**AGM**

6th June, 2017

Dunblane High School

7pm

Minutes

**Present**

Youth and Children’s section: Jim Riddell (2001 Utd), Karen Motzer (2008 CPO), Carol Wilkie (2006), Mark Talbot (2005), Vicky O’Lenskie (2005), Michael Connolly (1999), John Inglis (2003), Adrian O’Lenskie (2005), Simon Cullen (2005), Owen Hutchinson (2004), Stephanie Jones (2007), Colin Farquharson (2003), ? (2008), Graham Hesketh (2008), Katy Jamieson (2002 CPO), Dan Haythorne (2008)

Committee: David Dale (Chair and 2001 United), David Pollok (Secretary and 2001 City), Brendan Adams (Treasurer), Jo Carruthers (Administrator)

John Alexander, Andy Thomson (Parent 2001/2003), Mhairi Adams (Club CPO), Chris Rodger (Parent 2004), Oliver Pall (Parent 2008)

Invited guest: Alan Morgan (Scottish FA)

Apologies: Yan Stewart (2002), Scott Kinross and Dougie Porteous (Clubsport Stirling), Derek Cartner (2000), Bill Stirling (2001), David Gunn (2009), David Webster (2010), Stewart Gracie (2001)

1. **Welcome**

Chair David Dale welcomed all, including Alan Morgan (SFA).

1. **2016 minutes**

These were approved (MT) and seconded (CW).

1. **Chairman’s report**

David Dale, Club Chairman, provided an outline from the season. It has been a very busy year for the whole club, with a lot happening.

DD has now been Chairman for 3 years. DD had 3 aims for the Club over three years:

1. Coach development across all age groups

2. To achieve Community Award Status

3. Facilities e.g. 3G pitch.

The club has achieved objective (1), as all age groups have coaches at level 1.2 and 1.3. This has been an enormous commitment from the coaches who have taken part in training. In addition, the club now has 3 C-license coaches, and 1 B-license ongoing through sponsorship from Clubsport Scotland and DSC. This gives coaches a different perspective in terms of what they do.

Objective (2), Community Award Status, has been achieved.

Objective (3), Facilities, great new 3g pitch we are all feeling the benefit of.

~All great achievements for the club.

New website has been launched. DD expressed thanks to **Andy Thomson** for all his hard work getting it live and for the funding support to help the club achieve this goal. The site is still short of content, DD sent out another plea to coaches to get content and approved images (within CPO regulations) over to populate the site.

Girls section – The girls section is up and running and has played its vital part is helping the club achieve its Community Club status. DD expressed special thanks to **Paul Rogers** amongst others for organising this section.

Adult team – The club now has a clear pathway from Youth to Adult. The Amateur team have had a successful first year including a promotion to the Stirling Amateur District. We are now encouraging 1999 and 2000 players to progress to the Amateur team.

Kit – Strips are now consistent across all age groups, helping the club ethos to be consistent across all teams.

DD expressed special thanks to DP for his commitment to the Secretary role. DP has been stepping down for 12 months with no replacement to fill the position. Potential for Steven Carruthers (2007 parent) to fill this role as Vice Secretary as a start.

The club is running well and has strong foundations and a healthy bank balance, however costs has increased this year due to the 3g pitch and added expenses of the Amateur team.

The club has achieved a lot and the next steps are to:

* Big club but still need to maintain community feel and respect.
* Continue to strive towards the best coaching and development of players in order to retain players.
* Coaching development – push qualifications and player developments, particularly the younger age groups.

DD has been in the Club Chair role now for 3 years and expressed his ambition to step back shortly. DD believes the club needs fresh ideas to keep moving the club forward and bring progression. DD urged the coaches to encourage parents/helpers who show an interest in the club.

1. **Secretary’s report**

DP expressed his delight at still being in the position! Over the time (6/7 years) DP has been with the club he has seen such a change and it has come on leaps to become a healthy club.

