

## Babergh Disability Sport & Leisure Forum

**Minutes; 14<sup>th</sup> December 2007**

Great Cornard Sports Centre

Attendees	Stephanie Lloyd Gemma Hockley coordinator, Optua Chris Marsh centre Claire Prescott Partnership Shirley Moore Mark Healy Ryan Armes Marion Sedwell Dan Lawrence Chris Rix Gareth Moir	Babergh District Council Be Active Health Improvement Programme Co-  Hadleigh High and East Bergholt Sport  SW Suffolk School Sports  Suffolk Befriending Scheme English Federation of Disability Sport British Blind Sport Babergh Communities Together Great Cornard Sports Centre Bury Bombers/Suffolk Spartans Suffolk Sport/Babergh DC
Apologies	Anesta Newson Ruth Stapleford Dave Finn Andy Cole Kevin O Connell Michelle Hall Jennifer Grist	Bridge Project Windmill Support Group Optua Leisure Ability Counts – Guest Speaker Service user Be Active Patron Out and About

Matters arising	Action
The minutes from the last meeting were agreed as a true record	

1	Guest Speakers	Action
1	Marion Sedwell – Babergh Communities Together  BCT are a voluntary organisation who can offer support to local people/groups and organisations about volunteer services, funding issues, personal finance issues, rural/disability issues, training and events. They are a signposting organisation but also have specialised volunteers	SL & others

	<p>in house. Seems the most beneficial way of working together would be for the forum to let BCT know what we do and are about so that they can refer any disability/community issues onto the forum or myself here at the council. Also in terms of signposting to services – I will send through the Be Active leaflet to Marion which lists local sports provision for disabled people, if any organisations want to do the same on the forum please forward to Marion at <a href="mailto:marion@bctsoffolk.org.uk">marion@bctsoffolk.org.uk</a></p>	
2	<p>Ryan Armes – British Blind Sport</p> <p>Ryan’s main remit is to engage 11-25 yr olds with visual impairments into sport. Ryan is working across the region to try and identify VI people via taster days and partnership working with disability forums. Suffolk is one the focus counties and Ryan will be developing more VI clubs and offering training to these clubs. There is at present a club in BSE and hopefully following the Babergh/Optua showcase day we will be able to develop one in Babergh. Ryan spoke about I Sport and the forum agreed to make I Sport a regular item on the agenda so that feedback can work both ways between BDSF and British Blind Sport.</p>	<p>Ryan to let forum and Chris March know of forthcoming training dates</p>
3	<p>Mark Healy – EFDS</p> <p>Mark has recently taken on role of development officer with EFDS. Marks main role will be to share information and support forums where possible – the main bulk of his direct work going to national governing bodies and County Sports Partnerships. Mark would like to share national initiatives with the forum ie playground to podium - which is a government initiative to support top quality coaching in schools. Mark will also be sharing good practice items. I will in my role as Be Active officer work with Mark on these initiatives and feed back into forum. Mark to email EFDS updates as and when for inclusion in forum meetings</p> <p>2 up coming events – Mark to email details through to Steph to circulate Feb – Swimming event May 17<sup>th</sup> 10ys +</p>	<p>Mark to forward EFDS items as and when for inclusion in forums</p>
4	<p>Gareth Moir – Suffolk Sport/BDC Athletics Coach and Development Officer</p> <p>Gareth has been contracted to work 6 hours a week by the school sports partnership/Be Active/BDC sports development and Suffolk sport – these 6 hours will be lent to schools and also to a more adult community session – if anyone is interested in Gareth coming along and providing a</p>	

	<p>taster session/set of sessions within a more adult setting then please contact myself and I will liaise with Gareth.</p> <p>One of the overall aims for Gareth's post will be to develop the sport of disability athletics in the region – we are hoping that he can continue to develop the Babergh athletics club to 1. Increase disabled membership and 2. to open up the age limit to include adults</p>	
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<b>2</b>	<b>Climbing Wall</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	<p>Dan Lawrence had submitted a bid to awards for all for improvements to the climbing wall at Great Cornard Sports Centre to make the wall, its instructors and its equipment more accessible for those with disabilities. The bid was returned due to lack of funds. Dan noted that the wall is a great alternative sport for young people at risk of offending and also people with disabilities so it was agreed by the forum that we would look at the bid and try and support Dan with more input from the disability/offending side. Forum agreed ideal project to take on and forward next year – look to form smaller sub working group</p>	<p>Steph to set up meeting in new year with Dan Lawrence, Ryan Armes, my replacement + someone from offending side</p>

