**Forth Valley Cricket Development Group**

**Minutes of Management Committee Meeting Jan 18th 2012 at Stirling County C.C. 7.00 pm**Attendees; Ian Shaw (CS RCDM) George Pollock Alex Pollock Bob Ramsay
 Linda Ross Sean Ferrie

Apologies; Ray Bond Stuart Williamson Umar Aslam Andrew Lloyd

Minutes

Up-date on CS Application for ‘Summer Squad’ Coaches

Bob Ramsay informed the group that we had been successful in securing funding from CS for half the funding towards 2 Community Coaches. A brief discussion around what area the two coaches would operate in. It was felt that it, it may be the easiest and most cost effective to have one coach working in Falkirk and one coach working across Stirling and Clackmannan. Ian Shaw would contact the Stirling County Community Cricket Trust (SCCCT) and ask for their input on this matter.
Ian Shaw showed copies of a first draft job description and advert for the two posts, all agreed that they were happy with the content. Ian again said that he would forward on to SCCCT for comment. A discussion on the makeup of interview panel was held, with Ian Shaw and Bob Ramsay volunteering their services, with hopefully input from the SCCCT. (Ian Shaw again to make contact).
A time line for the appointments was discussed and agreed as:-

Advertise – at the latest 30/1/12
Deadline for applications – 13/2/12
Interviews to commence – Week beginning 20/2/12
Successful applicants to commence work – Early March 2012

Ian Shaw to contact CS for Interview documentation, and L.A. Active Schools of the successful funding application and ask if they could provide a school for the interview.

Up-Date On The 6-A-Side Competition

Ian Shaw informed the group that he had received confirmation from Aliastair Mitchell (Falkirk Sports Development Officer) about the price for hiring Grangemouth Sports Centre (£37.80 per hour for all the sports centre for adult booking).
A brief discussion took place in relation to the format and structure of the competition. It was decided that due to time constraints, the format would remain the same as 2011 with a review process end the end of the 2012 indoor competition.
Bob Ramsay agreed to construct fixtures and co-ordinate the 2012 competition, and would email all parties in due course.

FVCDG Development Plan

A discussion centred around the revised Development Plan, with Ian Shaw giving a quick over view of the plan, which requires all clubs to feed information into the group in order for the group and CS to meet the needs of all clubs. Ian Shaw to email clubs asking them for their requirements in a number of different areas (coach/umpire/groundstaff education), in an effort to address these needs.

On the plan Ian Shaw also mentioned that he wished to set up at least three meetings per year with all constituted clubs. All clubs if they wish to meet with Ian to make contact themselves.

There being no other business the meeting was drawn to a close.

There was no date set for the next meeting, but Bob Ramsay agreed to set a date when he emailed all parties with the indoor competition details.

**Forth Valley Cricket Development Group
Mintues of Management Committee Meeting
Thursday 22nd March at Stirling County Cricket Club 7pm**

**Attendees** Ian Shaw (CS) Bob Ramsay (FVCDG Chair) Alec Pollock (St Modans C.C.) George Pollock (St Modans C.C.) Jon Taylor Stirling (C.C.C.) Sean Ferrie (Stirling C.C.C.) Alan Reid (Stenhousemuir C.C.) Andrew Lloyd (Gargunock C.C.)

**Apologies** Stuart Williamson (Stenhousemuir C.C.) Linda Ross (Clackmannan C.C.C.) Umar Aslam (Westquarter & Redding C.C.) Dougie Porteous (Active Stirling)

**Clubs Not in attendance** Doune C.C., Dollar C.C., Clackmannan C.C.C., Westquater & Redding C.C.

**Welcome**Bob welcomed everyone.

**Minutes of Jan 18th 2012**Bob asked the meeting to approve the minutes from our Jan meeting as previously circulated. Minutes were approved.

**Update on the Community Coach Appointments / Timetables**Ian Shaw (CS) explained that the group has been successful in recruiting two coaches, Alex Hayes & Andy Carswell. Alex will be working in the Falkirk schools and Andy in the Stirling / Clackmannanshire Schools. Their contact details are:-
Alex Hayes 07592124912 alh00020@students.stir.ac.uk
Andy Carswell 07540307208 eagleandy69@hotmail.com
Both Alex & Andy have commenced work and have been delivering sessions in both Falkirk and Stirling since 12/3/12. There have been a few issues relating to timetables (clashes etc) which Ian is in the process of sorting out, and will circulate a full timetable when these issues are resolved. In Stirling Andy will be working in the Bannockburn, Stirling and Wallace clusters.
Please can all clubs pass on posters, flyers etc etc to both Alex & Andy in an effort to increase junior membership ASAP.
Schools Kwik Cricket Festivals in Falkirk are to be arranged in partnership with Falkirk Active Schools and the Clubs. Clacks festival is fixed for the 17th June 2012. There is no festival arranged for the Stirling area!
Also of note was that clubs are asked to keep a record of the numbers of new members following the coaching and which schools they come from. This information will help us to plan a coaching programme in 2013.
 **Update on 6-a-side Competition at Dollar**In brief Bob explained that the Six-a-side has been running successfully with no real problems other than going through a number of indoor balls!!! The games have been enjoyed by all and it was agreed to continue this in 2013. Discussions then centred on a location, with Dollar not being everyone’s favoured venue due to it’s location. The group will look into this for 2013. Ian Shaw added that the Central Sporting Partnership was moving to Stirling Uni and as such there may be an opportunity to run the league from there.
 **Forth Valley Six-a-side competition 2012 – Final Stenhousemuir CC v Westquarter & Reading CC**

The Final of the Forth Valley six-a-side competition was held on Friday 30th March 2012 at Dollar Academy Games Hall. Westquarter batted first but failed to get off to their usual flying start when Adham Aslam was run out for 1, their problems were compounded in the third over when, their normally prolific batter, Hamad Mumtaz was well caught by Ross Jones off Keiran Simpson for 8. Their troubles didn’t end there, Umar Aslam, bowled by Aaron Williamson for 1, three wickets down for 28. Enter the “mature” partnership of Steve Sutton and Stuart Cox to steady the ship and take the score to 51 before Cox nicked one (and walked) to keeper Chris Halcrow off captain Kirk Crichton for 8. Young Usman Abbid joined Sutton as they worked the ball around, finishing the ten overs on 66 for 4, Steve Sutton not out on 18. Stenhousemuir fielded well and in the main bowled tightly, however their extras total of more than 20 gave Westquarter a chance to come back, if they could bowl accurately.

