

Babergh Disability Sports and Leisure Forum

Special General Meeting

Wednesday 26th May 2010 - Babergh District Council

Minutes –

Present – Stephanie Lloyd – Babergh District Council Community Development Officer (Be Active)

Chris March – Hadleigh and East Bergholt Sports Centre

Shirley Moore – Suffolk Be Friending Society

Paul Little – Babergh District Council Community Safety and Leisure Services manager

Louise Pennell – Optua

Rachel Harrington – Out and About

Carol Ashworth – Hillside Special School

Apologies –

Marion Corner – Sudbury Resource Centre

Anesta Newson – Bridge Project

Michelle Hall – Service User

1) Last meetings minutes – Points to highlight – Stephanie Lloyd has spoken with both Sudbury Rugby Club and Brantham FC who are both happy to accommodate any future disability sessions – they may be able to support the sessions with an assistant coach but Be Active would need to provide lead coach - these projects remain on hold.

Summer 2010 – All BBI (Big Babergh Initiative) summer programme is inclusive and Stephanie Lloyd able to support disabled youngsters who want to attend any activities throughout the summer holidays – advertising to take place through Activities Unlimited.

Schools Programme – The final term of Be Actives programme with the Ipswich and Babergh schools – next year will see Be Active work more closely with the Sudbury SSP in forming a multi sports disability after school club in which 3 feeder schools can access – these schools include Hillside, All saints and Uplands – this new partnership will follow the Playground to Podium initiative still and will still involve Simon King (Babergh's Community Sports Coach) delivering

sessions within curriculum time also as a taster into this club and coaching to prepare youngsters for forthcoming P2P festivals.

The first festival which was held at Sudbury Upper School for youngsters with disabilities in mainstream and special schools saw 40+ youngsters attend from all over the partnership aged from reception to Upper school – This event was organised by Lisa Eaves Sudbury's SSCO and supported by the Be Active team amongst others

2) Partner Update –

Be Active – Louise Pennells post has now been lost from Babergh District Council and will not be replaced – however Be Active will remain delivering with the main focus being on the offending/community development safety side and any disability work that can be absorbed effectively will be done so by the sports development team and Stephanie Lloyd also

Existing Be Active disability provision

The Playground to Podium schools initiative – Simon King and Stephanie Lloyd

The BBI school holiday programme – Inclusive provision throughout holiday time – Stephanie Lloyd and Sue Longhurst

Suffolk Youth Games – Babergh will continue to try and source disabled teams to compete in this annual sporting event

New Be Active Provision

Suffolk Sport Boccia and Archery community/club development – Stephanie Lloyd/Sue Longhurst/Shirley Moore – This is a new development funded through Suffolk Sport to increase the participation in Boccia and Archery (and other sports) in the disabled community through sustainable community clubs - Shirley Moore of Suffolk Befriending society is co coordinating this project and will be supported by Stephanie Lloyd and Sue Longhurst of Babergh District Council

Healthy Walks – Barbara Tottle (BDC) has been in talks with Sudbury Community Resource Centre to offer their clients 'healthy walks' – date for first walk to be set

Chris Marsh – Hadleigh IFI gyms operate at both Hadleigh and East Bergholt sports centre offering disabled gym users aged 14 and over the opportunity to have one to one gym instruction and support or just the opportunity to use a fully adapted gym to suit their needs.

Shirley Moore – The Befriending society continues to offer its one to one referral/volunteer service for disabled people aged 16+, drop in centres, sports courses and events and continued provision to meet their existing client's needs and make new provision throughout the district.

Carol Ashworth – To ensure all application forms for Be Active events/BBI holiday programmes include full disability and medication details when booking. – Steph Lloyd to look at existing form and ensure adapted correctly and also at time of booking to follow up over phone before the day.

Louise Pennell – Big Splash sessions – Sudbury, Mondays 11-12, Hadleigh, Tues 10-11. 1st July RHS games, 24th July Northgate SC and 25th July Newmarket next Optua showcase days. For any teaming up enquiries contact Optua directly. – Louise to send the website link to register for teaming up.

Out and About – Be Active to ensure the link with OAA is used and promoted by Babergh. – OAA provide a referral programme using volunteers to accompany young disabled people aged 5-25 to access mainstream activities – all referrals forms are downloadable from their website www.oaa.co.uk as is more information on the work they do throughout the district.

3) Discovery Project – Stephanie Lloyd and Simon King recently met with Danny Thorrington who is delivering a project called Discovery through the Ipswich SSP and also looking to do this in Babergh – the project is targeted at disabled pupils in special and mainstream schools – it is looking to replicate/replace the Playground to Podium initiative on the Ipswich side of the district and hoping to engage more youngsters in mainstream schools with disabilities who may not be accessing as much PE/sport as they would like. – It has been agreed that Simon and Danny will work together to introduce an element of this to compliment Lisa Eaves P2P initiative on the Sudbury side of the district – beginning in the Sept term.

4) Funding – Close to £6000 has been secured from Suffolk Sport by Babergh District Council to deliver and develop a disabled community sports club to include sports from Boccia, Archery and Athletics – This project is being coordinated by Shirley Moore of Suffolk Be Friending Society and likely to be based in Sudbury. Archery coach has been identified and Boccia leaders will be from Simon King, Stephanie Lloyd and Sue Longhurst.

Be Active have also agree to fund one training place for someone from Suffolk Be Friending Society to do the Chair Based Exercise Programme.

5) Future of forum – This meeting was originally called to decide upon the future of the forum now that BDC have lost the disability arm of Be Active – but thankfully after a productive and positive contribution from all partners it was agreed the forum still serves a useful purpose and that signposting information and information sharing is still very useful and that meeting to discuss ideas, share practice and forthcoming is again useful – It was decided that possible 3 meetings a year would be viable and that in between times e updates would be sufficient and also that each time meeting was called a different venue would be used.

6) AOB – Places to investigate advertising holiday activities – Time for carers – Contact Stephanie Newton, Suffolk CC Direct Payments, Optua * ensure holiday programmes are available in easy to read format

To ensure all activities/holiday activities/events are sent to all on mailing list of forum.

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Next meeting Wednesday 13th October 10.30 – Hadleigh Sports Centre