DP paid tribute to DD – the club are very lucky to have DP in the Chair position and credit to all his achievements.

Usual issues – pitches, unpaid fees, inclusiveness but very little to suggest things are going wrong.

DP introduced Jo Carruthers thanked her warmly for all her hard work– Administrator, handling pitch bookings, liaises with the council and FES, and handles enquiries. DP reinforced the need for Emails to be responded to in a timely manner.

The club has made significant progression with Child Protection regulation and policy. This is particularly encouraging in such a high profile year, where there has been lots of changes to SYFA rules etc. Mhairi Adams, is the new Club CPO and has been very proactive taking this forward to ensure club conduct, policies and compliance.

DP expressed huge thanks to the coaches for their time including registrations, CPO, qualifications etc. it is most appreciated.

Going forward – membership forms are currently being tweaked to include CPO matters e.g. photography and Video and to include the new payment structure for fees. It was agreed at the last committee meeting in May, that the club would move to two payment options – Annual fee or 3 payments over the year. This is to help with accounting issues such as non-payments or payments with no reference.

DP reiterated the maintenance works that are being carried out at the high school during the summer break

* Monday 3rd July 2017 until Friday 14th July 2017 There will be some major resurfacing and white lining works taking place within the school car park area. Although there will be car parking spaces available there will be a limited number at any given time.
* Due to essential maintenance, the main grass, rugby and upper grass pitch will be closed from Saturday 1st July until Sunday 20th August Inclusive, therefore, all current bookings will be cancelled during this time. This may cause an issue with mid-week matches at the beginning of the season.

A question was then raised about the new seasons training slots:

DD answered the question: There have been many requests to move training slots, particularly those starting at 6pm. However, all requests cannot be fulfilled therefore teams are asked to Email DD over the next two weeks with the best and worse options between 6-10pm.

DP reminded everyone about the clubs first Community Funday being held on Saturday 24th June at the high school. Can teams please encourage attendance and request that players arrive in their white team strip so that a full club photo can be taken. Mhairi Adams and Jo Carruthers are organising this year’s funday with a view to making the day larger in 2018. The club have committed to funding some of the funday.

DD expressed his personal thanks to DP.

1. **Treasurer’s report**

**Brendan handed out copies of the club accounts 2015/2016 signed and dated 22nd May 2017.**

In a nutshell finances healthy 2015/2016. Thanks to one off donations and sponsorship, particularly from the Dunblane Community Trust the balance of the account has grown by £10,000. Fees are covering costs incurred annually, and therefore the club has been able to help fund a B-license course, Cup Final bus transport and hospitality (including parents contribution) etc.

2016/2017 – Costs are still to come in, BA reported that it is doubtful that the club will see the same growth as 2015/2016. This is due to costs rising vs. last year – 3g pitch and addition of Amateur team. Costs are hard to compare vs. last year due to using the McClaren and Laighills.

The club has grown to 300+ players therefore there are lots of transactions and therefore payment issues are hard to handle. This is the reason why moving to the two payment options – one annual payment or 3 payments over the year. Fee changes will need to be communicated by the coaches to the parents/carers. BA/DP to email out the Standing Order and membership forms to coaches.

With the ‘rainy’ day pot and the ‘refund’ pot (where parents have paid too much) – the club has a surplus of £10,000 to spend. Discussion and ideas welcomed in AOCB.

1. **Reports from each age group**

A representative from each age group gave a quick report on the season@

**Girls – Absent, no report given**

**2010 – Absent, report provided by Email (David Webster, 7th June)**

The group was set up and started training after the October break last year. We are now up to 16 boys each Thursday night at the DHS Astroturf with Tony Donnan the Head Coach.

The boys started playing fun 4s after the Easter Break at Little Kerse and are holding their own considering they started the season late. We currently have 2 teams in the league however hope to add a third after the summer holidays.

We currently have Tony Donnan and David Harrison qualified as coaches and hope to add others over the summer and early autumn. I did my 1.1 last week and I'm doing my 1.2 on 17/18 June. Alan Rodgers is doing the Child Protection Course through Mhairi Adams.