The Stenhousemuir innings opened with Ross Jones & Pete Hamilton starting as they obviously meant to continue, with 14 off the first over. Last weeks Westquarter bowling hero Adham Aslam took the first wicket, Ross Jones caught Mumtaz for 11 with the score on 20. Chris Halcrow(3) was bowled in Adham Aslams second over with 37 on the board but Captain Kirk Crichton joined a comfortable looking Pete Hamilton and the pair began to make their presence felt. Hamilton eventually fell to Stuart Fox, a good catch by Adham Aslam, after making a matchwinning score of 25. Simpson (17no) finished the game with the help of Keiran Simpson, as they overtook the Westquarter total in the 8th over. Westquarter bowled and fielded well, but their lack of a defendable score did for them in the end.

So Stenhousemuir took away the trophy with a display of commited cricket in all departments, Westquarter the bridesmaids for a second year, again so near but yet so far. Thanks to both teams for an enjoyable, friendly game, to Dollar Academy for the use of the hall and to Mike Nash for umpiring the games.

*Reporter Bob Ramsay*

**Coach Education (L.A. courses) / CS CPD**Ian Shaw showed the group the coach development / coach education courses available to be run by CS. Ian Shaw to circulate this to the group. Ian highlighted that he was able to deliver ‘Kwik Cricket Managers Course’ (aimed at parents and U15 upwards to help run Kwik games) and an ‘Effective Club Nights’ (aimed at club coaches running U15/adult training sessions) subject to numbers. From a previous conversion with Raymond Bond Ian Shaw indicated that Tony Judd was to run one at Stirling C.C.C – Jon Taylor to chase up.
Ian Shaw to circulate Coach Ed programmes for Clacks and Stirling.  **Club Accreditation (New TopClub)**Ian Shaw explained that clubs would receive TopClub via their club secretary. There were 7 elements to this with standard electronic PDF files to be completed for each. Ian said he would familiarise himself with these templates and then he would need to sit down with someone from each club and go through their documentation with them.
Note – Currently the new PDF forms are suffering from teething problems, currently you can’t save any information or send them to the appropriate CDM as they all go automatically to Steve Paige.

**Inter Club Fixtures (Kwik Cricket Upwards)**Inter club fixtures were discussed at length with all in agreement that inter club Kwik Cricket Festivals would be arranged. Bob Ramsay was tasked with collating a fixture list and distributing it out.
It was proposed that an U18 side under the banner of FV would enter the Western League. No manager or coaches were appointed and it was agreed that a further meeting to discuss was necessary.
  **Development Plan**Ian Shaw brought up that he believes that the Development Plan needs tweaking and should be a working document discussed at each meeting.
 **AOB**Andy Lloyd – Was to arrange a meeting with Doune C.C. to discuss their junior section.
 **Date of Next Meeting –** No date was set.

 **Forth Valley Cricket Development Group
Minutes of Meeting 19th April 2012 @ Stirling County C.C.

Attendees** Bob Ramsay (FVCDG Chairman) Ian Shaw (FVCDG Secretary) Umar Aslam (Westquarter & Redding C.C.) Linda Ross (Clacks C.C.C.) Stuart Williamson (Stenhousemuir C.C.) Brian Reid (Stenhousemuir C.C.)
 Jon Taylor Stirling C.C.C.)

**Apologies** Andrew Lloyd (Gargunock C.C.)

**Clubs not in attendance** – Doune C.C., St Modan’s C.C., Dollar C.C.

**Welcome**Bob welcomed everyone.

**Minutes of April 19th 2012**Bob asked the meeting to approve the minutes from our Jan meeting as previously circulated. Minutes were approved, with Ian Shaw to follow up with Andrew Lloyd about meeting with Doune C.C.

**Update on the Community Coach Appointments / Timetables**Ian Shaw (CS) explained the current situation regards the community coaches timetables. Timetables for Stirling and Clacks are completed. Ian currently chasing up Falkirk for the sessions around Stenny’s C.C. Ian explained that all the timetables are on Google Doc’s, and will send invitations out to all clubs to view the timetable.
Ian explained the need for all clubs to provide promotional material to both Alex & Andy ASAP, to help promote their junior sections. Clubs still needing to provide the coaches with this material include – Clacks C.C.C., Stenhousemuir C.C. and St Modan’s.
Ian discussed that clubs must send their Schools Kwik festival dates to Ian ASAP.

**Forth Valley U18’s – Who is the manager / organiser**All agreed that the concept of all teams contributing players to the side was the way to go, but just needed to clarify the organiser and their role. Bob Ramsay explained that he would be unavailable to manage / organise the team, but said that he would supply the balls. Stewart Williamson agreed to contract Sean Ferrie to discuss.
Also discussed was the potential for the clubs to organise games against teams in the ‘West Stirling League’ to give youngsters a further opportunity to play and develop by playing against adults. Ian Shaw to contact Andrew Lloyd (Gargunock C.C.).

**Finance**Bob explained the need for the group to appoint a new Treasurer as it has been some time since the Treasurers role has been filled, and with the Indoor league having taken place there is a need to have access to bank cash etc. Umar Aslam agreed to taking on the responsibility of the Treasurer’s role. Ian Shaw will organise to hand over the bank statements etc.
Ian Shaw highlighted that after Umar has sorted the bank account out (changed the names on the account) club could send Umar the £250 owed for the ‘Summer Squad’ coaches. Umar will notify the group then this change has been made.
Bob to forward the accounts for the indoor league on to Umar in due course.

**Forth Valley Regional Development Centre**Bob highlighted that there was to be a change in the organisation by CS, and agreed to phone Andy Tennant (CS head of performance) to discuss, and report back at the next meeting.
Bob also highlighted that there were clashes between club games and set FV district games. It was agreed that that this would be discussed and sorted out at a later date. Bob will compile a list of all club junior games and F.V. district games that all are committed to and distribute.

Discussions centred around Club Kwik Festivals, with Stirling C.C.C. highlighting that they are committed to F.V. Kwik festivals, Stenhousemuir also committing to both the Western Union festivals and F.V. festivals. Due to clashes in fixtures it was felt that Monday evening’s may be the best day to run the schools festivals.

