



Perth & Kinross Sports Council

Executive Meeting Minutes

16th April 2026

Dewars Centre 6pm

Present: Stuart Cowper (SC), Bruce Gibb (BG), Mark Lewis (ML), Jim Masson (JM),
Hugh Anderson (HA), Annemarie Harkness (AM), David Munro (DM),
Lianne Gibb (LG), Paul Cromwell (PC), Kelly Johnstone (Minute Taker)

Apologies: David Taylor (DT), Martin McAllister (MM)

1	Welcome and Introductions Stuart Cowper took the chair, welcomed the committee, and introduced Paul Cromwell to the meeting.	
2	Apologies As Above	
3	Declaration of interest Bruce Gibb – Strathearn Harriers	
4	Minutes of previous meeting Approved	ML DM
5	Live Active Leisure update from Paul Cromwell LAL are facing increased financial pressures with reduced public funding and the burden of owning own facilities with energy costs and building maintenance costs. They are strategically looking ahead at the long-term picture of the PH20 venue, which will be more energy efficient. The Ice rink is being discussed as trying to find a more sustainable provision. Both Perth Leisure Pool and Dewars will be kept open until PH20 is open. There is a £10 million cap for Bells Sports Centre; the dome at Bells is a listed building, so it needs to be retained. PKC decided to use it for indoor pitch and event space and working with consulting groups to determine size, pitch types etc. Things are moving forward. £40 million is set to fund initiatives to help sports development and pathways to sports clubs. This is to be dispersed through Sports Scotland	PC

	who will be promoting the Commonwealth games within schools and are taking a lead role in collectively bringing ideas together. School swimming is being built on to be able to provide lessons as P5 is a key age to be able to swim as a life skill for safety. The George Duncan Arena are struggling to get track marks due to costings and are unable to put on events without this. However, arrangements are different at all venues, and charges are not set by LAL or maintenance. The LAL sports development team don't want to lose these opportunities, and their role is to support sports people and lobby with the PKC for these and drip feed money into facilities, so they don't get too run down	
6	Grants Presented Chloe McNaughton (Curling) Elizabeth Simmons (Equestrian Vaulting) Iona Cameron (Equestrian Vaulting) Marina Petrova (Netball) Murray Cameron (Hockey) - No Show	AM AM BG AM
7	Grant Applications Received Nikita Tuzov (Ice Hockey) - £250.00 Rosa Mann (Tennis) - £175.00 Gregg Parsons (Athletics) - £175.00 Kezi Swift (Athletics) - £150.00 Bruce Gibb (Athletics) - £150.00 Harriet Gibb (Athletics) - £175.00 Perth Strathray Harriers (Event) - £500.00 Kinross Hockey Club (Event) - £500.00	ALL
8	George Mortimer This year saw 3 talented applications and after a tough decision, the winning vote went to Finn Duguid who was nominated by Active Schools Co-Ordinator Gregor Ross at Breadalbane Academy for Orienteering at a British youth and Junior World level. Finn's goal is to win a medal at the Junior World Orienteering Championships.	ALL
9	Evaluation Forms Forms circulated for: Meigle Cricket Club Riley Thomson Sophie Hamilton Perth Junior Curling Club	
10	AOCB KJ to contact LAL to request PKSC to be more present at the SPOTY awards regarding the award decision-making process.	KJ
11	Date of next meeting AGM 19th May 2026	

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