**Minutes of Forth Valley Cricket Development Group Management Committee 18th September 2012
Held at Stirling County Cricket Club**

**Attendees:** Bob Ramsay (FVCDG Chair) Ian Shaw (FVCDG Secretary) Alec Pollock (St Modans C.C) Aslam (Westquarter& Redding C.C.)
 Kevin Ferrie (FVCCT)
**Apologies:** Jon Taylor (Stirling C.C.C) George Pollock (St Modans C.C.)
 Andrew Lloyd (Gargunnock C.C.)

**Clubs not in attendance:** Clackmannan C.C.C., Gargunnock C.C., Stenhousemuir C.C., Stirling C.C.C
 Doune C.C., Dollar C.C.
**Welcome**
Bob Ramsay welcomed both club's represented  and thanked them for attending, and expressed his disappointment at the clubs not attending,  especially considering the importance of the matters to be discussed.  Bob passed on his apology to Kevin Ferrie for the poor turnout of member clubs and hoped that he would still be able to obtain useful information from those present.

**Minutes of 27th June 2012 meeting**Bob asked the meeting to approve the minutes from our last meeting 27th June as previously circulated. Minutes were approved.

Due to Kevin Ferrie’s attendance the order of the agenda was altered from the published agenda.

**Forth Valley Community Cricket Trust (Kevin Ferrie)**
Kevin explained that the trust was established with the aim to get into every school in the area so that every child gets an opportunity to experience cricket, and progress to a club. In an effort to help ensure that this aim is achieved the Trust wish to understand what are the barriers stopping children from making that transition from the school to the club. A long discussion took place, with the represented clubs explaining their positions. After an hour of discussions, Kevin asked for all the clubs to feed back as per the agenda item answering the following questions:-
 - What are the aims of each club?
- What are the required actions to meet their aims?
- Are there any barriers preventing them from achieving these aims?
All clubs were asked to report back before the Trust’s next meeting on the 1st October. Please report back to Kevin (Kevin Ferrie kevin.ferrie@heraldandtimes.co.uk ) copying Ian ( ianshaw@cricketscotland.com ) into the email.
After the discussion Kevin left the meeting.

**Ian Shaw – Working more closely with identified clubs / TopClub**Ian explained that after a year in the role as CDM (Central, Angus, Fife & Dundee) it there is a real need to be more focused in terms of his time and where that is spent. i.e. working with the clubs that are struggling to field junior teams etc. As such in the Forth Valley area he wished to initially prioritise working with St Modans C.C., Westquarter& Redding C.C. and Clackmannan C.C.C. Ian explained that he has met with St Modans, has arranged a meeting with Westquarter (26th September) and will contact Clackmannan C.C.C. in due course.

**Summer Squad Coaching 2013/2014**Due to all the clubs not being in attendance at the meeting, no decision was taken regards the whether or not F.V. would apply to CS for the funds. Ian expressed that he would be very disappointed if clubs decided not to pursue, as he has all but arranged for sessions to be conducted in the identified schools. Ian also expressed that if we were to let other partners down this may have further ramifications in terms of getting into the schools in the future.
As such As such please **can all clubs contact Ian expressing their clubs views on the continuation or withdrawal from the scheme.**

Funding might be available to use for one or two coaches (50% CS, 50% Forth Valley) over a period of two years, but clubs must buy into the process. This programme is flexible and can be tailored to meet the needs of the clubs i.e. the coach could deliver at the clubs as well as in the schools.  Details of the requirements for club involvement were given in the e-mail issued by Ian on 18/9/2011 ("summer squad" - copies available - please ask of you haven't received a copy)

**The Way Forward**
Due to the meeting only being represented by two clubs and the meeting going on longer than was anticipated, this item was not covered.  Time is however, of the essence,  since the selection for the Junior Development Squad (due to start in mid-October) has been  disadvantaged by the lack of clubs attending to discuss the way forward.  **Clubs are asked to indicate to Ian/Bob if they wish to be involved in the Area development scheme or not, before the 1st of October.   If your club wishes to be a part of the Area development programme a list of junior players nominated for the squad should be notified to Bob & Ian by the 1st October.**

**AOB**
There being no other business the meeting was brought to a close.

**DONM**
Date of next meeting to be confirmed.

**Forth Valley Cricket Development Group
Mintues of Management Committee Meeting
 Tuesday 17th September 2013 at Stirling County Cricket Club 7pm**

