

	<p>Date of Meeting: 12th September 06 Venue: Gateway Leisure Centre, Kenion Street Time: 6.30pm</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), Graeme Hill (Gateway LC), Dave Potter (Rochdale Goalball & VIPERS), Mansoor Ahmed, D Grimshaw, Christine Catherall, Lorraine Kershaw (Community Angling Project), Anna Brookes (Treasurer) 7 people present</p>
<p><u>APOLOGIES</u></p>	<p>Keith Barker (Rochdale Model Flying Association), Josie Cichockyl (GM Sports Partnership), Dewan Choudhury (Rhinos FC)</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>GM Sports Partnership- Young Volunteer Programme- 6 young people have expressed an interest from Rochdale. Julie to contact Jill Mayers to get feedback and see if any young people have signed up to the scheme.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>New newsletter/next publication</p>
	<p>The new newsletter – Issue 2 Summer 2006 was now in circulation. It had been widely circulated amongst members/various agencies/schools etc. Feedback so far had been very encouraging/positive. Member’s present also acknowledged receipt. Work was now underway to gather articles for the next issue, which will hopefully be available for January 2007. All articles to be ready for the next meeting. Please email any articles/news stories to Julie or Graeme.</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Website update and developments</p>
	<p>Graeme thanked Keith Barker for all his hard work on the website. The website is now looking really good and in full working order, thanks to all Keith’s hard work. A number of new links have been added to the site along with information on previous meetings, photos, feedback from sessions, information on committee members, groups, passport to leisure scheme plus lots more. Dave Potter and Anna Brookes need to provide Graeme with a brief synopsis and photo to be included on the site. Graeme reminded everyone of the web address and encouraged people to check the site regularly for information on activities www.rbdslf.org.uk</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Sunsport 2006 – Evaluation/feedback</p>
	<p>Despite a 75% reduction in funding on previous years (from £24k to £6K) Sunsport had another very successful year. 22 young people with disabilities aged 14-19 years old accessed the programme. Activities included walking, climbing, dancing, Boccia, football, basketball. Anna Brookes commented on the success of the programme and provision of high quality activities for her son over the holiday period. Graeme reported that the Youth Service are looking to</p>

	commit funding for the project for 2007. A full report on Sunsport will be added to the website.
6	Training
	The group has agreed to support 1 place on the British Sign Language Level 1 course. Dewan Choudhry has agreed to do the course and commences his training tonight at Hopwood Hall College (hence his absence from the meeting). Dave Potter has kindly agreed to host two Visual Impairment Training course at Gateway Leisure Centre. The first course will take place this Thursday 14 th September 7-9pm and the second Thursday 12 th October 2006. Places are still available for the 2 nd course in October. The course will enable and improve skills in delivering sports and physical activities to people with visual impairments. The course is open to all people involved in sports and physical activities delivery including voluntary, commercial & local government.
7	Big Lottery Fund update/progress
	Julie and Graeme are still working on the final bid, which must be submitted by Tuesday 17 th October 2006.
8	Future work of the Forum
	The group agreed with the ideas from previous minutes ie <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • develop the website and raise awareness of this – everyone agreed to think about items for the site, • continue to share information about what goes on at different clubs/groups, • promotion of the group, • production of the 3rd newsletter, • additional taster sessions in other sports including sustainability of these and training. • Focus on people accessing what is already available and support issues for this ie visiting people personally or supporting people into activity, buddying system.
9	Update from group/clubs in attendance
	<p>CARP – Lorraine gave a brief update for the group. The Fishing Taster Days had gone well again at Queens Park in August 06. 31 people (7 people with disabilities) attended the session on Wednesday. 3 of the coaches at that event had disabilities. Unfortunately, unable to fish at the Sunday event due to blue algae in the lake, however land based activities were provided. The group prepared a DVD of the activities. Lorraine still has 30 wips to give away. A further event is planned for Saturday 7th October 10-4pm. Open to any age, any disability. The group will be meeting with the Environmental Agency and local council to re-apply for more funding for Queens Park. They continue to carry out public consultation.</p> <p>Rochdale Goalball Club – The group are due to re-start after the summer. The group has over 22 members and helpers. However struggling for younger children.</p> <p>Rochdale Vipers Ten-Pin Bowling Club – The club is proving to be very, very successful. They commenced 12 months ago, as a pilot, and are still going strong. The Club entered the BBS Winter League and came 1st Nationally. They are now looking to have 2 teams in the league next year. The group is</p>

	<p>hosting a taster day on 20th September 2006 everyone invited. No age restriction within this club - youngest member 7 years old. The Club meet every Wednesday at Strike Ten Bowling.</p> <p>Dave highlighted that there was a gap in provision for a ten pin-bowling league for people with learning disabilities.</p>
10	Feedback Culture and Partnership meeting
	<p>Graeme feedback relevant information to the group from the Culture and Partnership meeting - Craig McAteer has now been appointed as the Managing Director to lead RMBC's Sport, Leisure and Cultural Services into the Trust. He commenced his appointment on 31st July 2006.</p>
11	Any other business
	<p>Denise Pemberton whose son accessed activities as part of Sunsport has donated £1200.00 towards activities for next year. Graeme will write back expressing thanks on behalf of the group.</p>
12	Date of Next Meeting
	<p>Tuesday 23rd January 2006 6.30pm at Gateway Leisure Centre</p>