**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**7.00pm 11 May 2021**

Zoom

**MINUTES**

**Attendance Present:**

Rona McCraw – Chair

Hilary Lumsden – Secretary/Treasurer

Elspeth Wallace – Fife AC

Margaret Kennedy - Councillor

Gillian Paton – Ladybank Golf Club

Vanessa Rengger – Tayport Tennis Club

Madison Garland – Active Schools Coordinator

Grant Stevenson – FSLT

Jamie Moffatt – Sports Development Officer

1. **Welcome and** **Apologies**

Rona welcomed the attendees.

Apologies came from Ross Taylor, Robbie Nellies, Martin Turnbull, Marianne Scott.

**2. Minutes from last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting on 9th March 2021 were approved with one amend to point 8/para2/last line missing word ‘repeat’; being proposed by Elspeth Wallace and seconded by Gillian Paton.

1. **Matters Arising**

Howe of Fife RFC have replied to say they have secured funding and now wish to withdraw the application to EFSC for funding.

Kinburn Bowling Club have decided not to apply for phased funding regards the new lease from Fife Council. The Chair spoke to them about what Duffus Park Bowling Club had done regards the same issue, but KBC state that if they cannot pay this now they will not be able to do so in 5 years.

St Andrews Table Tennis Club have been trying to establish when Victoria Memorial Hall in St Andrews will be available again for users as this is the only facility that the club can access suitable hours – they have been offered some access by the Cosmos Centre but it is not at a time that suits most members. The concern is that this contradicts Fife Council’s new sport & PA strategy. Fife Council state that the agreement is with the UK Gov and there is no change planned currently. J Moffatt outlined the strategy is to launch within a week and then the development plan will follow to tie into local area plans; he will speak to FC contact to find out any further information on community access. Cllr Kennedy stated that UK Gov arrangements should start to be revised now that the vaccine is rolling out.

**4. Secretary/Treasurer Report**

[Emailed 10-05-21]

I attended an excellent webinar by the FairPlay Foundation called Colour of Our - introduction to equality and inclusion in sport; run by a young female student this was an exciting, interesting and interactive event that opened up a lot of discussion around issues of sectarianism, racism, disability and prejudice.

Scottish Club Sport held a member check-in event online, which offered a great opportunity to meet and discuss issues with other sports councils around Scotland. It is planned this will become a regular event every three months or so.

Sportscotland has been running a number of useful webinars, 3 in partnership with Scottish Club Sport and SENscot (Social Enterprise Network Sco) on the Return to Sporting Facilities, Financial Sustainability and later in May - UK Community Leisure focusing on leisure facilities. Plus, What Funders Want gave insight to the focus of Sportscotland, the support available for club development and how to go about making funding applications.

The three sports councils met and agreed terms for the Recognition Awards, which were launched on 5 April 2021 and closed on 30 April 2021. Over 200 nominations were received, around 45 from East Fife. Certificates for everyone who was nominated will be sent by the sports council and a social media template has been created by Fife Council to acknowledge winners. A Facebook boost was used to promote this, which cost £10.

Grant funding was applied for and offered by Scottish Club Sport to cover the cost of Zoom, boosting Facebook posts and extra funding for C-19 Emergency fund for member clubs.

Rona, Martin and I met with Meg Buchanan for the Service Level Agreement review, and we are delighted that funding at the same rate as the previous 3 years has been secured for 2021-22. We await the new SLA.

Duffus Park Community Asset Transfer, the main barriers are legal challenges as individual applications from clubs would make the cost unachievable for FC - so one application from the hub would probably be the only way to move forward. Also any application would need to show that FC would not be left with looking after the parts of the park that would bring in no income. The Chair queried if there is any further news on this, but J Moffatt confirmed that only one club is interested currently. Cllr Kennedy commented that ethos behind use of the park must be considered and its fundamental long-term use for community leisure, she would feel uncomfortable about any one part of the park being sectioned off.

