

SPORT NORTHERN IRELAND

MINUTES

CONFIDENTIAL

Special Meeting 2009

Held on Wednesday 8 July 2009 in the Wellington Park Hotel, 21 Malone Road, Belfast BT9 6RU.

PRESENT

In the Chair:	D Walsh
Members:	O Brown M Cowan J D'Arcy B Macaulay A Money Penny B McCargo D O'Connor A Strong P Turnbull
Chief Executive:	E McCartan
Staff in Attendance:	N Harkness A Sloan C McGurk J News E Bailey

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APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Mrs U Duncan, Ms M Muldoon, Mr H McCaughey and Cllr J Rodgers.

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CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

The Chairman welcomed Members to the meeting.

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MINUTES

The Minutes of the Third Meeting of 2009 held on 2 June, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed.

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MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

5 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

The Chairman asked everyone individually if they had any interest to declare. No interest was declared.

6 **CORPORATE SERVICES UNIT**

6.1 Judicial Review

The Chief Executive updated Members on the Judicial Review which took place on Monday 6 July and which would continue on Thursday 9 July.

7 **PARTICIPATION UNIT**

7.1 Physical Activity: The Role of Sport Northern Ireland

Members considered Paper SNI/09/111 which outlined a case for extending SNI's support to non-traditional physical activity programmes and pathways with the potential to engage more participants and increase participation in sport and physical activity.

Members noted that the Runher event took place recently. This was a women's race and it linked into SNI's Strategy for Sport and increasing the number of women in sport.

After discussion Members approved the recommendation but noted that this would only be possible in the event that additional resources are secured.

7.2 Investing in Sustained Participation in Sport and Physical Recreation

Members considered Paper SNI/09/112. The Paper sought approval for a new Participation Revenue Investment Policy focused on creating, strengthening and sustaining participation pathways that will lead to lifelong involvement in sport and physical recreation.

Members noted the findings of the consultation and review processes which had informed the development of a new Participation revenue investment policy (Appendices 1-3); and approved the new Participation revenue investment policy (Increasing Sustained Participation – Pathfinder Programme) and screening form (Appendices 4 and 5).

7.3 Building Sport Programme Stage II Programme Assessment Reports

Members considered Paper SNI/09/113 and noted that it had not yet been to the Places Committee. Members were asked to consider the Stage I Project Assessment Report for Northern Ireland Civil Service Sports Association (NICSSA) and sought Stage III approval for an increase in indicative award.

Members approved the increase in indicative award and noted that they would not be required to review the projects again unless there was a substantial deviation from the indicative award limit. Members noted that officers will have delegated authority to agree the final design, tendering arrangements and offer of award.

7.4 Request for Award Increase – Rathenraw Primary School

Members considered Paper SNI/09/114 which considered a request for an increase in revenue award to Rathenraw Primary School.

As the increase in award for the revenue project is over 75% of the original award, final decision making authority lies with Council. Members approved the recommendation to increase the revenue award to Rathenraw Primary School from £10,000 to £46,120 as detailed in the Paper.

7.5 Building Sport Revenue Tail Awards

Members considered Paper SNI/09/115 which sought approval for a series of “revenue tail” awards made under the Building Sport programme.

The Paper listed a number of applicants and Members noted that all awards had previously been through either management delegated milestone meetings, Committee meetings or Council.

After discussion Members approved the full list of attached revenue tail awards for the Building Sport programme.

7.6 Development Costs Award - Lenadoon Community Forum

Members considered Paper SCI/09/116 which sought approval to issue Lenadoon Community Forum with a revenue offer of award in relation to the project development costs of the proposed capital project.

Members approved the Lottery revenue letter of offer to Lenadoon Community Forum for £80,000 for project development costs in relation to the capital budget.

8 **PUBLICATIONS**

Members received the following publication: Sport Northern Ireland Corporate Plan 2008-2011.

9 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To be confirmed but possibly Thursday 27 August. An e-mail confirming the date will be sent as soon as possible.

10 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 10.1 The Chief Executive updated Members on recent communications with a Lobby Group in Larne. Members formally agreed that the local PSNI should be informed of the situation.

- 10.2 Members noted that a recruitment process was in place to replace Ciarrai Conlon, Marketing Officer, who had left SNI's employment. Members asked that their thanks to Ciarrai be recorded as she had done an excellent job during her time with SNI. The position was currently being filled by a temporary member of staff.
- Members agreed that this position should be filled at a higher grade as SNI seems to train the members of staff up only for them to move to higher positions in other organisations.
- 10.3 Mr D O'Connor congratulated the Chief Executive on the Honorary Doctorate bestowed upon him by the University of Ulster in recognition of his contribution to sport and community relations.
- The Chairman also extended his congratulations and those of all the Members and said it was a well-deserved honour for the Chief Executive and also for Sport Northern Ireland.
- The Chief Executive, in accepting the congratulations of Council, acknowledged the important role of the Council and Staff of both Sport Northern Ireland and Community Relations Council.
- 10.4 Members noted that the position of Vice-Chair had not yet been filled but that a short list had been submitted to the previous Minister, Mr Gregory Campbell. The Department of Culture Arts and Leisure would inform SNI in due course.
- 10.5 Mr A Strong made an apology about comments he had made at a previous meeting regarding Members attending various event. He also emphasised the criticality of the Strategy for Sport being finalised by the Northern Ireland Executive. Members agreed that if it was not finalised soon it would be out of date.
- Finally, Mr Strong referred to the excellent lecture he had recently attended at Stranmillis College.
- The Director of Participation informed Members that staff had been invited to the CAL Committee to talk about issues such as participation and that the Committee had been very complimentary. The conclusion of the debate was that the CAL Committee would write to the Executive and seek their consideration of sport matters as soon as possible.
- 10.6 Dr O Brown commented that Members could miss what is going on if individual members attend functions and there is no feedback. It was agreed that Members should have the opportunity to inform each other of their involvements for SNI.
- 10.7 The Director of Corporate Services Unit reminded those Members who had not yet done so that the Declaration of Interest Forms should be returned and also that they should ensure their travel claims are up to date. Members asked the Director of Corporate Services Unit to speak directly to Members who had not yet complied.

10.8 It was proposed and agreed that the Chairman should write to the Minister inviting him to join Members for lunch and discuss matters of mutual interest.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked Members for their attendance and the meeting closed.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____

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