

WIGTOWNSHIRE SPORTS COUNCIL

Minutes of Executive Committee held on Thursday 19th November 2020

Held online due to Covid-19 Restrictions

Jim welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

In Attendance

Jim Hayes - Chairman

Jamie Nelson

Alex Whiteside

Alison Murray - Leisure & Sport, D&G Council

John Galloway

Dot Plant

Helen McMiken

Jane McDowall (Secretary & Treasurer)

1. Apologies

Action

Brian Wallace and Ailsa Taggart.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (1st October 2020)

All agreed that the minutes were an accurate record of the business conducted and the adoption of the minutes was proposed by Jamie and seconded by John.

3. Matters Arising not covered on Agenda

None.

4. Affiliations

The majority of individuals and clubs whose affiliation cheques were rejected by Bank as "out of date" have now paid.

One new affiliation - Kaleb Johnston (golf).

Affiliation Fees 2021 - It was unanimously agreed that the 2020 affiliation fees would carry over until December 2021 unless anyone had received a grant award in 2020 - they would be asked to pay an affiliation fee in 2021 in addition to 2020.

5. Treasurer's Report

Balance Sheet to 17th November circulated with agenda. Grant expenditure of £2,440.13 paid out to date.

A small number of members had been awarded grants in March prior to lockdown and received the first 50% of award. It was agreed that Jane should contact the applicants to check if they had utilised grant as awarded and if not request return of the monies.

Jane

Jamie confirmed that the Stranraer Stingrays grant award would not be claimed due to being unable to purchase equipment during current restrictions. Jamie will be contacting Jim in due course to discuss potential grant awarding bodies for the timing equipment.

Jamie

Jane confirmed that Dumfries & Galloway Council has confirmed the award of £7,100 for the 2021 financial year (April 2021 - 2022). Jane will forward acceptance form to Jim for signature and return to DGC.

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Jim*

Wigtown Community Shop had confirmed that the £500 awarded at start of year is to be held until next Awards.

Maximum Grant Award - Jamie had suggested amended at October meeting to amend the maximum amount of grant award downwards in line with the reduced amounts being granted. Jane suggested leaving as at present with "up to" maximum amount which allows the committee the option to award the maximum in exceptional circumstances. All agreed.

6. Sports Council Grant Applications

The under-noted grant application was considered and decision made as follows:

2020/015	Ailsa Erskine	Travel to Ayr for training Oct - Dec 2020 and contribution to purchase of new football boots.	£375.00
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7. Correspondence

Link on Wigtownshire Sports Council's Facebook page to a survey about the impact of Covid-19 on sport in the community to collate information for the MSPs on the Scottish Government's Health and Sport Committee.

8. Future Funding for Sports Council

Jim said that it was difficult to apply for any funding as present. He asked if anyone had any ideas for projects. It was suggested that the next Sports Personality Awards could be in March 2022. Jim will investigate potential funders.

Jim

Dot said she would pass on to Jim the link to a fund advised by Wendy Jesson of Dumfries & Galloway Council.

Dot

9. A.O.C.B.

Jane had joined the ClubSport Scotland AGM online on Saturday 7th November - there had been some interesting speakers.

Some Sports Councils were changing their names to ClubSport "Name" and becoming Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisations (SCIOs). It was agreed that this was not a route WSC was considering at present.

Alex enquired about funding for First Aid Training, possibly in March/April 2021. It was confirmed that the Sports Council is able to contribute towards First Aid training.

10. Date of Next Meeting

7.30 pm on Thursday 31st January 2021 - online.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.