

	<p><b>Date of Meeting: 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2007</b>  <b>Venue:</b> Gateway Leisure Centre, Kenion Street  <b>Time:</b> 6.30pm</p>	<p><b><u>MINUTES</u></b></p> <p><b>Rochdale Borough Disability Sport &amp; Leisure Forum</b></p>
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<p><b><u>PRESENT</u></b></p>	<p>Julie Durrant (RMBC Sports Development), Graeme Hill (Gateway LC), Dave Potter (Rochdale Goalball &amp; VIPERS), Anna Brookes (Treasurer) Keith Barker (Rochdale Model Flying Association), Andrew Entwisle (Springhill Sports Centre)  <b>7 people present</b></p>
<p><b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b></p>	<p>Denise Grimshaw</p>

<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b></p>
	<p>Approved as a true and accurate record.</p>
<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>Open Forum</b></p>
	<p>Julie informed the group that Rochdale Council has now transferred its Leisure and Cultural Services to a not-for-profit company with charitable status and trading subsidiary company (from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007). Link4Life is the new name for leisure and cultural services in the Borough of Rochdale. There are 4 main areas to the Trust – arts and heritage, entertainment, fitness and health and sport and leisure. Further details re Link4Life are available on the website <a href="http://www.link4life.org">www.link4life.org</a></p>
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p>
	<p><b>SPLASH Swimming sessions for people with disabilities:</b> The name of the sessions have now changed to Swimability, the session at Middleton Leisure Centre on Sunday has now been cancelled due to poor attendance figures. The session at Heywood and Rochdale are still on each week. The Boroughs Swimming Development Officer will be looking to start a new daytime session. Once this session has been agreed new promotional flyers will be produced.</p> <p><b>Springhill Sports Centre</b> – work to install 2 new exit ramps is now complete. RADDAG have inspected the ramps and are happy with them. 2 additional ramps will be installed once the work for the new school car park is underway. The Sporting Chance session can now re-start. RADDAG have agreed a start date of Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2007. 10-12noon cost £3.00.</p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>Finance report</b></p>
	<p>Anna presented a draft copy of the accounts to the group. Anna explained problems with account due to lack of control over chequebook. Graeme apologies for this and has now entrusted chequebook to Anna.</p>

	The draft accounts showed a balance of £3,900.00 which has already been earmarked for Easter Sunsport. Final accounts to be available at the next meeting.
<b>5</b>	<b>Funding Issues</b>
	<p><b>Big Lottery Reaching Communities</b> – HART Project – The funding application was due to be presented to the panel today for a final decision. Graeme briefed the group on the recent communications with Big Lottery and high demand for funding. The group will have a 1 in 5 chance of success. Final decision will not be announced until the end of June.</p> <p><b>An award for All</b> – A 2nd application from the group has now been submitted. A decision expected in 12 weeks. Funding will support a sporting buddy/accreditation scheme for 10 local sports clubs.</p>
<b>6</b>	<b>Promotion of the group</b>
	<p>This is an ongoing issue for the group. Further funds are required to ensure high profile is maintained through newsletters, promotion etc. Julie to look into other options.</p> <p>Graeme suggested a regular email brief to group members every 2 weeks. A calendar of events was suggested. Keith to look at this for the website. Everyone to continue to supply information for the website. Julie agreed to attend the next Parents Forum to discuss links with the sports forum.</p>
<b>7</b>	<b>Sunsport 2007</b>
	<p><b>Easter feedback</b> – The programme ran over 8 days during Easter. 23 participants. Positive feedback from staff and participants. The programme included music, canoeing, climbing, multi-sport, dance, walking, bounce therapy. Anna queried promotion of the Easter Sport programme and concerns over the lack of awareness amongst parents re the programme and how to book on.</p> <p><b>Sunsport 2007</b> – 40 places will be available. The programme will run for 5 weeks during the summer. Anna queried how people would book places and promotion re the programme. Details will be available for the website in the next few weeks. Posters will also be distributed and contacts made with key agencies. A deadline for bookings will be agreed. Bookings will not be taken on a first come first served basis this year. This will ensure parents who already know about the programme do not get priority. A steering group for Sunsport has been established.</p>
<b>8</b>	<b>Rochdale Sports Awards – feedback</b>
	Julie briefed the group on the Rochdale event held at Heywood Civic Hall. Dave Potter won the Unsung Hero Award and represented Rochdale at the Greater Manchester event held at Manchester City Stadium. Dave briefed the group on the event.
<b>9</b>	<b>Any other business</b>
	British Sign Language Course – no report/feedback available.

	<p>Rochdale Goalball – host their Annual Tournament at Siddal Moore Sports College on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2007 10am-4pm. Everyone welcome.</p> <p>Rochdale VIPERS will hold 3 taster days for VIP people @ Stike 10 bowling on the following dates: 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 13<sup>th</sup> June &amp; 27<sup>th</sup> June, 2007 7pm. Dave suggested we open this event to anyone with a disability due to interest already expressed for Ten Pin Bowling. Julie to look at possibility of booking additional lanes on the same night and staff support to accommodate this.</p> <p>Volunteers – Graeme is due to meet with staff @ Cardinal Langley HS to discuss volunteer options for students completing Higher Sports Leader Awards. This should hopefully lead to regular volunteers with disability sessions.</p>
<b>10</b>	<b>Date of Next meeting</b>
	<p>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2007 6.30pm @ Gateway Leisure Centre, Rochdale</p>