**TopClub (Update)**
Ian Shaw explained that he is putting together a number of templates to help clubs complete the required criteria etc.
As per criteria 1.1 & 1.8 Ian is to meet with both the junior and main committees at each of the clubs. Ian asked clubs to give him dates when their meetings are being held. Planned meetings to date include Stirling C.C.C (24/4/12) and Stenhousemuir C.C. (7/5/12)

**AOB**Jon Taylor explained that Stirling C.C.C. is staging the Mini Olympics for Active Stirling on the 13th June which will include secondary school cricket.
Ian Shaw quickly explained about a schools cricket plan that he has put together for comment. He will forward on for comment. (it is a proposal at this stage).
Ian Shaw explained that CS has been given some Cricket Factory equipment via a sponsor to be distributed around the Grangemouth and Falkirk area. Ian to liaise with Umar & Stewart for storage space and schools to be given the free equipment.

No date was set for the next meeting. – Bob & Ian to discuss.

Minutes of Forth Valley Cricket Development Group Meeting 23rd May 2012 Held at Stirling County C.C.

**Attendees** Bob Ramsay (FVCDG Chair) Ian Shaw (FVCDG Secretary) Umar Aslam (FVCDG Treasurer / W.R.C.C.) Jon Taylor (Stirling County C.C.) Andy Carswell (FVCDG Comm Coach) George Pollock (St. Modans C.C.) Alex Pollock (St. Modans C.C.) Alan Reid (Stenhousemuir C.C.)
**Apologies** Andrew Lloyd (Gargunock C.C.)

**Clubs not in attendance** – Clackmannan C.C.C., Doune C.C. Gargunock C.C., Dollar C.C.

**Welcome**
Due to a late arriving Chairman, Ian Shaw explained that he had spoken to David Farquhar (Gargunock C.C.) about the potential for other FVCDG clubs to field developmental teams to play mid-week games in the West Stirling League. David was open to this idea, but this may be difficult this season but more opportunities may exist next year. Ian then asked the group to approve the minutes from the April meeting as previously circulated. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer’s report**
Umar reported that all monies had been received from member clubs regards payment towards ‘Summer Squads’ Community Coaches. He went on to explain that he is still waiting for confirmation from Bank of Scotland that the signatures had been changed, and will keep following this up.

**Coaching Programme 2012 update**
Ian explained that the coaching programme was continuing as planned via the L.A. Active Schools departments.
A lengthy discussion then took place regards the overall success of the programme, i.e. how many children had migrated from the schools to the clubs as a result.

**Schools Coaching Programme 2013+**A discussion around how the coaching programme could be tweaked to improve it for next year took place. With the firm belief that clubs should look at building up stronger partnerships with a smaller number of schools, but improve the quality of provision and number of weeks delivering. Clubs were then asked to complete a list of schools which they would like to work with so that Ian could meet with Active Schools and start planning for next year ASAP.
St ModansSchools :-
Bannockburn P.S.
Braehead P.S.
Bannockburn St Mary’s P.S.

**FV Development Squad Arrangements 2012/2013**
Bob explained to the group that he was still awaiting official notification from CS with regards what the area squads would look like in the future. Bob explained that he will continue to chase CS and Andy Tennant.

**Development Plan**
Due to the meeting running late this section of the meeting was missed out, but will be revisited in the next meeting.

**OAB**Bob explained that the area games results would be put on to ESCA website. Bob also expressed an interest in getting some kit for the players and wondered if the RDS money would cover the costs – Ian to follow up.

**Date of Next Meeting**
27th June 7pm

**Minutes of Forth Valley Cricket Development Group Management Committee 27th June 2012
Held at Stirling County Cricket Club**

**Attendees:** Bob Ramsay (FVCDG Chair) Ian Shaw (FVCDG Secretary) Alan Reid (Stenhousemuir C.C.) Alec Pollock (St Modans C.C.) George Pollock (St Modans C.C.) Jon Taylor (Stirling C.C.C.)
**Apologies:** Linda Ross (Clackmannan C.C.C.)Umar Aslam (Westquarter & Redding C.C.)
 Andre Lloyd (Gargunnock C.C.)

**Clubs not in attendance:** Clackmannan C.C.C., Westquarter & Redding C.C., Gargunnock C.C.,
 Doune C.C., Dollar C.C.

**Welcome**
Bob Ramsay welcomed all for coming, and expressed condolences on behalf of the group to Stirling C.C.C. for the sudden and shock passing away of Stuart McGann.

**Minutes of May 23rd 2012 meeting**Bob asked the meeting to approve the minutes from our May 23rd meeting as previously circulated. Actions resolved from last month were recorded that CS (Andy Tennant) had been in contact with Bob to confirm that the Forth Valley development squad, winter coaching, will take place (probably at Dollar Academy) and will be funded by Cricket Scotland in the same way as last year.
Ian Shaw had still to follow up on finding out whether the CS/Sport Scotland money would fund playing kit for the development squad members.

**Sport Scotland Facilities Fund**
After forwarding on a link to the entire group regards the facilities fund. Ian Shaw briefly explained that there were two possible funds to apply for. A small project (under £100k) and a large project fund (over £100k), both funds require 50% partnership funding. Ian offered his help if any of the clubs were thinking of applying.

**2013 Schools Coaching Initiative**
Schools identified by the clubs to work with over a two year period were:-

Westquarter & Redding C.C.
Wallacestone P.S.
Maddinson P.S.
St. Margarets P.S.
Laureston P.S.
Braes H.S. / Graeme H.S.

St. Modans C.C.
Bannockburn P.S.
Braehead P.S.
St. Mary’s P.S. Bannockburn
Bannockburn H.S.

Clackmannan C.C.C.
Claremont P.S.
St Johns P.S.

Stirling C.C.C.
Riverside P.S.
Allans P.S..
St. Nininans PS

Bridge of Allan P.S.
Dunblane P.S.
Wallace H.S.

Stenhousemuir C.C.
Bothkennar P.S.
Ladeside P.S.
Carron P.S.
Bonnybridge P.S.

Dates of P6 Kwik Cricket Festivals were discussed and agreed as:-

Stirling C.C.C. – 29th May 2013
St. Modans C.C. – 29th May 2013
Westquarter & Redding C.C. – W/C 20th May 2013
Stenhousemuir C.C. – W/C 20th May 2013
Clackmannan C.C.C. – 16th May 2013

F.V. regional Final – 5th June 2013
National Final – 18th June 2013

Open nights where the coach would notify all the schools that they will be at the club before the main junior session starts were discussed and agreed that these would take place on the 3rd and 7th week of the programme.

