Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
held at the Pitreavie Athletics Centre, Dunfermline
on Monday 17th August 2009

Present

A. Kenney    Hon. Vice President
Cllr D. Chapman (Chairman)  Fife Council
Dr G. Johnston (Vice Chair)  Dunfermline Carnegie Hockey Club
N. E. Grimshaw  Secretary
Cllr L. Mogg    Fife Council
Cllr D. Walker    Fife Council
H. Bruce     Pitreavie AAC
Mrs N. Gibson Dunfermline Cricket Club
D. Scott Carnegie Dunfermline Trust
Mrs L. O’Hara Disabled Swim Group
Ms L. Norman Fife Council Sports Development
A. Baird    Fife Active Schools
A. Smith Dunfermline Archers
Mrs S. Glover Spartans Gymnastics Club
Mrs P. Reid Dunfermline Tennis Club
A. Durham Rosyth U12s Colts FC
K. Forster Dunfermline Carnegie Hockey Club
A. Donaldson Sport Tayside and Fife
G. Duncan Crossgates Bowling Club
M. Rouse Dunfermline Model Aero Club
B. Grieve Dunfermline Model Aero Club – visitor
B. Crossan Dunfermline Model Aero Club - visitor

Apologies

Councillor A. Bain;  W. Donaldson, Ms C. Semple, S. Lawlor, J. Beech,
Mrs W. Watson, Mrs J. Henderson, Ms P. Turner, M. O’Neill.

The Chairman welcomed members to the first meeting of the Executive Committee.
1. **Minutes of Last Meeting – 2nd March 2009**

   The Minutes were agreed.

   Proposed: Mrs N. Gibson  Seconded: D. Scott

2. **Matters Arising**

   None.

3. **Correspondence**

   1. Dunfermline Tennis Club
      
      Thanks for recent grant aid for club coaching programme.

   2. East Fife Sports Council Annual Awards
      
      Regretfully no one was available to attend this event on 21st April at Elmwood College, Cupar.

   3. Dunfermline City Half Marathon 2009
      
      John Martindale, Race Director, thanked the Sports Council for their support particularly those who gave their time to help on the day.

   4. Dunfermline Carnegie Trust
      
      The Trust has agreed to support the Primary Schools Sports Festivals Series and the Sport For All Festival in 2009.

   5. Active Schools
      
      An A – Z leaflet produced by Active Schools for local pupils had been received which displayed the contacts for many member clubs. Andrew Bird mentioned a new version was being produced for Fife.

4. **Appointment of Sub Committee Conveners**

   The following members were appointed unanimously:

   - Finance and Grants: Mrs N. Gibson
   - Publicity and Events: Alex Smith
   - Sports Development: Dr Gordon Johnston

5. **Appointment of Sub Committee Members**

   Previous incumbents re-appointed with the three new members appointed as follows:

   - Finance and Grants: Mike Rouse
   - Sports Development: John Beech and Mike O’Neill
6. Finance Report

1. The Secretary presented the report prepared by the Treasurer. Mr Grimshaw pointed out that the ring fenced funds previously held by Fife Council for football had been transferred to the Sports Council’s account at the request of Fife Council.

2. Fife Council – Recurring Grant Funding

The Council had agreed a 2% inflationary increase be applied to Grant Support for Voluntary Organisations.

3. Re-affiliation

Notices had been sent to member clubs and membership fees are now being received.

4. Insurance

Policy with Perkins Slade Ltd renewed.

7. Grant Aid Applications

1. Dunfermline High Schools

Request for financial assistance for a Rugby Tour to Canada was turned down as grant aid is available only to clubs in affiliation to the Sports Council.

2. Crossgates Bowling Club

Request for grant aid for an Umpires Kit, the total cost of which is £146. An award of 50% (£73), agreed.

3. Dunfermline Carnegie Hockey Club

Request for assistance to purchase goalkeepers protective kit, the total cost of which was £707. The maximum award i.e. £200 was agreed.

4. During the extended period since the last meeting two awards were considered by the Chairman and Treasurer for which homologation was sought and agreed unanimously.

   (a) Rosyth Colts FC

   Request for grant aid towards the purchase of equipment including medical bag, footballs and goal nets with a total cost of £195. Awarded 50% (£98).

   (b) Dunfermline Riding for Disabled Group
Request for assistance towards purchase of fence posts and strimmer with a total cost of £452.71. Awarded £200.

5. Fife Council Grants

The Secretary to obtain details of the Council’s scheme to circulate to Clubs.

8. Publicity and Events Report

1. Executive Committee contact list updated and tabled.

2. Club Contact List updated and circulated.

3. AGM
   (a) Minutes and Annual Report circulated by post and email
   (b) A letter of thanks sent by the Chairman to the three former Executive Members who stood down at the AGM.

4. Sports Awards Boards

The unveiling ceremony of the Awards Boards, previously displayed at the Carnegie Leisure Centre, took place on 17th August at the Kingsgate Shopping Centre. Alan Kenney, assisted by Harry Bruce, had re-positioned the Awards Boards in the Centre a few weeks previously following Alan’s negotiations with the Centre Manager. With the help of the Fife Sports and Leisure Trust the Awards Boards had been cleaned and updated with the names of the 2008 award winners prior to being erected at the Centre.

