

Babergh Disability Sport & Leisure Forum

Minutes; 14th December 2006

Gt.Cornard Sports Centre

Attendees	Dave Finn (Chair) Optua Leisure Gregory Cooper Be Active Project Stephanie Lloyd Be Active Project Lorna Radford Gt. Cornard Sports Centre Marina Ward Windmill Group Susan Hollins The Bridge Project Chris Rix Bury Bombers Basketball Club Julie Rix Bury Bombers Basketball Club Roy O Shaughnessy Volunteer Jenifer Grist Out and About Shirley Moore Suffolk Befriending
Apologies	Andy Millar Cornard Dynamos Debbie Williams Suffolk CC Manager Adult & Community Services Stephanie Newton Suffolk CC Adult & Community Services Kevin Curtis Hilary Pateman Service User

Matters arising	Action
None	None

1	Election of Officers	Action
1	Dave Finn – Chair, nominated by GC, 2 nd SM	None
	Steph Lloyd – Secretary, nominated by DF, 2 nd SM	None
	Roy O Shaughnessy – Treasurer, nominated by DF, 2 nd CR (Nominated signatories – SM)	None
	Lorna Radford – Vice Chair, nominated by SL, 2 nd SH	None

2	Changes to constitution	Action
1	Section – Regulations, paragraph beginning - The Forum shall firstly approve any membership...to be removed	GC
	Section Dissolution, paragraph beginning - After discharging all debts and liabilities...to include 'within Babergh'	GC

3	Accounts	Action
1	No money within Forum so nothing to discuss	None

4	End of Year Report	Action
1	No report, all minutes have now been added to website – www.beactive.babergh.gov.uk (live shortly)	None
2	Positive points to report – new partners, more people coming to forum, fundraising events have taken place during the year to go into the kitty.	None
3	Have compiled informative activity list of disabled and inclusive activity in Babergh area – great that info is now in one place rather than all over the place – for all new activities to be added contact SL, this list is due to be on website shortly	SL & GC

5	Activity Promotion	Action
1	Database – Babergh now have over 300 names of participants who have taken part in Be active courses – this is a great aid for mailshots to promote new courses/events	None

6	Suffolk Disability Sports Academy	Action
1	The showcase day at Northgate SC, Ipswich was well attended by Babergh – the whole purpose of day was to introduce and re introduce people with disabilities to para llympic sports. The next show case day is 28 th April 2007 in Bury St Edmunds. Full details should be on Optuas website (www.optua.org.uk) at the end of January – so far 9 sports have been confirmed. The academy is trying to raise the profile of disability sport.	None
2	Possibility of showcase day in Babergh at Great Cornard Sports Centre – LR will look into can see no problem will need to know dates and requirements. Sudbury Upper School also has an auditorium which could be used as a second site in the day for speeches etc	LR LR

7	Coach Development	Action
1	London Wheelchair Flora Marathon application forms attached	None
2	<p>Local Authorities do lots of work with coaches and forum is great place to advertise any new coaching opportunities.</p> <p>New opportunity within Badminton coming up – Disability Coaching Session some time in new year via Badminton England and Badminton development officer – Elaine Burrows – details attached</p> <p>Let Babergh know if any coaching opportunities come up and they will circulate to all their coaches</p> <p>Marie Yates (ESDF) course on identifying and developing talent in young disable people (details attached)</p> <p>Suggestion that some of forum money should go towards coaching courses - Agreed</p>	None

8	Funding Opportunities	Action
1	<p>Babergh Communities Together in partnership with Suffolk CC – Adult Community Services are holding Funding Surgeries over the district –</p> <p>Shotley – Village Hall Wednesday 10th January Friday 23rd February</p> <p>Sudbury – The Christopher Centre Tuesday 23rd January Tuesday 6th March</p> <p>Hadleigh – Business and Learning Centre Wednesday 7th February Friday 16th March</p>	None
2	<p>Local Network Fund - Need to submit early bids as funding is ending April 2008</p> <p>Forum to consider putting bid into LNF</p>	ALL DF
3	Big Lottery Fund - Are doing rounds in East England holding 2hour funding seminars, DF to email dates and locations round	

9	Next Meeting	Action
1	Dates of next years meeting set – Friday 16 th March – East Bergholt SC Friday 8 th June – Bridge Project, Sudbury Friday 14 th September – Babergh District Council Friday 14 th December – Gt Cornard Sports Centre	None

10	AOB	
1	<p>New Partner – Bridge Project Following BDC meeting with Susan Hollins and Holden Cook of Bridge Project, Bridge are now happy to come on board with the DSF. The Bridge Project run work prep groups for adults with LD 18+ Susan has identified several adults who would be interested in sitting on forum and doing committee type roles. This would give the DSF some community ownership and greater representation from the disabled community.</p>	SH
2	<p>Bury Bombers – Inclusive BB club based in Bury St Edmunds, they need to recruit more disabled members wide age range.(U15's and Snrs) Chris Rix has recently been invited for try outs with the GB Jnrs squad and a member of the club has been included in squad.</p> <p>Need to add Bury Bombers onto Activity Database List</p> <p>GC has investigated potential transport companies to use in the area for Bury Bombers -</p> <p>CEL – Petrol costs only (Susan Smith 01394 382253, Melton, opposite train station)</p> <p>Sudbury Community Transport - £60 full day including 50 miles travel, additional miles 50p per mile (John Philips 01787 242116)</p> <p>Optua Transport - £1 per mile</p>	ALL GC
3	<p>TV presenter Helen Smith has donated a 15" racing wheelchair to the Forum – suggested Orwell Panthers may make use of this – if anyone knows of someone who wants to use it let GC know</p>	GC
4	<p>Beginners Archery Course starting January 18th at Northgate SC ages 12+</p>	
5	<p>GC has set up meeting with Alton Water to discuss options for future possible water sports showcase day, GC to report on progress</p>	GC
6	<p>Optua have bid in at present with lottery to support funding for the work they are doing if successful a FTE post will be created/sustained</p>	
7	<p>Powerlifting – Neil and Ann Thomas World Champion Powerlifters are working in partnership with Babergh DC to develop an inclusive PL club based at East Bergholt SC - The couple are to develop the club via school links and identified athletes in region who can feed into club, Neil has been approached by Paralympic association to train athletes for forthcoming Paralympics. Club should be up and running by end of Jan – press call Jan 15th to launch club and raise profile</p>	
8	<p>Windmill Club – Trampolining Club going very well at Sudbury Community Resource Centre, at present once a month – suggested Befriending could also make use of sessions</p>	

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9	Roy O Shaughnessy – volunteer coach at East Bergholt inclusive Badminton Club – club going well, have new coach there employed by East Bergholt SC Troy Peterson.	None
10	Befriending – Have established drop in Centre in Suffolk – Sudbury Town Hall Thurs mornings.	None
11	Out and About – Are encouraging clubs to be inclusive – offer a referral pack for advice on this	None
12	Suggestion to have a Mackinton demonstrator at next meeting, DF to sort	DF