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RENFREWSHIRE SPORTS NETWORK

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

Monday 22nd June 2009.

Lagoon Leisure Centre, Paisley

06/22 Welcome:

John welcomed all to the meeting and thanked Renfrewshire Council for offering to give a presentation on the 'Community Infrastructure Programme' which is the Councils key initiative to 2014, impacting on all sports clubs.

06/22 1 1 Present:

John Rodger	Athletics
Jim McAusland	Cricket
Raymond Nelson	Hockey
Tom Somerville	Rugby
Charles Woodward	Water Sports
Barry Wilson	Boxing
Stephen Edenborough	Swimming
Lindsay Lang	Basketball
Jim Renfrew	Basketball
	Football
Susan McDonald	Councillor
Ronnie Gourley	Renfrewshire Council
Tony Finn	Renfrewshire Leisure Ltd
Derek McKay	Council Leader
Joyce McKellar	RLL

06/22 1 2 Apologies:

Billy Hassen	Football
John McIntyre	Linwood Boxing Club
Steve Murphy	Martial Arts
Janis McDonald	RCVS
Oliver Barsby	SALSC
Danny Bisland	Football

06/22 2 1 Community Infrastructure Programme (Including leisure Asset Review)

Council leader Derek McKay was delighted to be asked to the Sports Network and give the presentation in advance of the full council meeting on Thursday when the programme will be ratified.

Full details can be found on web link:

<http://www.renfrewshire.gov.uk/ilwwcm/publishing.nsf/Content/ce-jl-92MBoostforSchoolsSportsLeisure>

(Below is the Councils release on the web site on the detail of the programme and the basis of Derek's presentation)

Communities across Renfrewshire are set to benefit from a £92million investment in schools and sports and leisure facilities. (£40m for sport)

Plans approved at a meeting of Renfrewshire Council on Thursday 25 June propose a new Park Mains High on the school's existing Erskine site, along with new or improved leisure and sports facilities in Paisley, Johnstone, Linwood, and Erskine. The facilities will be built between 2010 and 2013.

The highlights in the investment package include:

Erskine: £33m new Park Mains High School with new sports facilities available for community use.

Linwood: £24.1m on a community sports hub at Linwood Sports Centre. A new 25m six-lane swimming pool plus teaching and fun pools will be joined by an 8-court sports hall, fitness suite and dance studio. The existing pitches and athletics track will be upgraded.

Johnstone: £6.3m on a community sports hub based at Johnstone High School. Facilities will include a 25m 4-lane pool, dance studios, fitness gym and a full size synthetic pitch in addition to the existing 4-court sports hall. A major review of Johnstone town centre and the development of a regeneration masterplan is also proposed.

Paisley: £7.1m to develop a community sports hub at the Lagoon Leisure Centre. The current arena will accommodate an extended fitness gym and an improved changing area. Climbing walls, skateboard parks and mountain bike equipment will be provided. The swimming pool will be updated with modern water features. A spa area will be created with beauty treatment rooms and a steam room.

Renfrew: £16.3m investment in some Renfrew primary schools.

There will be also £250,000 investment in Renfrew's Victory Baths and £500,000 in Erskine Pool, extending the working life of both pools.

“This £92million investment will deliver high quality sports and leisure facilities for individuals, sports clubs and communities across Renfrewshire,” said Renfrewshire Council Leader Derek Mackay.

“On education, we’ll be delivering an outstanding new school for Park Mains High which will deliver a first class education for 1400 pupils.

“The Council is also using this investment to give people more opportunities, to drive forward the regeneration of our town centres, to help develop healthy lifestyles and increase participation in sport and leisure activities.

“We’re broadening access, giving families more options for their leisure time, and also enhancing our commitment to our vision of ‘Renfrewshire: Gateway to the Games’ in advance of the Commonwealth Games in Glasgow in 2014.

“When you consider the current proposal along with the £149m investment in council housing that means Renfrewshire Council has confirmed almost a quarter of a billion pounds of investment in recent months. That’s a massive vote of confidence in Renfrewshire’s future and will bring an economic boost as well as improving people’s quality of life. This will be the biggest investment programme Renfrewshire’s Leisure facilities have ever seen.”

