

Babergh Disability Sport & Leisure Forum

Minutes; 16th March 2007

East Bergholt Sports Centre

Attendees	Dave Finn (Chair) Stephanie Lloyd Lorna Radford Chris Rix Shirley Moore Marion Corner Bob Bilson Ruth Stapleford Michelle Hall Chris March Manager Nicky Lamb	Optua Leisure Be Active Project Gt. Cornard Sports Centre Bury Bombers Basketball Club Suffolk Befriending Sudbury Community Resource Centre Special Olympics Windmill Support Group Patron of Be Active Hadleigh & East Bergholt Sports Centre Hadleigh Health Inclusion Project
Apologies	Jenifer Grist Julie Rix Roy O Shaugnessy	Out and About Bury Bombers Basketball Club Volunteer

Matters arising	Action
None, all minutes of last meeting agreed	None

1	Sign Language Demonstration	Action
1	To be re arranged	DF

2	Bob Bilson – Special Olympics	Action
1	<p>Special Olympics provides year round training and competition to people with a learning disability aged eight to eighty – they are a registered charity and are a major provider of sporting opportunities. It was agreed by all that Special Olympics is something Babergh would like to try and develop and agreed that separate meeting needed to be arranged to do this to talk in greater detail about what is involved – possibly look at linking in with Optua/Ipswich BC.</p> <p>For more details go to www.specialolympics.org SL will ensure this link goes onto www.beactive.babergh.gov.uk SL also has pack that Bob brought with him and will hold on file</p>	SL

3	Bank Account	Action
1	SL reported that in process of opening Lloyds TSB bank account to hold money for forum - £320.50 to go into once opened – Babergh District Council cashiers holding for time being. SL to liaise with Shirley as additional signatory.	SL

4	Babergh Athletics Club	Action
1	Athletics Club at Sudbury Sports Centre due to start shortly (details updated since meeting) Colchester and Tendring Athletics Club (CATS) have been identified as a key partner in the running of this club – Peter Tanner chairman recently met with Steph Lloyd and Sue Longhurst to discuss plans – CATS use fully qualified coaches and follow the LTAD long term athlete development model and can provide range of athletics disciplines for able and disabled athletes – need to get School sports partnership on board to take to next level – start date of club and promotion to be confirmed. Anyone interested in helping out at this club please inform Steph Lloyd	SL

5	Optua showcase day.	Action
1	Optua are holding a sports academy showcase day on Saturday April 28 th 2007. Looks to be great day, athletes must pre enter – capacity for up to 180 on day. Some sessions being signed. Money will also be available after the event to go towards club development in the BSE area. Sports on offer from goal ball, power lifting, shooting, archery, boccia and athletics. Athletes can try as many sports as they like on the day. DF distributed entry forms and info sheets. Full details on www.optua.org.uk	None

6	RHS Optua Games	Action
1	Team invited from resource centres, special schools, and independent groups to compete in various sporting games on Thursday 28 th June 10-3pm at Royal Hospital School, Holbrook. SL distributed entry forms and info sheets. For more info see www.optua.org.uk	None

7	Funding Opportunities	Action
1	Steph handed out useful funding sheet that Essex CC compiled, several new funding opportunities in there for disability sport – Steph will make sure this document gets put on the Be active website	SL

8	Coach Education	Action
1	Steph spoke about coach education courses and courses that Suffolk Sport run in relation to disability sport. The Be active project actively works to educate and volunteers and coach's that are involved with the project and if they are willing to invest time into activity then Be active will fund their coaching qualification/personal development. Steph will make sure that Suffolk Sport web address is on Be active website. www.suffolksport.com For more details contact Steph Lloyd.	SL

9	Next Meeting	Action
1	Steph relayed to group that Greg Cooper has now left Babergh District Council for sport Essex – Good luck and best wishes to Greg. Steph to be looking after Be Active project until job advertised and replacement found.	
2	Steph introduced group to Community Sports Network – which is an initiative from Sport England in conjunction with local authorities to deliver sports and leisure across the local area – the idea is to better co ordinate and deliver sports and leisure in Babergh with the emphasis on local club/communities to have a real impact/input in this process. Dave Finn relayed to the group his concerns that disability sport could get lost in this and emphasised the importance of keeping the disability forum as its own entity. Group agreed and Steph commented that this is why we will need good disabled representation on the sports network, so if you receive a letter try and make the initial meeting.	SL
3	Steph had received a request from Mike Oakley of Orwell Panthers to borrow the forums racing wheel chair for a local athlete – forum agreed ok, Steph to contact Greg Cooper and find out where the chair is located	SL
4	The forum noted the availability of the hiring of basketball wheel chairs, Dave Finn has a contact who will bring out 20 chairs for an event at a cost of approx £300.	
5	Congratulations to Avocet swimming club who were recent winners of Baberghs Community Achievement Award and also Ray Cattermole who won a volunteer award at the event. Steph to arrange for the community award details to be put onto Be active website.	SL
6	Dave Finn reported that Learning through leisure was in financial difficulty is now to be run by Optua Leisure – it is a service that helps to give respite care.	
7	Suffolk Show this year on May 30/31 – The BDSF have a presence through Optua/Powerlifting.	
8	<p>Dave Finn reported back on progress of health improvement programme that will be accessible to Babergh DF – Babergh District Council along with Forest Heath and St Edmundsbury Council put in a bid to the West Suffolk LSP and were awarded £49,000 to share between councils for this project and 4 others. The programme that Babergh will be developing is in conjunction with the Kingfisher leisure centre, Sudbury it will bring about the resourcing of a personal trainer via Optua, the trainer will work directly with disabled adults in their home to get them more active and support them to use their local gym.</p> <p>Shirley Moore reported that on 14th July there will be a Tag Rugby match at Sudbury Rugby Club as part of an organised fun day– Steph to liaise with Shirley to help support this day, for info - regions rugby development officer. Tim Reed Suffolk Community Rugby Coach Mob: 07767 891476.</p>	

Addition -

Optua Showcase day clashes with Bury Bombers junior finals day held in Stoke Mandeville – They are having a meeting to discuss how they are going to go forward with this – Julie Rix.

Action – Steph to ensure Dave Finn is aware

Date of next meeting – Friday June 9th 2007 10.00 Bridge Project, Sudbury.

All agenda items/anything you'd like to discuss to Stephanie.Lloyd@babbergh.gov.uk
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10	AOB	Action
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