Ian Shaw explained that there is the potential for some funding through the Central Sporting Partnership, if the group wish to construct a budget for some kind of project. It was agreed that the group would apply for funding towards the cost of the schools programme. Ian to follow this up with Central Sporting Partnership.

**O.A.B.**
Jon Taylor / Alan Reid raised the issue of the organisation of the West league “Forth Valley” U18 team, due to the complications in organising transportation to away games. After much discussion the following actions were agreed upon:-

1. All present to try and source a mini-bus to transport the team to the remaining four away games.
2. Ian Shaw to write a letter to all the parents explaining the current situation re transport / organisation of the team and ask for volunteers to transport the team to the away games, with the bottom line being that failure to find transport will result in unfortunately the team not being able to fulfil their remaining games.
3. Appoint a Captain who will organise all tasks.
4. All clubs will share the responsibility for resourcing the games on a rota basis.
5. If all the above actions fail then the team will unfortunately be forced to withdraw from the league.
6. In future appoint 1 / 2 team managers which would have overall control of the team.

Action point - Next meeting – Discuss the future of the F.V. Development teams / F.V. U18’s

Bob Ramsay raised the issue that CS have invoiced the group for the ‘Summer Squad’ coaches. Bob explained the as far as he was aware that the change of signatory’s for the Forth Valley bank account was still being processed by Bank of Scotland and that we would not be able to forward any payment on this account until the process is complete. Bob also raised the point that the Stirling County Community Cricket Trust had promised to pay the balance and that we should touch base with them to discover if their procedures required them to pay us or vice versa. Ian Shaw to contact Kari Carswell.

There being no other business Bob called the meeting to a close at 9.05pm and thanked everyone for there attendance.
Date of next meeting - TBC

**Minutes of Forth Valley Cricket Development Group Management Committee 7th March 2013
Held at Stirling County Cricket Club**

**Attendees:** Bob Ramsay (FVCDG Chair) Ian Shaw (FVCDG Secretary) Umar Aslam (FVCDG Treasurer & W&RC.C.) Alec Pollock (St Modans C.C.) George Pollock (St Modans C.C.) Jon Taylor (Stirling C.C.C.)
 Graeme Anderson (Clackmannan C.C.C.)
**Apologies:** Tony Phillps (Callandar) Michael Bang (Stenhousemuir C.C.)

**Clubs not in attendance:** Gargunnock C.C., Doune C.C., Dollar C.C. Stenhousemuir C.C.

**Welcome**
Bob Ramsay welcomed all for coming, and explained that he had received apologies from Tony Phillips and Michael Bang.

**Minutes of Last Meeting 18th September 2012**
Bob asked the meeting to approve the minutes from our 18th September 2012 meeting as previously circulated. Minutes were approved.

**‘Summer Squad’ Coaching 2013**
Ian Shaw explained that the following coaches are being deployed – Sean Ferrie, Chris Morton, Tony Phillips, Rushdie Rappie. Other coaches may be needed to fulfil all the agreed coaching programmes.
Ian explained that sessions were confirmed in Stirling and Falkirk, and in some cases sessions were already being delivered. Ian is to contact Clackmannanshire Council (Sports Development) again to try and organise a meeting with Clackmannan C.C.C. and to organise the coaching schedule. Ian will circulate details of the coaching programme to all clubs, and urged clubs to arrange for posters and flyers to be made and distribute to the appropriate coaches.

Ian explained that Tony Phillips (Callander) had been in touch and hoped to re-erect the old McLaren C.C. Tony has been delivering taster sessions in the McLaren High School cluster and with the assistance of Active Stirling has established an after school session at the McLaren Sports Centre. After two sessions to date there has been a great take up by the children, with 46 taking part in the first session and 41 in the second session. Both Ian Shaw and Kari Carswell have been invited to help assist on the night, and will be in touch with Tony directly to arrange. FVCDG have paid the Callander Youth Project (CYP) for Tony’s services to date (£750). Ian Shaw is to ask CYP for an invoice.

Also in Callander, Tony is establishing after school clubs at 4/5 schools with the aim of inviting the schools to take part in inter school games in Callander at either the primary school or the sports centre, in an effort to aid the migration from school to club. Ian explained that the Forth Valley Community Cricket Trust (FVCCT) wish to use this scheme as a pilot, with the aim of rolling this out across Forth Valley next year. Tony has been asked to put a budget together for this work and invoice the FVCCT.

Ian explained that payroll would this year be administrated through the Scottish Council of Voluntary Organisations (SCVO) and he was meeting with Lindsay Ferguson (Fife Community Cricket Trust) and the SCVO to make the necessary arrangements.

**Summer Squad 2014+**
Ian explained that he saw two options to continuing the coaching programme into the future:-
(A) – A full time Community Coach over a 3 year period (funded through all the clubs, FVCDG and FVCCT)
(B) – FVCDG to apply for funds, then club to ask FVCDG to run their own coaching programme (clubs to organise sessions, payroll, coaches etc)
A discussion then took place around both options.

Ian explained that he had been at a recent FVCCT meeting, and after much discussion they had agreed to help part fund a full time coach working across the FV area (coach to establish inter school matches as part of the roll). Ian further explained that he had committed a minimum of £5k from the FVCDG funds to this potential role. Ian went further and explained that a financial contribution from the clubs would be necessary in an effort to ensure there was a full club buy in to the project, and secondary to ensure the sustainability of the project. No figure was highlighted or discussed, but examples of Cricket Dundee’s project were given. Further discussion on the amount of financial contribution will be had at the next meeting.

Ian explained that as part of this community coach project, he had applied for £30k over a three year period from the Weir Charitable Trust on behalf of the FVCCT. More applications for the total amount of funding required, are needed to made.

Ian explained that option (B) was simply that FVCDG would seek funds from Cricket Scotland (CS) and potentially other funders, and then clubs would in turn apply to FVCDG for funds to conduct their schools programme, with the clubs organising and managing their own programme.

All agreed that they preferred option (A) employment of a community coach over a three year period.