Added Councillor Mackay, “Before we finalised our proposals, the Council and Renfrewshire Leisure Limited (RLL), who operate the sports facilities, carried out a strategic review to make sure that we would take forward investment in a way that maximises the benefit to the community. Not only are we investing major funding, we’ve deliberately taken the opportunity to integrate community, education and sporting facilities and services.”

The proposals outlined in the investment package include consideration of the integration of day services for adults with learning disabilities currently based at Maxwellton, Paisley and Greensyde, Linwood, into the Lagoon and Linwood Sports Centre developments. Consultations are continuing with service users and carers regarding these proposals which would affirm the Council’s commitment to retaining day centres as part of the overall strategy of developing a more community-based service for learning disabled adults.

The review of sports and leisure facilities also recommends that the swimming pools at Elderslie and Johnstone will be replaced by two new pools at Johnstone High School and at the community sports hub in Linwood.

Elderslie Pool is in poor condition with few modern facilities and limited disabled access. A survey found most users did not come from the Elderslie and Johnstone communities. Most were from swimming clubs or came for swimming lessons. The two new pools at Linwood and Johnstone will give these swimmers, along with local users, a far higher quality of

facility for them to enjoy. There are also good public transport links from Elderslie to Johnstone High School and Linwood.

The Council is pledging that neither of the existing pools will close until the new sports and swimming facility at Johnstone High is open. The multi-award winning Ren96 swimming club will be able to use the new Linwood pool as their base and will have access to Johnstone for further training opportunities.

And the relocation of facilities will open up new possibilities for projects to boost the town centre of Johnstone.

“The relocation of the Johnstone Pool to the new Community Hub at the High School will present a once-in-a lifetime opportunity to redesign Johnstone town centre, to lever in further investment and work in partnership with the community to bring forward a new era for Johnstone.

“Overall, this investment will bring social, economic, health and fitness benefits and help continue the regeneration of communities and town centres,” said Councillor Mackay. “It will boost jobs and apprenticeships, stimulate the local economy at a time of recession and strengthen our working with partner organisations to deliver for the people of Renfrewshire.”

06/22 2 2 Discussion:

There was a full discussion on the presentation with various interest and comments expressed.

Although the agreed programme would not be subject to major change, there was the opportunity for the Sports Network to engage in discussion regarding the detail of the design and specification of facilities.

It was noted that the major omission was the provision of any hockey facility to 2014.

It was agreed to set up a working group to discuss the proposals and report back to the Executive Committee regarding the way forward.

Action – Working Group – John Rodger, Steven Edenborough, Jim Renfrew or Lindsay Lang

RENFREWSHIRE SPORTS NETWORK

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

Monday 15th June 2009.

Lagoon Leisure Centre, Paisley

06/15 Welcome:

John welcomed all to the meeting and thanked everyone for attending the launch & photograph with Derek McKay, Leader Renfrewshire Council.

John welcomed Danny Bisland, Club Development Manager, West Region SFA, to his first meeting of the Executive.

Tonight's meeting will include two presentations, which will be taken early, and welcomed Liz Jamieson and Graeme McDonald

John congratulated Lindsay on the announcement that Basketballpaisley is one of 95 volunteering groups from across the UK winning this year's Queen's Award for Voluntary Service, recognising the outstanding contributions made to local communities by groups voluntarily devoting their time for the benefit of others. This prestigious National Honour, which is equivalent to the MBE, sets the national benchmark for excellence in volunteering, and the activities of those awarded have been judged of the highest standard.

06/15 1 1 Present:

John Rodger	Athletics
Jim McAusland	Cricket
Raymond Nelson	Hockey
Tom Somerville	Rugby
Charles Woodward	Water Sports
Barry Wilson	Boxing
Stephen Edenborough	Swimming
Danny Bisland	Football
Lindsay Lang	Basketball
Janis McDonald	RCVS
Susan McDonald	Councillor
Ronnie Gourley	Renfrewshire Council
Tony Finn	Renfrewshire Leisure Ltd
Oliver Barsby	SALSC

06/15 1 2 Apologies:

Billy Hassen	Football
John McIntyre	Linwood Boxing Club
Steve Murphy	Martial Arts

06/15 2 1 Minutes of meeting 11th May 2009 :

Approved.

