

# Cross Party Working Group: The Future of Scottish Football

6th December 2022

By TEAM Call

Minutes

**Present:** Fulton MacGregor (Convenor), Rob Byrne (Fulton MacGregor's Office), Richard McBrearty (Scottish FA Museum Trust), Stuart McCaffrey (Scottish Football Partnership), Duncan Mackay (Scottish Government), Paul McNeill (Scottish FA), Stuart Murphy (SFSA), Cammy Watt (Scottish FA); Craig Peattie (SPFA) Maurice Golden (MSP); Kevin Lee (Scottish FA); Iain McMenemy (Stenhousemuir FC)

**Apologies:** Finlay Carson (MSP)  
Neil Doncaster (SPFL)  
Calum Beattie (SPFL)  
Inspector Marion McLean (Police Scotland)  
Jeremy Balfour (MSP),  
Keith Ferguson (Disability Access Officer),

## 1. Welcome and Introduction

Mr MacGregor opened the meeting and welcomed those present. Mr MacGregor apologised for moving the original date and explained the reasons, he then explained the purposed of the meeting and AGM.

## 2. Re-appointment of Positions

The following roles were agreed:

- Convenor – Fulton MacGregor (MSP) nominated by Cammy Watt and seconded by Stuart McCaffrey;

- Depute Convenor – Jeremy Balfour (MSP), nominated by Fulton MacGregor (MSP) and seconded by Maurice Golden
- Secretary – Paul McNeill (Scottish FA) nominated by Fulton MacGregor (MSP) and seconded by Stuart McCaffrey

Mr MacGregor informed the group that they would actively look to engage with more people to update the membership list.

### 3. Scottish FA – Football For All Strategy

Mr MacGregor thanked all the group for taking the time to attend the AGM and indicated that although there was a small group in attendance it would be worth hearing about the Scottish FA Football for All strategy.

Paul McNeill provided an update on the Football for All strategy that had been completed via consultation with several internal and external stakeholders. The overall aspect of the plan was to help remove the barriers to allow people to regardless of background to participate in the sport and work to create more community clubs are the heart of Scottish communities.

Mr MacGregor thanked Paul McNeill for the presentation and asked if there was any question, there was a short discussion on the benefits of football clubs to help society and it was agreed that these type of presentation be the focus at future meetings.

### 4. AOCB

There was no further business and meeting concluded and Mr MacGregor thanked everyone and wished them a happy festive period when it arrived.