**Attendees** Ian Shaw (CS) Bob Ramsay (FVCDG Chair) Umar Aslam (Treasurer / Westquarter & Redding C.C.) Alec Pollock (St Modans C.C.) George Pollock (St Modans C.C.) Jon Taylor Stirling (C.C.C.) Colin Finlay (Stirling C.C.C.) Graham Anderson (Clackmanan C.C.C.) Tony Phillips (Callander C.C.) John Howell (FVCCT) John Cooper (FVCCT)

**Apologies** Michael Bang (Stenhousemuir C.C.)

**Clubs Not in attendance** Doune C.C., Dollar C.C., Kippen C.C. Stenhousemuir C.C.

**Welcome**Bob welcomed everyone.

**Minutes of Last Meeting & Matters Arising -**Bob asked the meeting to approve the minutes from our Jan meeting as previously circulated. Minutes were approved.
Bob explained that the numbers so far registered for the up and coming winter courses have been disappointing, with nine participants on course one and one participant enrolled on course 2. Bob asked that all clubs re-circulate the course information to their junior members in an attempt to increase the viability of the courses.
All matters arising from the previous meeting were dealt with.

**The Future Structure of Cricket in Forth Valley (FVCDG / FVCCT) – What does this look like in the future?**
Bob produced documentation on the current status of club cricket in F.V. Focusing on performances in the 2013 season is was evident that clubs cannot afford to be idle due to the results being poor across the board. It was a concern that on a number of occasions teams were having to forfeiting games due to a lack of players. A discussion centred around clubs using players from other clubs (especially juniors) to ensure that games were fulfilled and that all available cricketers were playing games. It was evident that currently across FV that the numbers have dipped in recent years and that action is required to reverse this trend.

The Chair made the group aware that there is talk of the CSL, East league, ESCA and the Strathmore & Perthshire Cricket Union merging. Talks are still on-going with all the above bodies but it has been proposed that the CSL East Premier would be restructured to include a further 2 clubs taking it to a 10 team, 11 division league and that the format of the Scottish Cup would revert back to a Sunday competition and a straight knock out competition. Jon Taylor updated the group on the proposals in the West, which would see the Western District Union following suit and reconstruct the 4 division 10 team league. The 2nd division next year being a one off 8 team league, due to grounds being used for the Commonwealth Games.

John Howell was invited to talk about the Forth Valley Community Cricket Trust (formally the Stirling County Community Cricket Trust) and explained the history of the trust and thanked people for their efforts. However stated that the Trust worked well, but due to circumstances changing the Trust needs to change with the times.
As such, it is time to rethink the way the Trust operates. John explained that the Trust had met the previous week to discuss their position and were happy to hand the structure of the Trust over to FVCDG for them to do as they wish with it, and it was up to them if they wanted any or none of the current trustee’s to stay on in their positions. The group all agreed that they wished for all the current trustee’s to stay in their positions with the inclusion of Bob Ramsay to provide a link with this committee.

A discussion was held around the structure of the ‘new’ trust / development group. It was agreed that we would emulate the successful model of Cricket Dundee, where the development group (in name) is the Trust and looks to raise the required funds to fund a community coach. Dundee have re-named the body that represents the clubs as ‘Cricket Dundee’ (i.e.FVCDG), and this is where the strategy/operations of the whole groups activities takes place.

Development Officer

Clubs

Councils

Active Schools

Cricket Dundee
(Strategy / Operations)

Cricket Scotland CDM

Dundee Cricket Development

Group (The Trust - Fundraising)

**Community Coach / Development Officer – Club Commitments**
After agreeing the structure and personal of the new structure, attention changed to what the group wanted to achieve and how we are going to do this. It was clear that all clubs / FV need to expand the base and increase participation at the grass roots level. After further discussions it was agreed that the group would look to raise the required funds to employ a full time Community Coach / Development officer, again using the model from Dundee with the clubs contributing to the costs. It was also agreed that clubs needed to commit to the group and ensure that they attend every meeting, failure to do this can and will result in expulsion from the group.

Ian agreed to carry out the background work in relation to how much the role would cost, how much the clubs will contribute and produce job descriptions and personal specs.

In terms of time scales it was hoped that the role would be operational from January 2014. CS have agreed to take on the responsibility of payroll and would pay N.I. and tax.

**AOB**
Graham Anderson felt that the group should have a website where its activities can have a greater coverage. John Howell explained that the Trust have a website ‘inspirecricket.com /co.uk’ and had a company in Glasgow who were hosting the site for free. John would circulate this information.

**Date of next Meeting**
Wednesday 6th November 2013 7PM at Stirling County C.C.