Proposed: James McAusland
Seconded: Steven Edenborough

06/15 2 2 Items arising:

Included in Agenda

06/15 3 Governance

06/15 3 1 Executive Committee Members

The Executive formally approved as members:

Danny Bisland: representing football, and
Jim Renfrew: representing basketball

Proposed: John Rodger Seconded: Jim McAusland

The secretary reported that Billy Hassen, Gleniffer Thistle, who has sent his apologies, and appointed by P&D Youth League, appears to be secretary of SportRenfrewshire from information on their web site. The matter will be clarified and discussed at our next meeting.

06/15 4 Business Development

06/15 4 1 Business Plan

John stated that this was the next key item to concentrate on and he would progress this item on our behalf.

06/15 4 2 Treasurers Report

Barry confirmed that in addition to the grant for 2008/09 of £2000 being received, the first quarter payment of our £10,000 council grant, £2,500, has been received.

Expenditure to date was minimal with banner / change of Web site address to .com / SALSC fees and other minor items.

The secretary reported that the first request from Renfrewshire Council regarding our expenditure to date had been received; returned and hopefully second portion grant would be paid.

06/15 5 Renfrewshire Council Items

06/15 5 1 Playing Field Strategy

Liz Jamieson, Head of Planning and Community Services, Education and Leisure was delighted to attend and give a presentation on the Council's Playing Field Strategy, issued for consultation as agreed at the Community and Family Care Policy Board on the 26th May 2009 (minute attachment 1, for information)

Liz stated it was the aim of the Council to provide high quality facilities as demonstrated with new facilities:

- Lagoon
- Penilee & Seedhill
- GARL Project

The next stage is the Leisure Asset Review and the development of the Playing Field Strategy.

Liz detailed the process to produce the report consulting:

- Football fraternity
- Sports other than football

The outcomes agreed were :

- Improve supply and demand for pitches
- Meetings with football and other sports
- Improved links with sports through active schools/active Renfrewshire teams
- Reduce costs to synthetic pitches
- Access to indoor training facilities

Further consultations required, between June 2009 and September 2009:

- Creation of sports hubs
- Creation of youth football zones
- Changes to football calendar
- Leasing pitches

Regarding sports hubs it was not clear what this meant but consultation on:

- Proposed locations
- Sports clubs allocated
- Management of hubs

Action - Following discussion at questions on the presentation, it was agreed that the Sports Network would establish a sub group Hockey/Rugby/Cricket/ Football to review the strategy document and report back to Executive.

06/15 5 2 Leisure Asset Review

Susan / Liz reported that the report will be in the public domain by next week and offered to give a presentation to the Executive. It was agreed, Monday 22nd June, 7:00 pm for presentation on Leisure Asset Review.

Action - Venue to be confirmed by secretary.

06/15 5 3 Coach education

Graeme McDonald, Coach education gave a presentation and issued a paper on proposed coach education programmes.

Graeme is proposing that a 1 day programme / event would take place to deliver a successful coach education programmes and increase the number of qualified coaches and volunteers throughout Renfrewshire

Graeme is in the process of drawing up a questionnaire that will be handed out to all coaches, volunteers, clubs and organisations. The questionnaire will have a list of sports and generic coaching courses along with desired levels. People can choose what course they wish and level they would like to achieve. This questionnaire will form the basis of the courses that will be delivered at the Coach event.

The questionnaire will be put forward in draft form to the steering group and then sent out ASAP after all partners involved are happy with it.

Graeme thought it would be of great value to the Sports Network to have a list of all affiliated club coaches qualifications which would help the Network in any future planning for Coach Education, whether at future coaching events or any individual courses running throughout the UK.

