

## **SPORT NORTHERN IRELAND**

### **MINUTES**

#### **FIFTH MEETING**

Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Wednesday 22 October 2014 in the House of Sport, Upper Malone Road, Belfast, BT9 5LA

#### **PRESENT:**

**In the Chair:**                **B Henning**

**Members:**                **I McAvoy**  
                                     **R Bullick**  
                                     **B Delaney**  
                                     **E Lynch**  
                                     **R Mallon**  
                                     **D O'Connor**

**Chief Executive:**        **A McKeown**

**Staff in Attendance:** **A Sloan**  
                                     **N Harkness**  
                                     **L Beattie**

#### **1        APOLOGIES**

J O'Neill, P Cummings, G Campbell, G Wilson, B McAuley, J D'Arcy, S McCullough, A Bingham

#### **2        DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

B Delaney advised of a conflict of interest regarding the Active Communities – Moving Forward 2015-2016 (business case addendum) as he is a Director of Belfast Community Sports Development Network.

The Chair therefore advised Members that the meeting would therefore not be quorate. Members agreed that the paper should be deferred to the Board meeting in November.

#### **3        MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30 September 2014, having been previously circulated were signed and approved following a slight amendment to:

#### 4.4. Sporting Events

It was noted that the first meeting of the Bidding Group was taking place on 22 November 2014 not 22 October 2014.

### **4**      **MATTERS ARISING**

#### 4.1      Decision List

Members considered the Decision List from the Meeting held on 30 September 2014 which had previously been circulated. Members noted that all decisions had been completed or were ongoing.

#### 4.2      Sporting Ambassadors

The Vice Chair advised the Board that he had attended the event and informed Members that it was very professionally presented and had gone very well. He commented that it would be important to ensure that everyone is aware of the role of Sporting Ambassadors.

The Chief Executive advised Members that the event had been extremely well profiled by the media; press, TV and radio.

### **5**      **CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS**

The Chair advised Members that B Macaulay had resigned from Sport NI Board and that he had written formally to Minister advising of his resignation. The Chair advised that this was due to other commitments and pressures. Members noted that B Macaulay had passed on his regards for staff in Sport Northern Ireland and had also wished the Sport Northern Ireland Board well.

#### Sport Matters Implementation Group (SMIG)

The Chair asked Members for expressions of interest for the position of Chair for the Places SMIG and for the Participation SMIG. Members noted new Chairs for the groups are being appointed due to the resignation of B Macaulay and also noted that P Cummings feels it is time to stand down and for another Member to Chair the Group.

The Chair asked the Director of Sports Management Services to email all Board Members asking for expressions of interest with response to be received by Monday 27 October 2014.

#### ALB Forum Update

The Chair advised Members that he had attended the ALB Forum which had been hosted by the Permanent Secretary with the Director of Sports Management Services. Members noted that there is the potential for cuts in 2015-2016 to be 10%-14%.

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#### Board Effectiveness Next Steps

The Chair advised Members that D Nicholl had received all comments / feedback on the report. Members therefore noted that there would be a follow-on Board Effectiveness meeting on 16 December 2014 at 3.00 pm prior to the December Board meeting.

The Chair advised that there would also be a session arranged with the Chief Executive, the Executive Team, himself and Vice Chair, providing feedback on D Nicholl's report.

#### Capital Programme Addendum Paper

The Chair advised Members that the Minister had asked to meet him and the Chief Executive regarding the Capital Programme and the Board paper passed at the last Board meeting.

Members noted that there was a possibility the Minister may feel that the new programme excludes grassroots sports access to the programme.

Members discussed ongoing contact between the Minister and Sport Northern Ireland and accepted the need for communication at Chief Executive and Executive level.

Members agreed that the Chair and Chief Executive, if required, should explain decisions regarding the programme and provide the Minister with reassurance regarding the programme.

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#### **ACTIVE COMMUNITIES – MOVING FORWARD 2015-2016 (BUSINESS CASE ADDENDUM)**

Members received Paper SNI/14/45 the purpose of which is to consider the business case addendum for future Sport Northern Ireland investment in Active Communities in 2015-2016. Approve a preferred option based on the addendum and approve a budget to enable programme delivery.

This item was deferred to the next Sport Northern Ireland Board meeting on 18 November 2014 as due to conflicts of interest as given above the Board was not quorate.

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#### **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**


**Tuesday 18 November @ 5.00 pm – Corporate Planning**  
**Tuesday 16 December 2014 Board Session @ 3.00 pm with**  
**Board meeting starting @ 5.00 pm**  
**Tuesday 30 December @ 5.00 pm (if required)**

**8      ANY OTHER NOTIFIED BUSINESS**

The Chief Executive advised Members that an invitation had been received from NISF for Board Members to attend their AGM which would be taking place on 3 November 2014. Members noted that details of the AGM would be circulated.

The Board noted that P May, Permanent Secretary will be leaving DCAL to join the Department for Regional Development.

**Signed:**

  
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**Dated:**

*18<sup>th</sup> November, 2014*  
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