

sportscotland

Council Meeting

Minutes of the Council Board Meeting held at Inverclyde on Wednesday 31 October 2018 at 09:00am.

Present

Members

Mr M Young, Chair
Mr D Cameron
Mr C Grant
Mrs C Riddell
Professor L Robinson
Mrs S Sandilands
Miss K U'ren
Mr G Walker
Ms F Wood

In Attendance

Council Officers

Mr S Harris, Chief Executive
Mr S Ogg
Mr M Roberts
Mr M Whittingham
Mr N Cobb
Mrs K McCheyne
Mr B Fleeting
Mr J Lunn
Mrs J Lynn
Mr D Williamson
Mrs A Dougan
Mr C Robison
Miss L Cook

Scottish Government

Mr D Grieve

South Ayrshire Council

Mr D Hutchison, Depute CEO

Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. He commented on the very enjoyable and informative strategic discussion held the evening before. This had focused on building stronger and more effective partnerships with Scottish Governing Bodies.

Business

1 Apologies for Absence

- *Apologies were noted from Ms H Ousta and Professor C Mahoney (for both the 30 October strategic discussion and the 31 October Board meeting).*

2 Declarations of Interest

- *Mr Cameron declared an interest in item 6, the approved funding to Rothiemurchus and Aviemore Tennis Club.*

3 Minutes of Meeting held on 29 August 2018

- *The minutes of the Board meeting held on 29 August 2018 were approved as a true and accurate record, with an amendment to item 16.*

4 Matters Arising

Mr Harris thanked Mr Grieve for his support in getting a positive decision on the Lottery Underpin from the Scottish Government for 2018/19. The Minister has now authorised the allocation.

Mr Roberts updated that Keith Russell has been appointed as full time CEO at Badminton Scotland.

5 Chair's Report

The Chair emphasised how positive he is when experiencing the Scottish sporting system in action and encourages the Board members to take the opportunity to also see our work first hand and meet people in communities. Should members be available to spend some time in the system please contact Mr Harris and Miss Cook. The Chair also highlighted how inspiring he found the SFA Grassroots Awards, as they showcased young players and new community initiatives.

The Chair noted that Mr Skinner has been asked by the Minister to stand down from the Board. The Board discussed the importance of Board Members having awareness of the expectations of them. The Chair took the opportunity to thank Mr Skinner for his contributions, in particular for Chairing the Financial Resources Committee.

The Chair also highlighted UK Sport has almost reached the conclusion of their consultation process, and that DCMS have announced some extra investment for high performance sport which could potentially be allocated to sports which do not receive investment.

- *The Board noted the Chair's Report.*

6 Executive Management Report

Mr Harris highlighted Camelot's new strategy to arrest the decline in sales through Lotto which is intended to rebuild public confidence in the National Lottery.

Mr Harris highlighted the additional £3.4 million investment from the Scottish Government has been secured.

Mr Harris also noted that good progress has been made with the restructure on Coach Education in Scotland through meetings with SGBs and the SQA. This is a good opportunity to customise the qualifications to best benefit coaches in Scotland. The team are also looking to ensure the cross-border value of qualifications and the creation of generic modules to make obtaining multi-sport qualifications easier.

Mr Harris updated on the Transforming Indoor Scottish Tennis project. There has been some media coverage of the financial challenges facing the Lawn Tennis Association, a note of interest has been received from The Murray Foundation.

➤ *The Board noted the Executive Management Report.*

For Discussion

7 Local Authority Partnership Planning – Progress Report

Mrs Lynn presented an update on the progress of the Local Partners meetings by outlining the process and sharing the outcomes. Mr Hutchison, Depute Chief Executive of South Ayrshire Council then presented on the impact this partnership has had on South Ayrshire. A draft paper will be brought to the next Board and the final investment paper will be submitted at the February 2019 Board meeting.

The Board discussed Mr Hutchison on what challenges are presented with a four year investment when they work with an annual budget, Mr Hutchinson noted that it makes it easier to safeguard the network from potential budget cuts.

The Board also commented that there seems to be a lack of awareness of the positive impact sport and physical activity can have on mental health and queried if there was a way to raise awareness through Local Authorities.

➤ *The Board welcomed the presentation and update on Local Authority partnership work.*

8 Corporate Plan Progress Report

Mrs Dougan presented on the progress made in the last ten months with the Corporate Plan process. Mr Harris then presented on the next stages of the process, noting that this has been the most in depth consultation ever carried out by **sportscotland**.

The Board noted there are still profit driven barriers to the accessibility of sports facilities, and that there may be a need to be more creative with our partnership working to address this issue.

The Board also commented on the importance of qualitative data as well as quantitative as the detail captured can be very powerful when used in sharing success stories.

The Board also highlighted that it should be acknowledged that some people aren't prevented from accessing the system but merely do not wish to participate and have no interest in sport.

Mr Harris presented the next steps highlighting the ambition to bring the plan to life involves strengthening core partnerships, joint working in areas of socio-economic challenge, focusing on health and well-being and Public Health priorities.

The Board all agreed the direction of travel is exciting and will be discussed in more detail at the December Board meeting.

➤ *The Board noted the progress being made with the corporate planning process and business planning process.*

9 SGB Generic Support Programme

Mr Lunn introduced the topic and Mr Robison presented on the generic support **sportscotland** has provided to SGBs for the last ten years, in addition to the investment they are allocated. Mr Robison provided details on the improvements which have been made as a result of this support.

➤ *The Board welcomed the presentation.*

10 Culture, Integrity & Welfare in High Performance System – 2018 Update

Mr Whittingham presented on the progress and approach being taken to address current, future, and previous issues in relation to culture, integrity, and welfare of our current world class performance programmes.

➤ *The Board welcomed the presentation.*

For Decision

11 sportscotland Group Annual Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2018

12 sportscotland Group Audit Scotland Annual Report to the Board and the Auditor General for Scotland for the year ended 31 March 2018

Mr Cobb introduced the paper asking the Board to approve the Annual Group Accounts following the updated pension valuation which was subsequently received after the August 2018 Board meeting.

➤ *The Board formally approved the Group Annual Accounts and Letter of Representation.*

For Information

13 Communications update

Mrs McCheyne introduced the paper, highlighting that the 'Speaking the same language' toolkits are being rolled out throughout the organisation.

Noted and taken as read with the Board providing positive feedback.

14 Gaelic Language Plan Annual Report

Noted and taken as read.

15 Audit and Risk Committee Minutes

Noted and taken as read.

16 Trust Company Board Minutes

The Board discussed the Cumbrae review. Mr Harris confirmed that the report will be presented to the Trust Company Board at its next meeting and an update will be provided to the **sportscotland** Board in December.

Noted and taken as read.

17 Any Other Business

The Chair acknowledged that this was Professor Robinson's last Board meeting and expressed his thanks for all her helpful, insightful and positive contributions throughout her time on the Board. The Board wished Professor Robinson good luck for the future and made a small personal presentation.

Mr Harris informed the Board that Mr Ogg has delayed his retirement until the Christmas break, to support the Corporate/ Business plan process and the Cumbrae Review. Mr Harris thanked Mr Ogg for agreeing to the delay.

Mr Grieve noted that the next Board meeting falls on the same date as the Scottish Government Budget announcement, 12 December, however he will be unable to comment as the announcements will not have been made until later that afternoon.

18 Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday/Wednesday: 11/12 December 2018, Inverclyde National Centre.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

ACTIONS

Agenda Item	Responsible Officer	Planned Action	Actions Taken
8	SGH	Draft Corporate Plan and Business Plan to be prepared for December Board	Included in papers. Presentations and workshops will take place at December Board.