

Babergh Disability and Sports Forum

Minutes of meeting held at Great Cornard Sports Centre on 6th June 2008

Attending – Shirley Moore, Jennifer Grist Louise Pennell and Gareth Moir

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Club is continuing to run in the absence of Ryan and this is mainly due to the support from David and Gemma at Optua. Gareth informs us that Ryan's replacement has been appointed but that he is slightly lacking in experience coming straight from University and so will be looking to maintain the clubs which are running before looking at any future developments.	
CSN Meeting	
The Main meeting was cancelled due to a lack of numbers that had advised they would attend only four were due to attend outside the steering group. Contact details were taken and will be circulated to ensure that cancellation of meetings at such late notice in the future can be communicated to anyone that may not have access to their email that day. This event will be re arranged but no date has been given as yet.	LP to forward once known
Out and About	
Jennifer brought details regarding out and about and has been unable to make recent meetings because of demands on her time but will endeavour to attend or if easier someone can attend on behalf if they have less demands.	
Membership	
Members within the forum are still low and with all meeting requests sent this time it was advised that if someone could not attend that a representative could be sent. We are hoping that the CSN re launch will generate more willing volunteers within the area and that some will become involved in this forum but please continue to forward details of these meeting to anyone that may wish to attend.	ALL
Louise has been unable to track down details of Roy and so will look now to find out details of the bank account/statements and if necessary appoint a new signatory and treasurer	LP
Optua Showcase Day	
The day was a success and I believe the final number was 87 participants. There was some good coverage on the regional news and local newspapers. A SportsAid award was issued and there	Optua

<p>was a great deal of praise surrounding organisation and general smooth running of the day itself. The next event is planned for late September or early October over in Mildenhall. The change in date may be necessary to avoid competing against another disability event that has been running in the area for some years. Date and venue will follow once finalised.</p>	
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CSN Action Points	
<p>The CSN was available in full for everyone to review but because of its length Louise had taken out the most relevant points for review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• Host with Optua a Suffolk Disability Showcase Day to promote sports activities for young people and adults with a disability.</p> <p>Obviously this day has taken place and was a great success. All sports had good participation and an exit route was available for all sports on offer .</p> <p>• Set up new clubs in the district aimed at people with disabilities.</p> <p>The Great Cornard Sitting Volleyball Club is up and running and received 7 members on the first week. It will run on the last Saturday of the month from 10-12 and is run by Kwok and Louise. Shirley advised of plans to set up football and rugby that will be aimed at people over 18 with disabilities and will be based in Sudbury and Haverhill. Funding is being requested for this and will be in the region of 7k if successful.</p> <p>• Deliver training for Suffolk Youth Games and select teams to represent Babergh.</p> <p>People interested in this are being directed to Orwell Panthers at the moment as the special schools delayed and finally decided not to allow us to run training alongside a sports club they already have. Time has now become too short to provide an alternative that the coach can provide. The SYG is likely to have a major overhaul before next year and hopefully there will be a more representative number of disability sports on offer.</p> <p>• Use of sporting ambassadors to promote the CSN.</p> <p>This is something that will develop in the future and anyone that could be considered as a suitable candidate should be brought to the attention of the forum.</p> <p>• Produce a quarterly newsletter for the CSN targeting events, new initiatives.</p> <p>An item for getting up and running as quickly as possible. To be successful the CSN will need details of news stories, events, clubs, successes and so keep this in mind for the future.</p> 	

- **Provision of notice board space at local leisure centres to promote CSN activities.**

This has not been arranged as yet but we want to ensure that disabled clubs get recognition on these areas along with the more mainstream clubs and so it could be worth a poster with a number of clubs advertised as a way of getting a lot of linked clubs advertised in one go possible under the joint Suffolk Disability Sport Academy and Active South Suffolk banner.

- **Market research to develop customer insight.**

This is something that was highlighted as an area to get started on as quickly as possible and so if anyone has any comments regarding the research to be undertaken then please consider this now and come back to the group asap.

- **Host a club evening to promote the benefits of clubmark.**

This is something BDC are looking to provide. Suffolk Sport were due to attend the CSN meeting that was cancelled to provide some presentation on this to interested parties.

- **Promote Suffolk Sport Coach Education Programme.**

The majority of the coaching programme that is offered is done through Suffolk Sport and Louise shall bring copies of the booklet they produce to promote this to the next meeting. The courses are relatively cheap but are often under attended and can be cancelled if numbers are not sufficient.

- **Maintain and update the Sports Club Directory.**

In order to start this directory details of all clubs and activities going on will need to be provided. Please start considering clubs that should be included and Louise will start to collect details from the next meeting onwards

Any Other Business

Fun Day at Sudbury Rugby Club the following weekend that will coincide with the Beer Festival already taking place. There will be stalls, food and fun for all the family including a tag rugby match. Contact Shirley Moore for further details on this.

Next Meeting to be held at Babergh District Council 12/09/08 at 10am