The Hub also met on Monday 10 May to discuss other matters, including access to FSLT facilities.

The Observatory for Sport in Scotland launched its manifesto (attached) and held a hustings with the 5 main parties. Over 100 people attended and the chat was very interesting showing common issues and challenges including access to facilities, CAT and community access, red tape vs common sense, funding and reducing cost to public purse, inequality, Active Schools sport available foc. All agreed that sport should be a collaboration between parties and that the link with health is key. As always, a very positive event by OSS.

EFSC Membership renewal for 2021-22 was circulated at the end of March, to date c.60 of 75 clubs have responded and paid. Cllr Kennedy asked how clubs are recovering from lockdown? In general response is positive, the membership uptake is also encouraging, and clubs that need assistance are engaging - we have supported six with Emergency C-19 funding to date.

**Income and Expenditure** [Emailed 10-05-21]

I confirm a bank statement balance of £34831, dated 16 April 2021. Balance in account on 10-05-21 is £34571. Transaction include income from FC’s recurring grant, membership fees and SCS funding, and expenditure on   
4 grants (March), SCS membership and wages.

**5. Correspondence**

Largo Bay Sailing Club thanked the committee again for funding and confirmed the winch for the boat would be installed by the end of April. Falkland Tennis Clun also sent many thanks the committee for funding awarded.

**6. Sports Development Officer Report**

**Hubs - Ross Taylor**

**Waterstone Crook CSH** Hub meeting on 6 May to discuss the development of the sports youth club programme (based at the Larick Centre and Tayport FC), where we hope to help use sport to get young people more active physically, mentally and socially. I have attached the proposal for this project for more detail.

**Duffus Park CSH** Hub meeting on 10 May to reconnect post COVID-19. We hope to take a fresh start approach to working with the school and getting more young people active through Sport + PA in local clubs.

**East Neuk CSH** We are working towards setting up a multisport camp at Waid Academy as part of the area planning groups summer provision. We are in the process of contacting clubs who are interested to contribute to this camp, and we will meet with them on Wed 12 May in evening to further discuss a) the camp scheduling and b) the exploration of external funding to help subsidise young people or families who want to continue their sport + physical activity experience post-camp in a local club.

**Cash for Kids + Co-op partnership** Jamie and I met with the above organisations to explore the social / community outcomes we share and how we can better work together on the ones that we align with. Moving forwards, our next steps are to identify opportunities for tackling holiday hunger (+ term time provision) alongside sport in a way that significantly reduces stigma for families in NEF. We hope that the above listed activities in hubs will be the beginning or launch of such activity.

**Jamie Moffatt**

**East Neuk Junior Golf Development Group**

* + Awarded £1500 from Radio Tay Cash for Kids to purchase equipment to develop junior golf in schools/community/clubs
  + Working in partnership with Active Schools around curricular delivery of golf in all primary schools before the summer holidays
  + Supporting East Neuk Community Sport Hub summer camp, and wider provisions in the area

**East Neuk Summer Provisions**

* + Meeting on 12 May with all clubs in the area and Community Learning & Development leads to intertwine community sport, with targeted provisions throughout the area

**Joint Sports Council Meeting** – Young People (4 May).

**sportsSTARS sessions return**

* + In the week beginning 26 April, we had a successful return of our indoor primary school multi-sport provisions at both Elmwood College and Waid Academy

**Duffus Park Community Asset Transfer Update**

* + Currently only one club have shown an interest to move discussions to the next phase, and will be supported by Nicky Donald (DTAS) and Jamie Moffatt

**NEF Community Manager**

* + Please note that Janice Laird has since retired from her post as North East Fife Community Manager, and has been replaced by Donald Grant ([Donald.grant@fife.gov.uk](mailto:Donald.grant@fife.gov.uk)).

The Fife Sport Recognition Awards have run well with a good number of nominations and offers a good chance for publicity, which is currently being planned.