A full discussion on coach education took place and the role RSN should play. No conclusion was reached.

Graeme is intending to organise an event, probably October in the Linwood Sports Centre and requested a member of RSN be involved.

It was agreed that Charles would be our nomination for the steering group to be set up by the end of June.

06/15 5 4 RLL

Tony gave a brief update on current RLL initiatives. In particular:

- RLL intend to review last year's performance
- Review letting management policy to meet needs of clubs
- Club Fitness Suits – free come & try session in summer
- Out and About activities – Lochwinnoch / Muirshiel

John thanked Tony for his update and urged members to raise items should there be concern regarding RLL facilities

06/15 5 5 Active Renfrewshire Strategic Group

John reported two meeting since we last met - due to time – updates at next meeting

06/15 5 6 LAC

Carried forward to next meeting.

06/15 5 7 Provosts Sports Awards

Ronnie to confirm dates of awards, with invitation to RSN

06/15 6 Publicity

05/15 6 1 Launch

John thanked all for attending this evenings launch and Derek McKay for his input. It was agreed that John would coordinate press statements and Barry supply photograph for press. John thanked Barry for organising banner and photographer.

In order to gain more publicity use would made of Council Magazines through the Council's PR Office. It was noted it would a year since the Sports Summit

06/15 6 2 Web Site

John thanked Barry for the work on the website and it is looking the part.

As per Barry's Emails comments on content and items for inclusion required.

If possible documents posted on pdf files. Barry will source software that will convert word to pdf.

Link to website: <http://www.renfrewshiresportsnetwork.btik.com/>

It was agreed that we would not issue a formal newsletter but use the web site for news and articles

06/15 7 Grants Policy / Procedure

Due to time a limited discussion on grants took place.

It was agreed that we would not be giving out individual grants but grants, possibly for a sport, for:

- Coach education – possibly at the top end, and
- Volunteer Development;

both of which were in our grant application.

Action - Barry agreed to look to produce draft policy for grants

06/15 8 Membership

It was agreed that would not charge clubs for membership.

Due to time it was agreed to discuss membership strategy at our next meeting.

06/15 9 SALSC

Oliver reported on the following items:

- Membership Application – Our membership application has been the first new application for many years. The SALSC Board have tabled our membership for their July meeting and have copies of our constitution and accounts.
- Consultations and forms now on line <http://www.salsc.org.uk/>. As per RSN, SALCS continually update web site.
- SALSC is the official partner for the ‘Sport in the Communities’ One Day Conference taking place on 24th June 2009 in Edinburgh. This should be an exciting and extremely relevant conference looking at all aspects of sport in local communities with a number of high profile speakers including: This conference will examine e how to encourage greater development and use of local facilities for sport as well as the broader role of sport in promoting community engagement and cohesion. The conference will also look at the work of the Scottish Parliament’s Pathways into Sport inquiry and explore how to encourage more people of all ages to take up sport at all levels.
- Audit Scotland will be completing a review of LA facilities

06/15 10 AOCB

06/15 10 1 None

06/15 11 Date of Next Meeting:

17th August – 19:00 hours - Lagoon

Attachment 1

MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY AND FAMILY CARE POLICY BOARD

HELD ON 26TH MAY, 2009

10. RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL'S DRAFT PLAYING FIELDS STRATEGY

There was submitted a report by the Director of Education & Leisure Services relative to Renfrewshire Council's Draft Playing Fields Strategy. The report intimated that Renfrewshire Council's commitment to the provision of high quality, accessible sports and leisure facilities had been demonstrated through the recent investment in the Seedhill and Penilee projects, the Glasgow Airport Rail Link (GARL) project and the construction of the Lagoon dry sports facilities. Future planned investment at St James' Playing Fields and Ferguslie Sports Centre, through the GARL project and through the implementation of the leisure asset review would further improve the condition of playing fields in Renfrewshire.

