

sportscotland

Council Meeting

Minutes of the Council Board Meeting held at Caledonia House, 1 Redheughs Rigg, South Gyle, Edinburgh, EH12 9DQ on Wednesday 22 June 2016 at 10:00 a.m.

Present

Members

Mr M Young, Chair
Mr D Cameron
Mr D Gass
Professor G Jarvie
Professor C Mahoney
Ms C Riddell
Professor L Robinson
Mr R Stone
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 J Kent
Mr J Lunn
Ms J Lynn
Mr D Mackay
Mr S Roberts
Mr D Williamson

Ms P Lombardi – Minute Secretary

Scottish Government

Aileen Campbell MSP, Minister for Public Health and Sport (part)
Mr Derek Grieve

Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Business

Apologies

- *There were no apologies for absence.*

1 Declarations of interest

- *There were no new declarations of interest.*

2 Minutes of Meeting held on 16 December 2015

- *The minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2016 were approved.*

3 Matters Arising

- *Matters arising from the previous meeting had been actioned as noted in the minutes and no further matters were raised.*

4 Chairman's Report

Mr Young explained his future plans for the Board in terms of a shift of focus towards the value-add aspect of the role of Board member. The approach would identify clear tasks around the scrutiny work and value-add improvement through wider discussions on elements of the sport system and topical issues such as doping, gambling, commercial funding, etc. Since the Ethics in Sport Committee had completed its initial remit, there would be a natural progression of ongoing areas for discussion to the wider Board. Mr Young would arrange to meet with each Board member to hear his or her views and suggestions. Current and upcoming Board member vacancies would be handled over the next few months through the Scottish Government's Board member recruitment process.

Members were supportive of the Chairman's plan to steer the Board's focus more towards value add and strategic input.

Mr Young noted his plan to bring to the **sportscotland** Board information from his attendance at other relevant meetings and conferences. As Chairman, the key issues were around equalities and diversity, communications and how we as an organisation are delivering sport.

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

5 Executive Management Report

Mr Harris updated Board members on the areas of note within the Executive Management Report that highlighted those key activities and actions undertaken by the Strategic Management Team of **sportscotland** not contained in other substantive papers.

Mr Harris reported on the very positive Scottish Leaders Forum held recently, where the Government's priorities were outlined and the emphasis was on collaboration, community empowerment and economic growth.

In terms of the particular local authority partnerships that had been discussed at the last Board meeting, Mr Harris noted that North Lanarkshire Council had taken back responsibility for the strategic sport and leisure activity and were clear on what should be delivered by North Lanarkshire Leisure as part of the contract. Although Stirling Council continued to experience difficulties the facilities management contract was out to tender and **sportscotland** continued to try to provide a positive influence. A meeting was scheduled with Falkirk Council on partnership and adding value locally.

Mr Harris confirmed that the new Young People's Sports Panel induction would soon take place at Glenmore Lodge. This was a good platform to influence the development of sport in Scotland and give an opportunity for the panel's voices to be heard in representing Scotland's youth. Engagement with the Board would be sought for panel members.

The Board discussed the role of a local authority and how it should link to the wider agenda. In terms of local government securing opportunities for sport and the Scottish Government's guidance for councils, the Board recognised that there was a need for the Scottish Government to lead at a more strategic level in some of the collaborations. **sportscotland** can try to influence if our advice is not taken, but the degree and effectiveness of that influence is limited in those areas of council work on sport that are not funded by **sportscotland**. There was discussion around city deals (a combination of UK and Scottish Government investment) and how to build sport activities into the heart of those arrangements and the Board also considered how improved interaction with the Health boards might begin to make a real difference on health in a practical way. It was important to establish the right partnerships to have the right impact on the existing positive activity and goodwill and this should be a matter for further Board debate.

➤ *The Board noted the Executive Management Report.*

For Discussion

6 Corporate and Business Plan: Annual Out-turn Report 2015/16

Mr Williamson explained that the reporting process focused on impact measures and provided members with an overview of the key strands: Participation; Progression; People; Places and Profile. He noted that the next steps were about improving data collection, describing change and evaluating impact.