**2009 – Absent, report provided by Email (David Gunn, 6th June)**

We have thirty players and five on the waiting list.

We have adapted to the fives pretty well and are generally competitive at the matches.

We currently have a survey out to parents to get some feedback on the club. Not had an overwhelming response yet.....

The players are enjoying themselves and we have had very few who have left us (two to Stirling Albion).

We're entering the football festival in the 24 June - unfortunately the afternoon games clash with the club picnic.

We need to deal with some players who regularly turn up for training but contribute little and are quite disruptive. Can we tell them not to come back after the summer hols??

Also we need to consider how we pick the teams for Saturday matches. Currently we aim to balance the three teams with confident and less confident players - generally this is ok but some players get frustrated with the mixed ability of their team mates and occasionally we don't really match up to some of the other teams.

**2008 - Graham Hesketh**

The team now has 36 players (27 last year). The team is now considered full, working to the ratio the coaches feel comfortable with and has a waiting list. There are 6 coaches, including 1 female coach. 1 early years coach, 2 x 1.3 and 2 x 1.2 qualified and one new coach ready to go through qualifications.

Graham expressed his thanks to David Nairn, a DOE volunteer who has been with them over the last two years.

DD interjected that the club has been grateful for all the volunteers at the club doing their DOE award. The club has committed to funding the 1.1 qualification to anyone 16+ wanting to volunteer.

The team have moved to 7s, with 3 teams. They would like to keep training as is. Mixed start to the season, coaches having regular debates but are certain they are developing players in the right direction. A well supported team in terms of parent/carer support, and they are well supported at matches.

**2007 - Stephanie Jones**

Stephanie introduced herself as one of the new two admins for 2007.

The team have 30 players and 3 teams playing 7s each Saturday. The team are entering the football festival in the 24 June - unfortunately the afternoon games clash with the club picnic. 2007 are organising their own end of term funday on the Sunday 25th June.

**2006 – Carol Wilkie**

36 players and 10 on the waiting list. Playing 7s with 3 teams. 7 coaches and a very well supported team. The team are of mixed ability but is a very popular section with players coming from Doune and Stirling.

**2005 – Vicky O’Lenskie**

Vicky introduced herself as the new admin for 2005, Mark Talbot has stepped down from admin but will remain a coach and 2005 CPO.

23 players, with 2 training only. No teams, the coaches spread the abilities. 5 coaches: 1.2 and 1.3 qualified, 1 x C-license and 1 currently qualifying for B-license. One coach also has Goalkeepers qualification. CPO courses are being taken. The team move to 11s in the new season. Two festivals have been played with the team winning the majority of the games.

**2004 – Owen Hutchinson**

The team has 19 boys. Playing 11s, tough but good. Developing players and team and giving as much game time as possible. 2 coaches – Michael Connolly from 1999s has been a great help along with many parents.

The team have had 4/5 DOE helpers, many thanks to all of them. Great success on winning The Shield – 2-1 against Boness.

Owen stepping down from Head Coach due to work commitments, but staying on as coach. Michael Connolly will step in as Head Coach.

**2003 – Colin Farquharson**

Team doing great with 18 players and players coming from Wallace, Stirling, Callander and Dollar. Finished 6th and reached Cup final. Team development well through the year.

**2002 – David Dale**

17 players with 2 coaches. Good local boys with 2 players coming from Auchterader and 1 from Stirling. Team has development well and improved. Finished 3rd in league. Final next Saturday against Stenhousemuir.

**2001 Utd – Jim Riddell**

16 players in a very competitive league. Cup final win last Saturday. 12 confirmed players staying on and showing commitment to the team. Players from all over – Doune, Crieff. Looking forward to next season.

**2001 City – David Pollok**

4 coaches, thanks to each of them. Development team making positive progress through the season. Great support from parents/carers. Boys continue to develop and improve, with great team spirit and identity. 16 players who conduct themselves well. A pleasure to watch them grow, very proud of them. Look forward to next season.

