

	<p>Date of Meeting: 13th June 2006 Venue: MIDDLETON – Middleton Leisure Centre, Suffield Street Time: 1.30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>MINUTES</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Rochdale Borough Disability Sport & Leisure Forum</p>
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<p><u>PRESENT</u></p>	<p>Julie Durrant (RMBC Sports Development), Keith Barker (Rochdale Model Flying Association), Graeme Hill (Gateway LC), Garry Smith (Alderman Kay), Mansoor Ahmed, Carol Crabtree & Liz Burns (RMBC Learning Disabilities) with 2 clients Paula & Tracey, Jill Mayers (Greater Manchester Sports Partnership)</p>
<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p>	<p>Dave Potter (Rochdale Goalball & VIPERS), (Louise Dews (Children’s Services), James Foley (Springhill Sports Centre), Josie Cichockyl (GM Sports Partnership), Dewan Choudhury (Rhinos FC), Lorraine Kershaw (Community Angling), Lorraine Brown (Connexions Rochdale)</p>

<p>1</p>	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p>
	<p>Approved as a true and accurate record.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>Matters Arising</p>
	<p>All items to be taken as agenda items.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Presentation – Jill Mayers GM Sports Partnership</p>
	<p>Jill Mayers gave a presentation on the Greater Manchester Volunteer Programme. Please see attached for full details. She is hoping to identify at least 1 volunteer per Borough to sign onto the programme. Graeme asked re volunteers for this Summer. Jill advised to contact David Butterworth who has access to local volunteers.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Latest updates</p>
	<p><u>Website</u> Graeme informed the group that further work had been done on the groups website. However, new information getting onto the site was a slow process. The group felt that this was unacceptable. Keith Barker agreed to take on the role of website coordinator. Graeme will meet with Keith to discuss this new role in more detail. Everyone felt the website should be a main priority. Jill Mayers advised that we should speak with Laura Hall from Greatersport to link into the GM Sports Partnership website.</p> <p><u>Hollingworth Lake – Taster Day for People with Disabilities</u> Graeme gave feedback on the Taster Day held at Hollingworth Lake held 22 May 2006. 20 people attended throughout the day, with lunch provided. The day proved very successful. Graeme will circulate a mini report on the event with pictures in due course. Julie asked with reference to the development of regular sessions for people with disabilities at the Lake. People with disabilities need to contact the Lake direct to make arrangements to access the facilities and provision provided. A number of specially adapted boats are available including</p>

	<p>a boat for people with profound disabilities.</p> <p>Graeme reported that the lake have also ordered a hoist which will be installed at the Sailing Club.</p> <p><u>UK Disability Sport Conference 2006 -Count Me In</u></p> <p>Graeme gave feedback on the 2-day conference attended by himself (both days) and Julie Durrant (x 1 day) on 3rd & 4th May at City of Manchester Stadium. The conference included presentations by RT Hon Richard Caborn and Ade Adepitan, Paralympian Basketball Player. Graeme also registered the group for the new high profile award, Count Me In that recognises those who succeed in creating and extending access to sport and physical activity for disabled people. It is awarded by the EFDS (English Federation of Disability Sport) to any organisation that can demonstrate a commitment to giving disabled people the same rights to sporting opportunities as non-disabled people, and can show that steps have been taken to meet that commitment. Further information will be available in due course.</p> <p><u>Disability Awareness Training</u></p> <p>Mark Bentley delivered another successfully course at Gateway Leisure Centre on Friday 2nd June 2006. Future courses will be planned – further details to follow.</p>
5	<u>Training</u>
	The forum now has funds to fund Sensory Awareness Training as well as funding to pay for individuals to attend sign language training. Further details from Graeme.
6	<u>Sunsport 2006</u>
	Graeme is currently coordinating a programme for this summer. The programme is still depended on various funding applications being successfully. The result of these will influence how large/small the programme will be. Result anticipated end June. The Sunsport programme is aimed at young people 14-19 year old. Hopefully, 40 young people will be targeted (6 people per day x 5 days x 5 weeks). Connexions and the Healthy Living Initiative have already committed volunteers to assist with the programme and Rochdale Youth Service has committed 1 member of staff full time.
7	<u>Greater Manchester Youth Games</u>
	Julie reported that a team of young people with disabilities will be representing the Borough at the Greater Manchester Youth Games on Saturday 1 st July, 2006 in the New Age Curling event.
8	<u>Any other Business</u>
	<p>Funding – It was agreed that some funding from the successfully bids would go towards an instructor to cover a number of Graeme’s currently coaching sessions. This would allow him to free up his time to get more involved with the business of the group.</p> <p>Future work of the Forum - A discussion took place amongst the group in relation to its aims and objectives. It was generally agreed the group were currently trying to develop too many initiatives at once and we need to try and concentrate on the initial agenda that the group was set up for. The group agreed its priorities and will continue to develop the website and raise awareness of its</p>

	<p>existence once fully updated, development of the latest newsletter and distribution, taster sessions and sustainability of these identified activities ie Athletics and watersports, disability awareness training.</p> <p>Schools update – Garry Smith updated the group on the latest developments with schools in the Borough for people with disabilities. The current 5 special schools will be replaced by 3 schools 1 secondary at Oulderhill to be called Redwood and 2 primary schools one at Hollin Primary and 1 at Hamer both new builds. These will be fully operational from September 2007. Garry to keep the group updated.</p> <p>Parents Forum – Next meeting on 22nd June 2006. Graeme will try and attend this meeting and ensure we bring the group up to date on what we are doing, as well as, building a positive partnership with the group.</p> <p>Meetings of the group – It was agreed that the current arrangements for holding meetings around the Borough at different times during the day (ie rotate around the townships one during the day and one during the evening) was no longer appropriate. It meant that a number of key interested individuals were not able to access the meetings. It was also felt that no new members had joined through this arrangement.</p> <p>Therefore, it was agreed to hold all future meetings during the evening and use a venue that had proved the most popular to date ie Gateway or West Street.</p>
9	Date of Next Meeting
	<p>Tuesday 12th September 2006 6.30pm at Gateway Leisure Centre</p>