<b>3</b>	<b>Sudbury Gymnastics Awards for all</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	<p>Be Active, Sudbury Gymnastics Club, Sudbury Resource Centre and the Ryes School have prepared a bid for awards for all so that disabled adults and young people with Learning difficulties/Behavioral difficulties can access top quality coaching for free at the Sudbury Gymnastics centre – this offer is open to anyone that fits into this category in the whole of Babergh – we are</p>	<p>SL to submit bid to AFA and let forum</p>

	still waiting on input from Sudbury Gymnastics centre in terms of CP policy etc before the bid can be submitted. In the meantime I may have secured funds from the Sudbury locality budget. – Will confirm as and when funds are secured.	know when locality budget is secured
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<b>4</b>	<b>Optua Showcase Day</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	Great Cornard Sports Centre is the venue for the next Optua disability Showcase day on Saturday April 26 <sup>th</sup> – The day will hope to attract over 150 disabled participants of all ages and showcase up to 15 Para llympic sports mainly supported by local clubs and coaches. Be Active have committed funding to the event and will work with Optua after the day to try and develop some new disability clubs within the district.	SL

<b>5</b>	<b>Ideas for projects from last meeting</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	Indoor/Carpet Bowls – Claire Prescott said informed the forum that SUS have over £1000 of bowls equipment and agreed with forum it would be good to get a set of taster sessions up and running – perhaps daytime adult disability sessions?	SL (replacement) to develop and set up
2	Rock Climbing wall – as above	

6	Follow up work with Out and About	Action
1	Good presentation from OAA to raise awareness of what they do – mentor/provide volunteers to disabled young people to access sport and leisure opportunities – criteria doesn't fit all disabilities and no disabled only opportunities all mainstream/inclusive.	SL (replacement) to email Steve and agree comments and follow up any outstanding work

7	Update of contacts/mailling lists	Action
1	Steph sent round an up date contact list to all those on forum (23 sent out – 3 email address wrong – Barleycombe + 2 service users – SL to seek to track them down again) only 4 received back as yet so another 16 to be returned – please email back to Steph.	Steph

8	Future Meeting Dates	Action
1	<p><b>Friday March 14<sup>th</sup> – Holbrook Sports Centre? 10.00</b></p> <p><b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June. – Great Cornard Sports Centre? 10.00</b></p> <p><b>Friday Sept 12<sup>th</sup> – Babergh DC offices 10.00 - confirmed</b></p> <p><b>Friday Dec 12<sup>th</sup> – Venue TBC</b></p>	Anyone who is a host venue to confirm please direct to Steph

9	Forum structure	Action
1	<p><b>Lorna Radford vice chair now left area – need to replace – Gareth Moir proposed himself, Steph seconded. Thank you Gareth.</b></p> <p><b>Treasurer – Roy O Shagnessy – Steph to contact Roy and</b></p>	SL

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10	Maternity Leave Cover	Action
1	Steph still in office until December then working from home in January and not taking on any new work during this time. Maternity Leave commences end of Jan – interviews for replacement Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> December – Steph to email round contact details for new person once appointed.	SL

11	AOB	Action
1	Claire Prescott noted contact at Hampden House (PRU) to contact and let know of climbing wall and also re introduce to Be Active services and forum – Nick Rigby, <a href="mailto:dephead@hampdenhouse.net">dephead@hampdenhouse.net</a>	Steph to email
2	Forum agreed Optua need to send out publicity material to School sports partnerships in mainstream schools in Babergh as have many young pupils with disabilities who get missed from such events – Claire Prescott contact for Sudbury Partnership and Stuart Moore contact for South Suffolk <a href="mailto:stucam2@yahoo.com">stucam2@yahoo.com</a> – for East Berg/Holbrook/Hadleigh	Optua
3	Gareth noted that Suffolk Sport were ordering 2 bags of athletics equipment for use in schools and put to forum any particular items for disabled youngsters needed to contact him on <a href="mailto:pado.suffolk@btconnect.com">pado.suffolk@btconnect.com</a> or 07917 233399	
4	Sportsaid foundation – Suffolk now have in place a funding stream for young people 12-16 who are potential Para Olympians for 2008/2012 that need funding for training, equipment, coaching etc, age limit is flexible either end. The funding pot is reliant on local people/business's/organisations sponsoring the young person by donating to the pot – details to donate and apply for funding can be obtained from Adam Baker – Suffolk Project manager for the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic games on 01473 260821 or <a href="mailto:adam.baker@acs.suffolkcc.gov.uk">adam.baker@acs.suffolkcc.gov.uk</a>	
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	<b>Suffolk Be Friending have been awarded 'umbrella status' and are now authorised to do CRB checks and can do so for small voluntary groups, so no charge is involved.</b>	
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Date of next meeting – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2007 10.00 Holbrook Sports Centre – to be confirmed

All agenda items/anything you'd like to discuss to [Stephanie.Lloyd@babergh.gov.uk](mailto:Stephanie.Lloyd@babergh.gov.uk) or 01473 825834