At the meeting of this Board held on 27th May, 2008 the transfer of the management of playing fields from environmental services to education and leisure services was approved and this improved and simplified the booking experience for customers. The Board had also been informed that an audit of current provision would be undertaken and that a playing fields strategy would be developed. A draft playing fields strategy, which was attached as an annex to the report, had been developed and included detail on existing provision; demand for playing fields; the consultation which had been undertaken; the management of facilities; and options and solutions.

It was proposed that further consultation be undertaken between June and September, 2009 to explore the options and solutions in relation to improving the management of facilities which would include the creation of community sports hubs; the creation of youth football zones; changes to the football calendar; the leasing of pitches; and the management and operation of the synthetic pitches at Seedhill and Penilee being transferred to Renfrewshire Leisure Limited (RLL). Following this consultation, the strategy would be updated and an implementation plan developed which would be reported to a meeting of this Board before the end of 2009.

It was noted that in relation to table 2 of the annex to the report there was 1 full size pitch with pitch quality C and not 2 as detailed in the annex, and three 5-a-side- pitches with pitch quality C and not 6 as detailed in the annex.

Councillor McCartin, seconded by Councillor McDonald, moved that the draft playing fields strategy be approved; that it be agreed that consultation be undertaken, as outlined in section 1.5 of the report; and that the Director of Education & Leisure Services be instructed to produce an updated strategy and develop an implementation plan, following further consultation, and report these to a meeting of this Board before the end of 2009.

RENFREWSHIRE SPORTS NETWORK

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

Monday 11th May 2009.

Lagoon Leisure Centre, Paisley

05/11 Welcome:

John welcomed all to the meeting following the AGM and thanked Jim for his work as Chair and taking us forward to where are today.

As Chair John would ensure the organisation continues to be a voice for the Clubs in partnership with Renfrewshire Council.

Tonight's meeting would be brief and cover items of note, particularly the proposed launch.

05/11 1 1 Present:

John Rodger	Athletics
Jim McAusland	Cricket
Raymond Nelson	Hockey
Tom Somerville	Rugby
Charles Woodward	Water Sports
Barry Wilson	Boxing
Stephen Edenborough	Swimming
Susan McDonald	Councillor
Ronnie Gourley	Renfrewshire Council
Tony Finn	Renfrewshire Leisure Ltd
Oliver Barsby	SALSC

05/11 1 2 Apologies:

Billy Hassen	Football
John McIntyre	Linwood Boxing Club
Steve Murphy	Martial Arts
Janis McDonald	RCVS
Lindsay Lang	Basketball

05/11 2 1 Minutes of meeting 30th March 2009 :

Approved.

Proposed: Tom Sommerville
Seconded: Charles Woodward

05/11 2 2 Items arising:

Included in Agenda

05/11 3 Governance

05/11 3 1 Executive Committee Members

John agreed to speak to those not present this evening to ensure their commitment to membership of the Executive

05/11 3 2 Management Structure

A letter had been received dated 6th May to the RSN from Renfrewshire Council - Marjorie Munro and Susan – and circulated to Executive, commenting on two issues:

- The Council considered the RSN proposed management structure as being very formal, hierarchical and not conducive to engaging with current members or attracting new members or strengthening partnership with Council or other partners.

Jim again stated that the proposals were for discussion at this stage and as per previous minute, *the sports development section were possibly longer term ambitions and to be carried forward.*

Following discussion it was agreed to note the Councils comments and move forward in partnership when considering structure.

- The letter also contained comment on Barry's FOI request as an individual for financial information in order to obtain information of overall sports funding in Renfrewshire. The Executive noted the comments and Barry stated he would respond as an individual but stated any use of information would be made in a positive manner. The Executive accepted the right of Barry to make any request as an individual.

05/11 4 Business Development

05/11 4 1 Business Plans

Carried forward

05/11 4 2 Treasurers Report

Barry confirmed that the grant for 2008/09 of £2000 had been received and banked with no expenditure to date

05/11 4 3 Grant 2009/10

Barry reported that the £10,000 grant had been approved subject to conditions:

Secretary apologised for not bringing document with conditions but would add to minute for future discussion if necessary;

Note: Conditions as per grant letter dated 8th April 2009:

- Support key outcomes of :
 - Active Renfrewshire Strategy
 - Renfrewshire Gateway to the Games
- Work in Partnership with Renfrewshire Council and other key partners to implement Active Renfrewshire Strategy, through:
 - Network Development
 - Communication (shared branding)
 - Volunteer and club development

05/11 5 Renfrewshire Council Issues

05/11 5 1 Pitches Strategy & Leisure Asset Review

Ronnie & Susan confirmed that the Council's Pitch Strategy will be issued for consultation in late May.

