

**Aberdeenshire Sports Council  
Finance Meeting Minutes  
Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 7.00 pm  
Meldrum Academy**

Present: Tim Stephen, Keith Leslie, Gordon Ingram, Neil Ironside, Kenny Gibb, Jim Conn, Rhona Lawrence, Jonathan Christie

Apologies: John Chapman, Jamieson Shearer, Lynne Walster and Malcolm Hogg

Kenny opened the meeting and invited Tim Stephen to address the Committee on the Council Spending Cuts.

- All grants will be wiped out by March 2012.
- The interim budget – priority given to facilities grant Garioch Trust, Ellon Meadow etc., who will receive 60% grant aid this year.
- £1,500 grant on the table for advisory, forums and us this year.
- Nil 2012.
- As of April 2012 – no longer Sports Development Team, they will become generic within E, L & L.
- Some sports facilities to close or run at reduced opening times.
- The amount Aberdeenshire had to find cuts was £57 million over 2 years.
- Rod Stone retiring September/October.
- Time offered to revisit another committee meeting, if more information was required,
- Final vote for cuts will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011
- Kenny thanked Tim Stephen for his brief.

On Tim's departure, a discussion was held on how we can forward from here.

- Would the goodwill of our member clubs and individuals remain constant?
- Grants would have to be reassessed, and each category reduced significantly.
- Follow the National Strategy
- Lobby – Councillors, Sportscotland
- Formalise relationship with Active Schools
- Clubcap – how will this be financed?
- Would council still provide administration from MacDuff, would they cover our stationery, postage, laptop etc?

Kenny asked everyone present to positive, we must fall back, regroup, source funding avenues.

2. Grant Applications – 13 grants passed to Executive for approval  
3 grants - retrospective
  
3. A.O.C.B. - none