**Coach Education**
**Dundee UKCC L2** (Jan 2013) – Ian explained that Stenhousemuir C.C. and Stirling County C.C. had put four and two candidates through the course. Ian explained that he was making arrangements for the people who missed modules 7 & 8 to be conducted at the Tryst this month.
**ICC Introduction to Cricket** – Ian asked clubs to find out if there was demand to run a course Spring/Summer 2013. Clubs are requested to feed back at the next meeting.
**Coaches Conference** – Ian explained that he had postponed the arrangements for the proposed coaches conference with Simon Jones & Darren Thomas until March 2014. Ian explained that he hoped to work in partnership with both Dollar Academy, and CS to enable to fund the conference. All FV clubs were asked to support the event, by sending their coaches.
**Groundstaff** – Ian explained that he had been given the National remit of ‘Groundstaff’ and hoped to deliver a course / workshop in the Stirling area in April, and hoped that St Modans C.C. would hold it. The club in principle arranged, but required further details before committing. Ian to follow this up.

**FV Development Squads** - Umar Aslam reporting that the West Lothian clubs children have been attending the sessions, and that their players will from now on play representative cricket for FV instead of Pentlands. Bob Ramsay circulated a budget for the Sport Scotland funds, earmarked for the development squads, which showed an under spend of £3k in 2013. The Forth Valley Development Squad U14’s will be involved in an Area indoor six-a-side competition against Borders, Pentlands and North Edinburgh & East Lothian on Sunday March 17th In MES Edinburgh. West Lothian, Livingston and Fauldhouse have been added to the Forth Valley Development Squad by the Eastern Academy structure. Several West Lothian players are taking part in the winter squad training on Sundays and will make a useful addition to the development squad for the summer.

**Cricket West Lothian**
This item was covered in the above section (FV Development Squads)

**AOB**
Jon Taylor inquired about FV kit and explained that Eddie Pollock company Saltireteamwear.co.uk was a good reliable supplier for both cricket clothing and equipment and perhaps we should make contact with him. Jon to pass on Eddie Pollocks contact details in due course.

There being no other business Bob called the meeting to a close at 9.00pm and thanked everyone for their attendance.

**Date of next meeting – (AGM) 7PM Wednesday 17th April 2013 @ Stirling County C.C.**

**Forth Valley Cricket Development Group
Mintues of Management Committee Meeting
 Wednesday 2ndJuly 2014 at Stirling County Cricket Club 7pm**

**Attendees** Ian Shaw (CS), Bob Ramsay (FVCDG Chair), Umar Aslam (Treasurer / Westquarter Redding C.C.), John Howell (FVCCT), Tony Phillips (Callander C.C.), Alec Pollock (St Modans C.C.), George Pollock (St Modans C.C.), Jerry Saunders (FVCCT), Raymond Bond (FVCCT)

**Apologies** Graham Anderson (Clackmanan C.C.C.) Michael Bang (Stenhousemuir C.C

**Clubs Not in attendance** Doune C.C., Dollar C.C., Kippen C.C, Clackmannan C.C.C., Stenhousemuir C.C. .

**Welcome**Bob welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Minutes of Last Meeting
The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record. Proposed by U. Aslam and seconded by A. Pollock.

Treasurers report
U. Aslam distributed financial statement from September 2013 – August 2014. It showed that the group have a balance of £16,881.43 due in the main to the first installment of the Sport Scotland DCI fund. The group have approximately £2,000 outstanding from CS (Summer Squad / Girls Coaching).
B.R explained that he had been in touch with ESCA regards the groups community coach project, and that the ESCA chair had been most complimentary about the project. He intimated that ESCA may be willing to contribute financially to the project. B.R will pursue.

Discussion broke out regards the Community Coach service level agreement (SLA) with CS. It was deemed appropriate that the SLA is between CS and the Trust. CFV will transfer funds to the Trust to pay for the community coach and the on costs. CFV will keep enough funds in their account to enable them to pay for the services of the Sports Marketing Network and any other small items. Clubs will also have an SLA between themselves and the Trust, as their contribution to the project. U. Aslam is to work on a budget.

J.H mentioned that in discussions with Steve Paige (Ex CS Head of Development) that CS were willing to pay the on costs (N.I. etc). This is contradictory to discussions with CS CEO who said that CFV would have to pay the on costs. J.H will check through his emails to check if this is in writing.

CS Regionalisation
B.R quickly went through the paper that he had produced in relation to the proposed regionalisation, and concluded that nothing was known for sure and that CS should produce a paper/presentation about what this means for cricket in Scotland and in Forth Valley. (What are the advantages of CFV moving from its current position?) B.R to get back in contact with CS.
I.S gave a little bit of background to the County system in England, and suggested that this may be what CS are looking to do in the future.

Schools Coaching

T.P has concluded the schools coaching, and the monitoring form to be forwarded on to CS is to be completed. B.R commented that the group and in particular T.P. had received glowing references from Schools /Active Schools Co-ordinators for the work that has been undertaken.

Meetings with Clacks and Falkirk have already taken place with T.P, I.S & B.R in relation to establishing a timetable for next school year. There is a meeting with Active Stirling on the 21st .
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Grow Your Club
I.S apologized as Sven had been in touch, but he hadn’t circulated the correspondence to the group. I.S tocirculate for the group to comment. I.S mentioned that Sven would like to start on the 30th September 2014. Initially a meeting with all the clubs then individual meetings with all of the clubs involved.

AOB
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I.S Reported that he had been in touch with a company in Perth ‘Sport Wizard’ who raise funds for sports clubs and schools in an interactive a fun way. I.S. wondered if there was any mileage in using their services in an effort to raise some funds. I.S. explained further and is to send around the information sent on to him for the group to view.
The group agreed that this may be a good fundraiser. I.S to arrange a date and organise.

DONM
Wednesday 6th August 2014 7pm @ S.C.C.C.

At 8.30pm the meeting was brought to a close.

 **Forth Valley Cricket Development Group
Mintues of Management Committee Meeting
 Wednesday 6th November 2013 at Stirling County Cricket Club 7pm**

**Attendees** Ian Shaw (CS) Bob Ramsay (FVCDG Chair) Umar Aslam (Treasurer / Westquarter& Redding C.C.) Alec Pollock (St Modans C.C.) George Pollock (St Modans C.C.) Jon Taylor Stirling (C.C.C.) Graham Anderson (Clackmanan C.C.C.) Tony Phillips (Callander C.C.)

**Apologies** John Howell (FVCCT) Kevin Ferrie (FVCCT)

**Clubs Not in attendance** Doune C.C., Dollar C.C., Kippen C.C. Stenhousemuir C.C.

**Welcome**Bob welcomed everyone.

**Minutes of Last Meeting & Matters Arising -**Job description and advert have been drawn up by Bob and Ian, and were circulated to the group. This being the third meeting in a row which there was no representation from Stenhousemuir C.C. Ian was tasked with making contact with Michael Bang to discuss, as this would be the final warning. FVCDG rules state that failure to attend meetings will result in expulsion from the group.