The secretary confirmed he had written to Liz Jamieson in order to discuss the content of the document prior to issue for consultation and find Liz's reply as below:

I'm continuing to work on the strategy with a view, hopefully, to presenting it to our policy board at the end of May. Until the report has the approval of the committee, I cannot release it into the public domain, I would, however, be delighted to attend the RSN following the committee to discuss it with you. At that stage there will require to be further consultation on the strategy so it would be helpful to me to get the views of the RSN prior to consulting more widely. I trust this is helpful to you.

05/11 5 2 RLL

Tony gave an update on current RLL initiatives with lots going on with participation the key element. Easter had been successful with a good response.

Summer brochure issued for 7 week period with:

- Sports and Activity Camps for primary and S1 pupils
- Lagoon Centre activities
- Club Fitness Suits – free come & try session in summer
- Out and About activities – Lochwinnoch / Muirshiel

Jogging Buddies – link - <http://www.joggingbuddies.co.uk/>, for information, meet at local sports centres etc.

Coach Education –hope to pull together programme for winter.

For the Leisure Asset Review there is £30 to £40 m allocated and it is important that the RSN and the Clubs have their say

John thanked Tony for his update and urged members to raise items should there be concern regarding RLL facilities

05/11 5 3 Active Renfrewshire Strategic Group

No update from last meeting as next meeting being held this Friday 15th May.

05/11 5 4 LAC's

Carried forward to next meeting.

05/11 5 5 Provosts Sports Awards

Ronnie to confirm dates of awards, with invitation to RSN

05/11 6 Publicity

05/11 6 1 Launch / AGM

After discussion it was agreed that we have our formal launch on Monday 15th June and invite appropriate high level officials and press.

It was hoped that Ronnie would assist in the launch preparation.

ACTION – John to Co ordinate launch for 15th June 2009.

05/11 6 2 Web Site

Barry gave an update on development and noted that there was finance available for development if required.

Link to website: <http://www.renfrewshiresportsnetwork.btik.com/>

05/11 7 Grants Policy / Procedure

Deferred to future meeting

05/11 8 SALSC

Oliver reported on the following items:

- Conference well attended, although numbers down from the year before. Looking for items for next year' conference.
- Consultations and forms now on line <http://www.salsc.org.uk/>. As per RSN, SALCS continually update web site.
- Recommend visit to website for information
- 'Sport in the Communities' One Day Conference taking place on 24th June 2009 at the Royal Society of Edinburgh discussing improving provision and participation.
- Mentioned 'Community Sports Hubs' as Sportscotland initiative. Further discussion at next meeting to clarify (secretary notes <http://www.sportscotland.org.uk/>, worth looking at)
- Audit Scotland will complete a review of LA facilities

05/11 9 AOCB

05/11 9 1 Update

Ronnie gave an update on a several items which included:

- Healthy Lifestyle team – Volunteer event held early May had been successful and thanked volunteers for their work
- Paisley 10k – 30th August – update on arrangements
- Brochure – Renfrewshire Gateway to Games – Updated and issued to Executive

05/11 Date of Next Meeting:

To be confirmed.

Lagoon preferred venue.

RENFREWSHIRE SPORTS NETWORK

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Monday 11th May 2009.

Lagoon Leisure Centre, Paisley

Welcome:

Jim welcomed all to Renfrewshire Sports Network's first AGM.