The Board discussed the importance of enhancing and widening the **sportscotland** profile through improved communications and the use of digital platforms and key events. It was agreed that Kate McCheyne, Head of Communications, would give an update presentation to a future Board meeting to put in context the whole communications picture.

The Board agreed that in order to better articulate the **sportscotland** brand, more detailed work was needed around understanding the audience and seeing the impact. It was also important not to shy away from acknowledging problems and explaining the importance of the work that remained to be done.

➤ *The Board noted the Corporate and Business Plan: Annual Out-turn Report 2015-16.*

7 High Performance Update

Mr Whittingham provided Board members with a confidential overview of High Performance's approach to the three upcoming key events – Rio 2016, PyeonChang 2018 and Gold Coast 2018 – and outlined the current position, likely predictions, challenges and risks. He explained that the approach taken was based on maximising opportunity and minimising risk.

- *The Board noted the High Performance Update.*

Aileen Campbell MSP, Minister for Public Health and Sport, joined the meeting.

The Minister outlined her priorities around getting the country more active more often and noted the First Minister's clear criteria to create a more equal society across the different ministerial briefs. Sport continued to be linked to the public health portfolio. Following the recent election, a revised Strategic Guidelines would be sent out to **sportscotland**.

8 Facilities Planning and Development

Mr Cowan updated the Board on the work of the key Facilities areas of planning, design and investment. He noted the value add in terms of advice provided and summarised the impact of the significant number of projects funded and investments made.

The Board discussed how facilities work demonstrated the strategic importance of the cross-agenda and how access to a 'facilities map for Scotland' could provide a much clearer idea of available resources in Scotland and identify where there were gaps or blockages. The Board agreed that together with coordinated discussions with the Scottish Government and key partners this approach could assist with planning, aid analysis and finding ways to properly empower communities. The planned review of the Facilities fund would look to address some of these points and the findings would be brought back to the Board for continued discussion.

- *The Board noted the Facilities Planning and Development Update.*

9 Physical Education Update – Forward Plans

Ms Lynn noted good progress on the aim of providing two hours / two periods per week of physical education in schools, which included research around practitioners and the difference in impact and achievement levels determined by the ability and confidence of teachers. Ms Lynn confirmed that a good number of the local authorities had expressed interest in working on the local education agenda and whilst discussions continued at local level, engagement with Education Scotland and the Scottish Government were vital next steps to push the connection between physical education in schools and how that can affect the future health, wellbeing and confidence of pupils.

- *The Board noted the progress made with the Physical Education programme, the future opportunities and challenges and **sportscotland's** commitment to a transition phase of the programme until March 2017 pending discussions with Education Scotland and the Scottish Government.*

For Decision

10 Recognition of Sporting Activities and National Governing Bodies

10.1 Parkour UK

- *The Board approved the recognition of Parkour as a sport and Parkour UK as the recognised UK governing body for Parkour.*

10.2 UK Ultimate

- *The Board approved the recognition of UK Ultimate as the UK governing body for the sport of Ultimate.*

10.3 Kickboxing and the British Kickboxing Association

- *The Board declined the application for Kickboxing to be officially recognised as a sport and for the British Kickboxing Council to be recognised as a UK governing body, but suggested that explanation and detail be provided to the British Kickboxing Council around requirements for a successful application.*

11 sportscotland Investment Representation Process

11.1 Scottish Sports Association (SSA)

The SSA made a presentation to the Board to request that the decision taken by the Board at its December 2015 meeting be reconsidered. Following the presentation, the Board discussed the matter at length and concluded that the original decision should be upheld.

For Information

12 **Health and Safety Report** – taken as read.

13 **Ethics Committee Minutes** – taken as read.

14 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the **sportscotland** Board will be held on Wednesday 24 August at 10:00 a.m. in Caledonia House, Edinburgh.

15 Any Other Business

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

Agenda Item	Responsible Officer	Planned Action	Actions Taken
4	Mr Harris	Engagement with the Young People's Sports Panel as part of its programme of work.	Covered in August Executive Report.
6	Mr Ogg	Head of Communications to be invited back to a future Board meeting to provide an update on the overall Communications picture.	Planned for October meeting.
8	Mr Roberts	Findings from the Facilities Fund Review to be discussed at a future Board meeting.	Planned for October meeting.