G Paton commented that Scottish Golf has funding available for clubs without a professional, which could help the clubs involved with EN Junior Golf project. J Moffatt will pass this on.

Cllr Kennedy commends the plans and hopes further plans can extend to Cupar, especially the Café proposal.

**7. Active Schools Officer Report**

Not much to update on previous report, but it is hoped that external visitors will be permitted into schools soon. The Euros Get Active campaign mentioned previously has seen Fife take on North Ayreshire, so we are hoping for a clear win.

**8. FSLT**

G Stevenson reported that 13 facilities are now open, and that Fife Council has provided money to support opening Burntisland Beacon soon. There were 23000 attendances across Fife since opening and c.4000 in E Fife. Feedback from users and clubs is positive; adult activity is still restricted and so programs are too. Cupar’s health program classes have an indicative date to start of end of May. The summer program is being planned, with free swimming for kids again. Work is being done with Fife Council around supporting testing, eg. mobile units, where possible to offer car parking and welfare facilities for their staff within own facilities.

The Chair asked about continued restrictions to opening of Cupar Sports Centre and astroturf and what long-term plan is for facilities in E Fife. Discussion followed on concerns about access to Cupar’s astroturf, plus its condition and upkeep, access in general to facilities for the public in E Fife and how the summer program would benefit kids with free swimming there if the centres are shut during the day and at weekends. Contacting the centres was difficult, especially East Sands where there is a higher number of tourists/families keen to use.

G Stevenson commented that concerns are taken on board but that C-19 has been disastrous and that problems are Fife wide, there are still unknowns including support from Fife Council; services are being delivered best they can be and hours have been reduced to recover from C-19. Cupar’s health program will be delivered during centre’s closed hours. He is very happy to discuss access to the astroturf or the facilities if clubs contact him.

The Chair proposed another meeting with MSP W Rennie, to follow the meeting in Sept 2019 when first cuts to hours occurred in order to progress discussions with management about how decisions affect the public, people and communities. Cllr Kennedy agreed with this, stating a meeting would benefit shared understanding, and that there was a problem with cuts pre-C-19, that at that time hard decisions were made with no wider consultation, and that a blueprint for resilience, with flexible working, is advisable to avoid further cuts/closures should C-19 continue to spike in the future. Also to look at damage limitation such as recorded phone messages specific to centres to help staff who are dealing with large volumes of calls and then in some cases irritated customers.

**9. Young Persons Opportunity**

There have been no formal applications as yet, though one is expected to come from a discussion with a local young person. Concern around the timing of the original launch during lockdown, propose to re-launch once restrictions ease more.

**10. Events 2021**

* Quiz, confirm Zoom date in late June with D Jackman and clarify that couples can share one device; quiz in person on 05/11/21 subject to restrictions, venue tbc.
* CWPS training, 4 dates set in 2021 – Mar/June/Sept/Dec. Meg to confirm re First Aid, as we have demand for this course once it is given the go-ahead.
* Clubs were surveyed to find out how much interest there is to find funding for an Active Families project to help them recover from lockdown and get back up and running again, but only around six clubs responded that they would take this forward; we would need double this to make it worthwhile. Again timing may have been wrong for this and we could revisit.

**11. AOCB**

Agreed to provide R Taylor with a letter of support for the Youth Sports Hub project.

V Rengger confirmed the Larick Centre is now fully open and has exciting plans.

Cllr Kennedy thanked everyone for the positive discussions.

The Grants Sub-committee met before the ECM and authorised funding to the following members:

Pittenweem Tennis Club Equipment/C-19 Emergency £1,000.00

Tayport Walking Football Equipment £254.00

Scotscraig Bowling Equipment £500.00

Lundin Bowling Equipment £500.00

Fife Cycle Speedway C-19 Emergency £500.00

**12. Date of Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 13th July 2021** at **7.00pm** on Zoom; agreed to look at blended meeting.

**Dates for 2021** on Zoom

5 Oct

7 Dec

AGM 14 Sept

Quiz Night 5 Nov