1 Present:

Jim McAusland	Chair	Cricket
John Rodger	Vice Chairman	Athletics
Raymond Nelson	Secretary	Hockey
Barry Wilson	Treasurer	Boxing
Stephen Edenborough		Swimming
Charles Woodward		Water Sports
Tom Somerville		Rugby
Ronnie Gourley		Renfrewshire Council
Tony Finn		Renfrewshire Leisure Ltd
Oliver Barsby		SALSC
Susan McDonald		Renfrewshire Council Councillor

2 Apologies:

Billy Hassen	Football
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3 Chairman's Report:

Executive Programme

The Chairman stated that since the initial outline inauguration of RSN in November the Interim Executive had placed commitment to a positive Programme of Development.

He indicated that whilst the principal objectives had been achieved :-

- Establishment of the Executive incorporating all Sports.
- Completion of the formal Constitution
- Outline Governance Arrangements
- Securing Finance and implementation of Financial Management / Scrutiny
- Inclusion of RSN on Active Renfrewshire Group

There would be a great deal to be addressed to achieve the necessary objectives / outputs as identified in the Constitution... to develop interaction and be a voice for Sports Clubs in

Renfrewshire

Future initiatives include...

- Launch
- Business Plan
- Strategic / Partnership Development
- It is imperative that the momentum is maintained

Partnership

Jim emphasised the appreciation of the Executive on the comprehensive and unstinting support received from Renfrewshire Council in the development of RSN and in awarding Financial support ...Political guidance...Administrative liaison...and in the opportunities afforded to RSN through membership of Active Renfrewshire Strategy Group

The Chairman also expressed appreciation of the positive input from RLL / SALCS / RCVS

There are two major initiatives being undertaken by the Council during 2009:

- Leisure Asset Review;
- Playing Field Strategy;

It is imperative that the Clubs have a strong voice during the consultations

Interim Executive Arrangements

Jim stated that he wished to take the opportunity of thanking Patricia Cassidy formerly of Renfrewshire Council for her extremely professional input ably assisted by Ronnie Gourlay in the development of RSN

He also expressed his appreciation of the commitment support / input of the Members of the Interim Executive and in particular Office Bearers John Roger / Ray Nelson / Barry Wilson

Jim indicated that he would not wish to be considered for election as Chair in the formal Executive ...due to being recently diagnosed with a chronic illness ...and having completed his remit... he considered that the next stage of RSN should be led by someone with comprehensive experience / links with Sports Clubs in Renfrewshire

4 Treasurer's Report:

Barry presented the attached Annual Report and Accounts.

To date we have received £2000 grant from Renfrewshire Council with no expenditure.

It was anticipated we would receive £10,000 grant for 2009/10 once all paperwork was completed and returned to the Council.

The Treasurer recommended that we formally write to the Provost to confirm that she is willing to be Hon President as per Constitution.

Adopted: Tom Sommerville: Seconded: Jim McAusland

5 Election of Office Bearers

Present:		Sport:	Proposed:	Seconded:
John Rodger	Chair	Athletics	Jim McAusland	Steven Edenborough
Jim McAusland	Vice Chair	Cricket	John Rodger	Tom Sommerville
Raymond Nelson	Secretary	Hockey	Jim McAusland	Tom Sommerville
Barry Wilson	Treasurer	Boxing	Charles Woodward	Raymond Nelson
Stephen Edenborough		Swimming	Tom Somerville	Tom Somerville
Charles Woodward		Watersports	Barry Wilson	John Rodger
Tom Somerville		Rugby	John Rodger	Charles Woodward
Billy Hassen		Football		
Stephen Murphy		Martial Arts		
Lindsay Lang		Basketball		

As several member had given their apologies, the Chair undertook to confirm persons representing activity

6 AOCB

6.1 Chair:

Barry expressed concern as to whether to Chair could be seen to be impartial as John is a member of RLL Board.

John replied that as he is appointed by SportScotland and not by the Council he is of the view that there is no conflict of interest.

6.2 Web Site:

Barry reported progress with Web Site, which is up and running. Discussion on web site took place and we now require to fill content and detail of what we are doing.

6.3 SportScotland:

It was suggested that we have a representative from SportScotland on the Executive.