No contact with the Trust, regards Bobattending Trust meetings as a link person. Ian will chase up.

Bob asked the meeting to approve the minutes from our Jan meeting as previously circulated. Minutes were approved. **Sport Scotland – Direct Club Investment**Ian explained that he has done some research into possible funding pots which the group can apply for, and believes that the Sport Scotland ‘Direct Club Investment’ might be an the best one to apply for. This fund is unique as it offers investment to support club development over a period of 2-4 years giving the club(s) time to embed significant development change. Ian highlighted that he has had discussions with Euan Lowe (Sport Scotland Regional Manager) regarding the group applying for the ‘growth in membership’ strand of the fund. Applications will be measured against the following principles:-

Impact – ability to deliver against outcomes
Sustainability – ensuring the work will be sustained by the sport over time
Holistic approach – ensuring the appropriate partners are working together
High standards – improving the quality of club sport
Additionally – adding value not replacing what exists already

In terms of sustainability Ian highlighted that as part of the fund he felt that there would be a real benefit in using the services of Sven Elkjaer from the Sports Marketing Network to potentially work with all the clubs in an effort to improve the clubs ‘offer’ to its members and increase participation. A discussion centred on how some committee’s may be sceptical to hear the views of Sven. Ian agreed to contract Sven to arrange for him to send on some case studies of past work for the committee’s to view. Ian explained that to capitalise on the work of the coach, then clubs need to be open minded and listen and take the points that Sven raises on board.

Further discussions will take place with Sport Scotland (Euan Lowe) on Wednesday 27th November 7pm at Stirling C.C.C.

**Development Squads**
Currently have two courses running on alternate Sunday mornings with a limited uptake. Bob asked for nominations for U12 and U14 players to be forwarded on to him, in preparation for the training sessions taking place after Christmas. The cut offs dates are:-
Under 12’s born on or after 1st September 2001
Under 14’s born on or after 1st September 1999.
Please can all nominations be sent to Bob before the end of November.

Ian will enquire with CS for contact details for contacts at the West Lothian clubs for their nominations.

**Finance**
Umar reported a healthy balance of just over £7,000 with still £1,000 outstanding from Cricket Scotland. This has been chased up and we are still waiting for the funds to be transferred.

**AOB**
Graham Anderson reported that he has got the ‘Inspire cricket’ website up and running, and for people to please forward any news or items to be published on the site.
Graham also enquired about the prospect of having a winter indoor league for adults / juniors. The group agreed to look at potential hiring costs of local sport halls and discuss further at the next meeting.

Jon Taylor advised the group that at a Western District Junior League meeting, that they had invited FV to play in games against the West district’s. It was felt with all the effort and hard work that goes into getting enough lads to play in the already establish ESCA structure and the club commitments placed on the lads that we wouldn’t be accepting the west’s offer of more fixtures.

Due to the change in structure within cricket in Forth Valley, Bob proposed that FVCDG changed it’s name to Cricket Forth Valley. This was accepted by all at the meeting.

Ian asked for all the clubs to complete the club info sheet send out at previously to be completed prior to the meeting with Sport Scotland.

Ian informed the group that the clubs will be responsible for arranging their school visits in 2014, and should start talking to their Active School co-ordinators. Clubs should prepare a document outlining their plans for 2014 schools visits to Cricket Forth Valley who would make contributions to the clubs as part of the ‘Summer Squad’ payments.

The meeting was brought to a close at 9pm .

Date of next Meeting – 27th November (Sport Scotland Direct Club Investment) 7pm at Stirling C.C.C.

**Forth Valley Cricket Development Group
Mintuesof Management Committee Meeting
 Wednesday 2ndJuly 2014 at Stirling County Cricket Club 7pm**

**Attendees** Ian Shaw (CS), Bob Ramsay (FVCDG Chair), Umar Aslam (Treasurer / Westquarter Redding C.C.), John Howell (FVCCT), Tony Phillips (Callander C.C.), Alec Pollock (St Modans C.C.), George Pollock (St Modans C.C.), Jerry Saunders (FVCCT), Raymond Bond (FVCCT)

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**Welcome**Bob welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Minutes of Last Meeting
The minutes were accepted as a rue and accurate record. Proposed by U. Aslam and seconded by A. Pollock.

Treasurers report
U. Aslam distributed financial statement from September 2013 – August 2014. It showed that the group have a balance of £16,881.43 due in the main to the first installment of the Sport Scotland DCI fund. The group have approximately £2,000 outstanding from CS (Summer Squad / Girls Coaching).
B.R explained that he had been in touch with ESCA regards the groups community coach project, and that the ESCA chair had been most complimentary about the project. He intimated that ESCA may be willing to contribute financially to the project. B.R will pursue.

Discussion broke out regards the SLA with CS. It was deemed appropriate that the SLA is between CS and the Trust. CFV will transfer funds to the Trust to pay for the community coach and the on costs. CFV will keep enough funds in their account to enable them to pay for the services of the Sports Marketing Network and any other small items. Clubs will also have an SLA between themselves and the Trust, as their contribution to the project. U. Aslam is to work on a budget.

J.H mentioned that in discussions with Steve Paige (Ex CS Head of Development) that CS were willing to pay the on costs (N.I. etc). This is contradictory to discussions with CS CEO who said that CFV would have to pay the on costs. J.H will check through his emails to check if this is in writing.

CS Regionalisation
B.R quickly went through the paper that he had produced in relation to the proposed regionalisation, and concluded that nothing was none for sure and that CS should produce a paper / presentation about what this means for cricket in Scotland and in Forth Valley. (what are the advantages of CFV moving from its current position?) B.R to get back in contact with CS.
I.S gave a little bit of background to the County system in England, and suggested that this may be what CS are looking to do in the future.

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**Forth Valley Cricket Development Group
Mintues of Management Committee Meeting
 Tuesday 9th September 2014 at Stirling County Cricket Club 7pm**

**Attendees** Ian Shaw (CS), Bob Ramsay (FVCDG Chair), Tony Phillips (FV Community Coach), Jerry Saunders (FVCCT), Raymond Bond (FVCCT), Steve ????(West Quarter & Redding C.C.), Jon Taylor (Stirling C.C.C.), Graham Anderson (Clackmanan C.C.C.)