Councillor Chapman performed the unveiling before a group of invited guests.

The Sports Council to explore alternative methods of display in readiness for the re-opening of the Carnegie Leisure Centre.

5. Holyrood Sport in Communities Conference, the Royal Society of Edinburgh.

Following an invitation from SALSC the Hon. Vice President gave a presentation to the Conference in June before an audience of approximately 100 guests from various organisations involved in Scottish Sport. The Conference was chaired by former First Minister, the Rt Hon. Henry McLeish.

A copy of the presentation was circulated and posted on the Sports Council’s web-site.

Alan gave a brief overview of his presentation which highlighted the importance of partnerships with a variety of local organisations.

Councillor Chapman and members thanked Alan for his valuable input.
9. Sports Development

1. Tennis

   (a) Dunfermline Tennis Club reported 55 participants took part in their Easter Mini Tennis Camps in April.

   (b) The 31st annual Dunfermline Junior Open Tennis Tournament was held in August at Dunfermline Tennis Club. 104 players competed in boys and girls events for Under 8s to Under 12s. The players came from around Scotland, from England and six from the United States.

   There were two notable records made this year. The most successful player in the tournament was 13 year old Zoe Henderson from Dunfermline Tennis Club who won three singles titles. Zoe took the girls 14, 16 and 18 singles titles and also the 18 doubles title partnering Alessia Palmieri also from the home club. Alessia along with American partner Matthew Blake took the Mixed Doubles title for the fourth consecutive year.

2. Pitreavie AAC Forth Bridge 10K

   A former competitor had raised an issue regarding parked cars obstructing the route. The Secretary had relayed the matter to the Race Director who was dealing with it.

3. Swimming – Our 2008 Masters Award Winner Andrea Gellan recently swan the English Channel in 11 hrs 35 mins to become the second fastest Scottish woman to complete this notable feat.

4. Dunfermline (10 Pin) BYC

   Brian Gillespie and Pauline Chung went to Sweden to represent Scotland as part of an eight person team at the European Youth Championships in April 2009 for ten pin bowling.

   This was Pauline’s first EYC and although she was unhappy with her bowling she did bowl about her league average over the tournament and enjoyed the whole experience.

   This was Brian’s third EYC and he finished 18th in the all events with an average of 204. This qualified him to play in the masters round, a feat never before accomplished by a Scottish boy.

   The club also had a Scottish girl from Aberdeen reaching the masters. Full details of all scores can be seen on eyc2009.

10. Sport For All Festival
The launch for the 2009 Festival took place at the Kingsgate Shopping Centre on Monday 17th August with approximately 30 guests in attendance.

This year’s 10 day Festival offers nearly 50 events covering 16 sports arranged by local clubs and Fife Sports and Leisure Trust staff. Complementing these displays, competitions and come and try activities are approximately 100 sessions arranged by local Community Use Schools staff.

Several competitions are set to attract visitors from various parts of Scotland including the Forth Swim, Young Athletes Trophy Meeting and the SALSC Inter District Ladies 50 plus Bowls Tournament at Headwell.

7000 full colour booklets will be distributed to schools, libraries, clubs, shopping centres and leisure facilities. The full programme will be displayed on our web site and we have requested club sites to also post the information on their own sites.

Details of the Festival will also be carried on the website of Fife Sports and Leisure Trust and will be fed into the schools network.

Adverts are planned for Dunfermline Press, the Courier and the Sunday Post.

The Chairman thanked the clubs, Community Use Staff and the Fife Sports and Leisure Trust personnel for their contribution to the varied programme of events.

11. P5/P6/P7 Athletics Festivals 2009

1. The Sports Council staged the annual Cross Country and Relay Athletics Festivals in Pittencrieff Park, Dunfermline, on Friday 8th May at part of the Run Dunfermline weekend organised by local promoters Interloq.

15 local primary schools entered nearly 500 pupils in this always popular event.

Pitreavie Athletic Club provided the officials together with the Fife Active Schools team who recruited some High School pupils to assist on the day.

Aimed at giving the children the opportunity to experience a taste of a big time athletic event using part of the City Half Marathon course, the children were paced round the course by talented young local athletes Bethanie Finlayson, Luke Kelly and Euan Dyer from Pitreavie AAC.

An innovation this year was the use of Chip Timing, a system in common use at all major road races which tracks the runners from start to finish and aids the results process.

Despite the poor weather all the pupils had a great time and received a medal from David Walker, Carnegie Dunfermline Trust member, and the Sports Council’s Hon. Vice President, Alan Kenney, after crossing the finishing line.

The overall result was:-
2. P7 Outdoor Hockey Festival

Townhill PS won the above event held at Duloch Leisure Centre beating Pittencrieff PS by 4 goals to 1. Duloch PS emerged in 3rd spot after a shoot out with Inverkeithing PS who finished in 4th. The winners and runners up advanced to the Scottish National Primary Schools Finals in Edinburgh in June where they played well, each winning six games and losing one. 16 teams took part in this festival. CDT member Linda Brown made the presentations and Dunfermline Carnegie Hockey Club provided the officials.