After discussion it was agreed that we would invite a representative from SportScotland as necessary regarding updates on local and National issues

The meeting closed with a Vote of Thanks to the Chair

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

Five months to 31st March 2009

Objectives:

Renfrewshire Sports Network was formed on the 24th November 2010. It is a not-for-profit voluntary organisation, and is governed by its constitution. The main objectives are as follows:

1. to provide a forum for sports clubs to discuss the development of sports in Renfrewshire
2. to represent the collective views of these clubs to Renfrewshire Council, Renfrewshire Leisure and elected councillors
3. to influence, accordingly, sports strategy in Renfrewshire.

Committee:

The committee members during the period were as follows:

Jim McAusland - chairman	Cricket	Renfrew Cricket Club
John Rodger - vice-chairman	Athletics	Kilbarchan AAC
Raymond Nelson - secretary	Hockey	Kelburne Sports Club
Barry Wilson C.A. - treasurer	Boxing	Linwood ABC
Marion Barclay	Tennis	Gryffe Tennis Club
Stephen Edenborough	Swimming	REN 96
Eddie Gallacher	Football	Paisley and District YL
Billy Hasson	Football	Gleniffer Thistle
Lindsay Lang	Basketball	Basketball Paisley
John McIntyre	Boxing	Linwood ABC
Steven Murphy	Martial Arts	Taekwon-Do Schools
Tom Somerville	Rugby	Paisley RFC
Charles Woodward	Water Sports	Muirshiel Country Park

Non-voting members

Oliver Barsby	Director, Scottish Association of Local Sports Councils(SALSC)
Tony Finn	Business and Service Development Manager, Renfrewshire Leisure Ltd.
Ronnie Gourley	Health Support Manager, Renfrewshire Council
Janis McDonald	Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council for Voluntary Services
Susan McDonald	Councillor, Renfrewshire Council

Election of Committee:

All members of the committee will retire at the AGM, and offer themselves for election.

Review of Activities:

During the four months to 31 March 2009, the necessary preliminary/set-up work of the sports network was carried out, as follows:

1. the constitution was developed and agreed
2. the committee members were appointed
3. the management structure was determined
4. a draft website has been set up at the above address
5. a business plan has been formulated and will be published, in summary version, on the website when it is approved by the committee, which is expected to be before the end of May 2009.
6. Received £2000 funding in January 2009 from Renfrewshire Council

In addition, we have participated in a number of meetings on sports strategy in Renfrewshire, and have established representation on relevant bodies.

Transparency:

The constitution, minutes of meetings, accounts and other relevant information will be published on the website.

Independent Examination of Annual Accounts:

As required by the constitution, there must be an independent examination of the annual accounts. The report of the independent examiner on the annual accounts is on page 3.

Contact:

Raymond Nelson, secretary. By email to raynelson2000@hotmail.co.uk, or by post to 39 Hawkhead Road, Paisley PA1 3NE.

Annual General Meeting:

The AGM will be held in the Lagoon Leisure Centre, Paisley, at 19.00 hours on Monday 11 May 2009.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMITTEE

Raymond Nelson, Secretary

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

Report to the Members of the Renfrewshire Sports Network, on the accounts for the three months to 31 March 2009, set out on page 4.

Responsibilities of the committee:

The committee is responsible for:

1. safe-guarding the assets of the organisation, and maintaining an appropriate system of internal control
2. maintaining appropriate accounting records, and preparing the accounts.

Basis of independent examiner's statement;

My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the committee members concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement:

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the accounting records are inappropriate, or that the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the accounting records, or
2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: J Crawford Bsc(Hons) CA

Date: 8/6/09

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT (for the three months to 31 March 2009)

	£
Income (grant from Renfrewshire Council)	2000
Expenses	0
Surplus for period	<u>2000</u>

BALANCE SHEET at 31 March 2009

	£
Current assets – bank balance	2000
Total assets	<u>2000</u>
<u>Financed by:</u>	
Surplus for period	<u>2000</u>

Approved on behalf of the committee:

J Rodger (Chairman)
8th June 2009

R. Nelson (Secretary)
8th June 2009