**Apologies** Barry McGeachy (Callander C.C.), Colin Finlay (Stirling C.C.C.), Umar Aslam (West Quarter & Redding C.C.), George & Alec Pollock (St Modans C.C.)

**Clubs Not in attendance**Doune C.C., Dollar C.C., Kippen C.C, Stenhousemuir C.C. .

**Welcome**Bob welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, and apologised for any mix-up caused with the change of dates for the meeting.

**Minutes of Last Meeting**
The minutes were accepted as a rue and accurate record. Proposed by T. Phillips and seconded by J. Taylor.

**Matters Arising**
U. Aslam – Not present, no budget produced
B. Ramsay – Has completed tasks, clubs are required to agree the detail on the SLA’s
B. Ramsay – Still an issue with T.P.’s contract, B.R. to email Roddy Smith / Ian Sandbrook.

**Treasurers Report**
U. Aslam was not present, B. Ramsay commented that the financial situation hadn’t changed much, with only £25 going out to pay for umpiring the U14 game V Pentlands. As such the balance stands at £18,797.68.

B. Ramsay suggested that £14,797.68 be forwarded to the FCCT, resulting in CFV having a balance of £4,000.

I. Shaw to find out how CS what the payments for T.P.’s salary and on costs.

**School Coaching Timetable**
T. Phillips reported that as from the week beginning 15th September he will have a timetable for 4 of the 5 days. The only authority area not to have completed a timetable is Clackmannan. B. Ramsay to chase up

The breakdown of the week :-
Monday – Clackmannan
Tuesday – Falkirk
Wednesday – Stirling
Thursday – Stirling
Friday – Stirling

I. Shaw reported that there would be 2 October Kwik Cricket camps (Stirling & Falkirk), with the potential to raise some funds for the group.

**SLA Club/Trust Agreement**
B. Ramsay produced the relevant documentation. After a lot of discussion by the group it was agreed that there was a need for three agreements:-
1. Club to FCCT
2.CFV to FCCT
3. FCCT to CS
It was agreed that in the Club to FCCT agreement that there would a review date of September 30th. A discussion took place regards whether or not it made sense for CS to hang on to the funds ring fenced for CFV, instead of them being transferred to CFV. I. Shaw to discuss this with I. Sandbrook (CS).

**Club – School Agreements**
B. Ramsay produced the agreement which had been adapted from the ECB. Clubs are encouraged to complete the agreement with each of the schools as ‘best practice’.

**Grow Your Cricket Club**
Invites have been sent out to all the clubs inviting them to attend the 1st meeting with Svend on the 30th at 6pm New Williamfield.

I. Shaw suggested that he would invite Pam Dewar (Sport Scotland) Coaching & Volunteer Manager for Central.

**AOCB**
I. Shaw reported that Dollar Academy sports hall had been requested to run the U12’s & U14’s from 26/10/14 – 30/11/14 (pre X-Mas 6 weeks), and 11/1/15 – 15/2/15 (after X-Mas 6 weeks). These sessions will be 3hrs in duration.
J. Taylor reported that the website is not fit for purpose, and that perhaps we should look to re-new the website. Much discussion took place, but the actions were to investigate via K. Carswell the Scotland ladies website and Pitchhero.
R. Bond reported that he believes that the group should be using the local papers more for publicity to increase the public image of cricket in FV.
J. Saunders reported that he is currently acting as stand in secretary for the FCCT, but he needs to stand down if he is going to continue in his capacity as fund raiser. As such he requested that CFV help to find new trustees.
I. Shaw reported that he had completed a planner covering Club Events, Coach Education, Development Squads and School Competitions. B. Ramsay requested that clubs add the dates of their own club meeting to the planner.
B. Ramsay requested everyone’s mobile number as he wished to send text messages around the group to confirm meetings in future.

**Date of Next Meeting**:- 15/10/14 @ New Williamfield 7PM.

**Forth Valley Cricket Development Group
Mintues of Management Committee Meeting
 Wednesday 2nd July 2014 at Stirling County Cricket Club 7pm**

**Attendees** Ian Shaw (CS), Bob Ramsay (FVCDG Chair), Tony Phillips (Callander C.C.), Barry McGeachy (Callander C.C.) Alec Pollock (St Modans C.C.), George Pollock (St Modans C.C.), Andy Tennant (CS)

**Apologies** Graham Anderson (Clackmanan C.C.C.) Michael Bang (Stenhousemuir C.C.) Raymond Bond (FVCCT)

**Clubs Not in attendance** Doune C.C., Dollar C.C., Kippen C.C, Clackmannan C.C.C., Stenhousemuir C.C.
 .Stirling C.C.C. Westquarter& Redding C.C.,

**Welcome**Bob welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting, at the rearranged venue at short notice.

**Minutes of Last Meeting**
The minutes were accepted as at rue and accurate record. Actions from the minutes still outstanding :-
\* T.P. - contract (I.S.)
\* U.A. - Budget
\* B.R. – Service level agreement
\* I.S. – Informed the development group that the proposed Kwik Cricket / Fun day is cancelled due to a lack of interest / the company is unavailable for the proposed date.
These actions are requested to be completed ASAP.

**Treasures Report**
U.A. was absent. In U.A. absence B.R. ran through the financial statement. Current balance is £18,822.68.
I.S. explained that there may be a grant of £5k from Scot Rail which we may be able to apply to for aid towards the costs of the community coach. I.S. to do further research.

**Area Development Squad**
I.S. reported that the U14’s played yesterday against Pentlands at Watson’s and lost. Outstanding performance from R. Corner 70 odd runs. I.S. went further and explained that there are a few concerns about the sides, as to clubs nominating the right players as one of the players was playing his first hard ball game!. B.R. noted that it is critical that this is addressed moving forward.
I.S. explained the future plans for the area squad. Each area will nominate the best XX players to go for further high level coaching at venues across each of the Areas.

**Schools Coaching Update**
B.R. reported that meetings with each of the local authorities have been held. It has been agreed that Tuesday will be a Falkirk (Westquarter& Redding C.C.) day. T.P. is to email Stirling and Clackmannanto arrange there allocated days.

