

BABERGH DISABILITY SPORTS FORUM

1ST MARCH 2011 MEETING HELD AT OPTUA LEISURE, CLAYDON

1. In Attendance:

Stephanie Lloyd
Paul Little
Dave Finn
Terry McEntee
Matt Gibbs
Paula Benneworth
Kelly Mullett
Chris Marsh
Shirley Moore
Cherry – Shelly Riding School for the disabled

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

2.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed to be an accurate account.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Subsequent emails between forum members have led to agreeing to ensure minute taker is agreed at start of meeting and agreed this doesn't need to be host of venue or necessarily Babergh DC.

Action

All members to agree at start of next meeting

4. Activities Unlimited – Scope UK

4.1 AU are able to supply training, information on school holiday activities via newsletter and website. They are able to help families find activity especially those not supported by Social Services – they do have some funding available. They work with providers of activities and organisers of short breaks assessing their services through their RRR standards.

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5 Wheelchair Basketball

5.1 Matt gave us an overview of the British Wheelchair Association, its current league structure and current targets. – he reported on the growth of the association –

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90 active teams in the UK and GBmen finishing within the top 5 of all major international competitions in the last 15 years and collecting 1 bronze and 1 silver from the last 4 Paralympics. With the women currently ranking 8th in the world and juniors finishing with the top 5 of all major international competitions in the last 15 years.

5.2 The association received Sport England funding for the first time in 2009. GB elite teams and athletes receive UK Sport funding. MG

5.3 The main aims of the association are to increase the number of clubs so that there is one within every county. To continue to provide training courses and officiating courses. And to make the sport accessible within schools through MG

5.4 Babergh – Wheelchair BB is active within the district and Suffolk as a whole – Ipswich Wheelchair Basketball Club 2011/2012. Bury Bombers wheelchair BB club – actively running 4 teams and training twice weekly. Also locally Gordon Parry is doing taster sessions and can supply wheelchairs – he is based and doing taster sessions in Bedfordshire. MG

6. Funding

6.1 Funding streams discussed – Babergh East LSP - May be particularly useful for the Shelley Riding School for disabled people (who were at the meeting). Papworth trust – for athletes with a disability and the potential to compete at 2012 games. Babergh community grants – for capital and one off projects. Sportivate – for new projects 8 weeks of funding for aged 14+. Daily Telegraph £1000 amateur sports grants. SL
Left with all members of the forum contact and application details for all funding streams mentioned above

7. Partner update

7.1 Optua – Optua have lost 5 people plus learning through leisure over recent months due to reduction in funding. Showcase days will continue DF

7.2 Out and About – OAA are working on a project which is recruiting and training volunteers to work with providers, the volunteers become volunteers based at that activity rather than assigned to individuals so they can work with whoever attends KM

that activity. The training OAA offer to providers on inclusion is developing well and more courses are booked over the coming months.

7.3 Hadleigh;/East Bergholt – Hadleigh have been raising money towards a piece of accessible equipment as identified by a recent IFI audit, final amount donated by councillor David Grutchfields locality budget. Other amounts raised from LSP via Optua and many fundraising activities at the centre itself

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7.4 SCC review of dual use of the high schools in the SWISS partnership – Hadleigh LC and East Bergholt SC have been reviewed by the consultant who is focussing mainly on efforts to make the centre more viable. No appreciation was shown at the extent that had been made to encourage disabled people and GP referral. Suffolk Spartans continue to meet at East Bergholt although membership has halted as max numbers in gym. DF (Optua) agreed to meet with senior staff at EB high to discuss options re space. **Suggestions made by TM (Suff Sport) to look on Suff Sport website for new funding stream.**

7.4 Suffolk Sport - Sportivate – Funding available for legacy projects 14-25s available to 2015. Babergh projects to date – Sudbury basketball, Hadleigh Boxing

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7.5 Babergh Be Active – Simon King delivering Playground to Podium and Discovery project to Hillside, St Gregorys and Hadleigh High. Boccia club still running in Sudbury through Suff Befriend. Inclusive summer holiday programme being planned and advertised with AU.

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4. Next Meeting

Tuesday 13th September 10.00am Babergh District Council