**2000 – Derek Cartner**

Not great parent support for various reasons but we have kept going and the team have played through all the age groups. We often lose but don’t give up. Enjoyed coaching and personally well supported by coaches. Options to mover to Amateurs or elsewhere. Much credit to the coaches and players – we made it to the end!

**1999 – Michael Connolly**

Challenging year with injuries and work commitments. Quality games, finished 6th. Represented well with good discipline. Thanks to Garry Edwards (sec). Going forward the players have the option to move to the Amateur team, some players have played mixed games already with positive results. Players can also help coach other teams to achieve their 1.1.

DP – Special thanks to Michael.

1. **Election of executive for 2017/2018**

All still to stand. DP to mentor new Club Secretary, Steve Carruthers for a period of time.

Call for a Vice Chair – no objections received.

1. **AOCB**

DP gave special thanks to John Alexander, Groundsman at the Laighills. With councils request to make use of the 3g pitch as much as possible the club has moved away from using the Laighills. Therefore the club recognises that there has not been as much call for John’s time. There is such a connection with the Laighills and the tradition of the football club and Dunblane. To mark the clubs appreciation DP gave John Alexander a gesture of thanks (DP gave a gift and card).

Alan Morgan- Thanks for the invite. Good to hear firsthand the successes of the club. The club is certainly a model club. Great that the club has achieved its objectives, great progression of club to offer girls team and amateur team. Coach programme and ethos is commendable. Well done to all.

What next? Legacy Award, only award above the Community Award. To achieve this the club needs to show its positive impact on the community e.g. charity work, unregistered activity e.g. Minis, employability (DOE) – club is already ticking some of the boxes.

DD – Thanks to Alan for great support and recognition.

**Discussion – Fundraising**

John Inglis - Players/coaches/parents/carers giving up time to fundraise for teams to be able to purchase their own kit and resources, should the club not be funding these through the ‘fund’ pot we have in the bank balance? Coaches are already giving up their time to coach and achieve qualifications, taking extra time out to fundraise is another stretch.

Each group nominate 2 adults for fundraising?

DD – Full kit for each team, we need work around £500 per team. How do we make the funds work for the club?

We do need to balance parents, club and players contribution. The question of where to spend the money was raised at the last committee meeting but no response other than kits.

Mark Talbot – SYFA have requested that all coaches were club identifiable kit at matches.

DD – Agreed to funding coaches kit, send details of what kit is needed to DD.

DD – Common kit that has become too small for teams should be handed down.

Michael Connolly – Do we look to grants for funding kits?

Owen Hutchinson – Do we have an Inventory List of the clubs resources? This would help understand where the gaps need to be filled?

DD stated that we do not currently have a full club resources list. The club can put in a request to get this generated. It is noted that the club needs to obtain physical prep resources.

Owen Hutchinson – Raised the question from the last committee meeting regarding allocation of a storage unit for the club based at the High School.

DD has not formally asked the school yet. DP to speak to Jo Allan.

Alan Morgan – Raised the solution of obtaining an SFA container, however there is high demand and no stock at present. The containers are rented out for a period of time. The club can be put on the waiting list.

Alan Morgan – Does the club have charity status? If the club has charity status, Gift Aid would contribute a huge amount of extra income for the club.

Graham Hesketh – Ideas around more paid roles within the club to help, DD and Graham to discuss.

DD – How funds are spent needs to be agreed at the next committee meeting.

**Discussion - Fees**

Mark Talbot – Do we have a training only fee? Can we charge a reduced rate for those players who don’t want to play matches? DP confirmed that there is nothing in the constitution and so agreed with DD that the team could agree a reasonable fee.

**Discussion - 3g Respect**

Graham Hesketh raised the point that we should all treat the 3g pitch with respect. Please keep it clean of litter etc. It is our responsibility to check the pitch including the opponent’s side.