**DCI**
B.R. updated that the first installment of £10,000 had be made to the account.
I.S. To alter the ECB Club Mark club – school agreement and email around for comment.
I.S. To get a copy of the SLA from CS to Cricket Dundee to alter for CFV purposes – send to B.R.
I.S. Explained that the 1st session for the Sports Marketing Network will take place 30th September at Stirling C.C.C. All clubs MUST ATTEND (as many committee members there as possible)

**CS Regionalisation**
A.T. (CS) explained that CS has an agenda to dissolve power to the regions, and that currently the areas that are up for debate are FV and Fife.
A.T. explained that there are no plans to stop clubs playing cricket where they want to play i.e. ESCA, West, Strathmore, but there has to be a line drawn in the sand somewhere and it’s finding where that somewhere is!

G.P. asked what resources are available to CFV from the different regions? A.T. responded saying that he felt that only the West and East were viable options in his opinion for CFV. No answer was given as to the resources to be allocated to the areas.

A.T. explained that as a development group we need to decide which structure we will fit into. B.R. asked how long would this last for (bearing in mind previous CS changes) and how will this affect clubs? A.T. explained that a central service (CS) will still continue for Disclosure and other governing body requirements. The new regions will be responsible for overseeing and funding all other activities in their geographical areas. Western District already have a written agreement in place with CS, the other regions are in the process of doing so.

A.T. further explained that this meeting was about finding out which academies the more talented players would pass through on the player pathway. The Area structure throughout Scotland will be looked at by a committee to attempt to improve the player pathway structure.

A.T. thanked the group for their time and left. After a short meeting the decision was made to stay in the East, as we are financially rewarded through ESCA and ultimately to get players into the academies all club in FV need to widen the base look after their members and improve the cricket offer.

B.R. thanked AP & GP for setting up the use of their clubhouse at such short notice.

**DONM**
Wednesday 11th September 2014 (AGM) 7pm @ S.C.C.C.

At 8.30pm the meeting was brought to a close.

**Cricket Forth Valley
Mintues of AGM
 Wednesday 12th November 2014 at Stirling County Cricket Club 7pm**

**Attendees** Ian Shaw (CS), Bob Ramsay (CFV Chair), Tony Phillips (Community Coach), Barry McGeachy (Callander C.C.) Alec Pollock (St Modans C.C.), Umar Aslam (CFV Treasurer / West Quarter C.C.), Jerry Saunders (FVCCT), John Cooper (FVCCT), John Howell (FVCCT / Stirling C.C.C.), Raymond Bond (FVCCT), Jon Taylor (Stirling C.C.C.) Kevin Taylor (Un-attached)

**Apologies** Graham Anderson (Clackmanan C.C.C.) Michael Bang (Stenhousemuir C.C.), Alan Reed (Stenhousemuir C.C.), Alistair Drysdale (Stenhousemuir C.C.), George Pollock (St Modans C.C.)

**Clubs Not in attendance** Doune C.C., Dollar C.C., Kippen C.C, Clackmannan C.C.C., Stenhousemuir C.C.

**Welcome & Apologies**
Bob welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the AGM.

**Chairman’s Report**
Bob presented his detailed report of the previous 12 month’s group activities. (Report attached).

**Treasurer’s Report**
Umar presented the groups accounts for the previous 12 months. The group had an opening balance of £7,254.67 and a closing balance of £19,743.33. This increase was in large due to a successful funding application to Sport Scotland’s ‘DCI’ fund.
Umar reported that all the monies had been spent on activities which develop cricket in the area, but commented that the travel expenses were very high, and we should look to reduce this in the future.

A discussion broke out as to the benefits of the benefits of engaging the ‘Sports Marketing Network’. The consensus of opinions from the clubs was that it was positive to date, and has proved very thought provoking.

**Appointment of Honorary Auditors**
While it is not a necessity that the groups accounts are audited, it would be prudent to ensure that the accounts are checked externally each year. Barry McGeachy is to ask Callander C.C. treasurer (Charted Accountant) if he could take this role on. The accounts are not very complex, relatively simple and as such would not be too time consuming.

**Election of Officers**
Chairman – Bob stated that due to family issues that he wished to stand down in the long term but in the short term he would continue in this role. In an effort to help Bob with his duties, it was suggested that the group appoints a vice chairman. Clubs were encouraged to think of potential interested parties from their clubs.
Secretary – Ian stated that he would like to resign in the long term, but again in the short term he would continue in post.
Treasurer – Umar was re-elected into position.

**A.O.C.B.**
Bob discussed and proposed a number of changes to the groups constitution. These included:-
- Include the FVCCT in the constitution where related to funding (in an effort to draw the two groups closer together)
- Financial year will now run from August 31st – 1st July
- AGM will take place in October
- There will be a further signatory added to the account. (Bob Ramsay & Umar Aslam) to fit in with grant giving bodies requirements.
- Although the group’s name has changed to CFV the account will still hold the name of ‘Forth Valley Cricket Development Group’ due to the difficulties with changing details at the banks.

Bob reported that Ian Sandbrook (CS) has requested that payment / written SLA’s are completed ASAP. Due to the difficulties with changing the details on the FVCCT account it was agreed that CFV will pay the initial instalments until the bank details are changed. The clubs will be invoiced directly from the Trust.

Bob presented a breakdown of the number of hours / young people coached since Tony has been in post per club cluster schools. Ian Shaw is to send these copies to all Active School partners.
In reviewing the current programme, all sessions have gone well, with a great take up of help and assistance from both Active Stirling and Falkirk Active Schools. It was noted that there was not as great a take up from the Clackmannshire Council. Ian has been tasked with contacting Alison Mackie to discuss.

John Howell expressed an interest in junior games being organised more geographically, due to concerns of barriers to playing the game and experienced at Stirling C.C.C. Ian Shaw would approach Lindsay Ferguson to discuss if Fife teams would be willing to play FV clubs. Bob Ramsay is tasked with contacting Andy Tennent to discuss previous points made, and what progress if any has been made.

Tony Phillips reported that he had hoped that clubs would have arranged club sessions, as the next progression from school to club during the winter. Currently only Callander C.C. have sessions running.
Details Required from Clubs-
- Dates of sessions
- Times (ideally 5-6pm / 6-7pm as we are currently working with P4’s)
- Details of venue
- Clubs to advertise on their websites / twitter & other media means
- Produce a flyer, and pass on to Tony to advertise in the schools directly.

Clubs are urged to make these arrangements ASAP.

With no further business, Bob thanked the group for their time and the meeting was brought to a close at 8.55pm

Date of next meeting …………………………..