredited workshops taking place throughout the Central Region in the next few months. MB asked for these course details to be shared amongst club members and coaches should start to think about CCD opportunities.
- MB also highlighted upcoming 1.1, 1.2, First Aid and Child Protection courses running through the October holidays which coaches can still book on.
- Paul Robertson reminded all attendees that Alloa Saints FC are holding a bespoke Sports First Aid course which is SYFA accredited on 5th and 19th November 2017 for £40 per person. Venue still TBC. Other clubs are welcome to book on.
- MB and Kerry Kennedy (KK) informed all clubs that 1-8 October 2017 is 'Scottish Women and Girls in Sport Week'. All clubs were urged to tweet pictures/videos of female coaches/players in action to help raise the profile of females involved in football.
- MB reminded all that Clackmannanshire Council are currently forming a 'Sport and Active Living Strategy' to which all clubs will be asked to be part of a consultation process to help shape football and wider sport in Clackmannanshire.

Actions

- **MB to send information out on upcoming CCD and CPD courses.**
- **MB to resend Paul Robertson's contact details. Any clubs looking to attend Paul's Sports First Aid course should contact Paul directly.**

- **All clubs to tweet any pictures/videos of female coaches/players in action to help raise the profile of females involved in football. Remember to use the hashtag #myjourney**

5. **Scottish FA (Regional & National)**

- KK informed all that the 'One National Plan' strategy is now available to share amongst clubs, partners, LA's and other interested organisations.
- KK showed all attendees the new Grassroots Brand launched by the Scottish FA with a breakdown of each of the 4 headings: Football for Life; Football for All; Skills for Life; Clubs for Communities.
- MB reminded clubs who are currently going through the Quality Mark process for 2017 that the deadline for submissions is November.

Actions

- **MB to send One National Plan out to all clubs.**
- **MB to send link for new Grassroots Brand to all clubs.**
- **MB to meet with Tillicoultry AFC re Quality Mark.**

6. **Facilities Update**

- Paul Robertson updated everyone on his club's issues with a Summer festival he arranged and West End Park not being ready in time for the event with teams from Glasgow and further afield attending. SM shared his frustrations, explained that the club was reimbursed. The festival was then held at Stirling University.
- Paul was also frustrated as teams are booking 1 x 7 a-side pitch at Alloa Academy but are turning up with multiple teams and using the full pitch.
- SM again went into detail about the possibility of clubs taking control via a long term lease of pitches/pavilions if the proposal was good enough and there was no conflict of interest between other neighbouring clubs. Clackmannan Community FC are an example of this as they are now in control of King George V park in Clackmannan.
- Kenny Mitchell updated with the new pitch construction in Dollar. The pitch will not be ready until summer 2018 and now instead of portable changing rooms purchased the Dollar Civic Centre will be modified/refurbished to accommodate teams for changing facilities. This is seen as a more cost effective and simpler solution as the plumbing and electrical infrastructure is already in place.

Action

- **SM to look into clubs booking 7 a-side pitch but then turning up with more teams and using the full pitch.**

7. **Open Forum**

- Kevin Polley felt a councillor should be in attendance at these forums to ensure that actions are agreed and a number of questions can be answered there and then.
- Kevin also suggested holding the 2nd forum of the year early August before the season youth/adult season begins rather than October.
- Callum MacAulay shared that Sauchie AFC won their Sunday Central League for season 2016/17 and gained promotion.
- Kenny Blyth shared that Clackmannan Community FC won the Stirling district League Cup.

- Jim Buchanan updated everyone on Tullibody CFC's Over 50s Walking Football team trip to the Algarve, Portugal for a tournament they are competing in.
- Paul Robertson's 2012 team won the 'Fair Play Trophy' at the Dumbarton Riverside Summer festival.
- MB asked clubs to let him know about any good news stories so he can share with the relevant sources and highlight the great work clubs are doing.

Actions

- **MB to look into holding a Football Forum in August rather than October going forward.**

8. **AOB**

- Tillicoultry AFC asked about gaining a long term lease with Alva Park. SM advised them to make a formal enquiry with a proposal and then it will be taken from there.

9. **D.O.N.M.**

- Monday 19th February, 7-9pm, Alloa Town Hall