3. Kwik Cricket Festival

Eight primary school teams advanced to the Quarter Finals from the original 18 entered for the Kwik Cricket Festival promoted by Dunfermline and West Fife Sports Council on 3rd June.

The Festival, hosted and run by Dunfermline Cricket Club at McKane Park suffered from some bad weather on Friday which required a hastily re-arranged change of venue to Pitreavie Indoor Centre. After some sparkling batting and bowling Townhill PS overcame Pittencrieff PS, while Donibristle PS snatched 3rd spot from Kings Road PS.

All 4 teams qualified for the Fife Kwik Cricket Finals at Freuchie Cricket Club on Tuesday 9th June. Alan Kenney, Sports Council Hon. Vice President made the presentations.

4. Mini Wimbledon Festival

This event was cancelled due to heavy rain and has been rescheduled for September.

5. The extra Indoor Festival arranged on 24th June to accommodate those schools wishing to enter their 2nd teams in the April Festival was cancelled due to a lack of entries. The date chosen was found inconvenient for the schools targeted.

6. Track/Field Athletes Festival – 17th September

7. Indoor Hockey Festival – 3rd and 9th November

8. Indoor Athletics Festival – 1st and 2nd December
14 such Festivals in six sports are organised annually by the Sports Council supported by the Carnegie Dunfermline Trust, Fife Council and Fife Sports and Leisure Trust.


Coach Education - Bill Hogg and Dunfermline and West Active Schools ran a successful 6 week programme of coach education. Initially it was targeted at Senior pupils but was also open to the public. Courses such as Football, Hockey, Emergency First Aid and Safeguarding and Protecting Children plus more all went down well.

All eligible participants used ILA’s to pay for the course.

The plan is to run something similar in October.

If any clubs would like more info or would be keen to see if they can send volunteers on these courses, please contact Bill Hogg on 08451 55 55 55 Ext 402284

Summer Sports Camp - Following last years successful pilot, Fife Council Sports Development again ran a sports camp in Cowdenbeath for young people in the surrounding areas.

The camp attracted 105 young people and 14 different sports. It was a huge success and complimented the roll out of the programme with Madras and Balwearie also running camps.

Key partnerships were Sports Development, Active Schools Coordinators, local sports Clubs, Community Use Schools, Community Education and DWFSC.

This year at Beath the following clubs were involved: Dunfermline Cricket Club, Pitreavie Athletics Club, Dunfermline Carnegie Hockey Club, Dunfermline Reign, Spartans Gymnastic Display Team, Aberdour Tennis Club, Fife Southern Rugby Club, Orion Badminton Club, Aberdour Shinty Club, Dunfermline Tennis Club, David Lawtie (Cycling), Stephanie Hamilton Dance & generic volunteers attracted through Volunteer Centre Fife, Senior pupils and Sports Leadership courses. Coaches also ran Orienteering and handball.

Next year the hope is 2 camps will run in each area.

Sports Leader- These generic sports leadership courses are advertised on Fife Direct and in the Coach Education brochure.

A sports leader course for senior pupils and the community will run at Inverkeithing Community Use starting after the October break until March 2010.

13. Fife Active Schools Report

Andrew Baird supplied the updated list of co-ordinators and mentioned that James Fenna had been seconded to replace Sarah Drury as FAS Manager. Sarah was now Community Use Manager at Beath High.
The pilot Coach Education Programme was very successful and is planned to be run in October. If any clubs would like to see specific courses please contact Active Schools or Sports Development. The main objectives for Active Schools this academic year will be to continue providing activities for all children to be active but to focus much more on the ‘inactive child’ and engaging more children in physical activity.

14. Sport Tayside and Fife Report

1. Seminars

Notification of three seminars had been received and forwarded to clubs.

- Strength and Conditioning Introduction – 18th August
- Positive Coaching – 26th August
- Rugby Coaching – 15th August

2. Coaching Safari Conference 2010

A questionnaire had been received and circulated to clubs by email requesting information on what format and what kind of seminar delegates would prefer.

Alasdair Donaldson urged all clubs and members of the Executive to complete and return the forms as soon as possible.

15. SALSC Report

1. SALSC Reaffiliation

2. Newsletter

- Extracts from the newsletter were tabled including
- SALSC is set to become a Company Limited by guarantee
- The Association now have a deal with a Company producing team clothing
- A new partnership with Volunteer Development Scotland established
- Sport Relief Fund – the programme is now open for new applications ranging from £1000 to £5000.


The Dunfermline & West Fife team emerged the winners after defeating Sport Renfrewshire 9 – 6 in the Final. Thanks were extended to Lena Cook for recruiting the successful team.
16. **AOCB**

1. Mrs Glover reported the Spartans GC had been invited to pay a reciprocal visit to the Czech Republic in July 2010

2. Dr Johnston enquired about the current position of proposals to build an indoor centre at Pitreavie. Mr Kenney replied that discussions were ongoing.

17. **Date of Next Sub Committee Meeting**

   To be decided.

18. **Date of Next Executive Committee Meeting**

   To be decided.