

	<b>Date of Meeting: 17<sup>th</sup> July 2007</b> <b>Venue:</b> Gateway Leisure Centre, Kenion Street <b>Time:</b> 6.30pm	<b><u>MINUTES</u></b>  <b>Rochdale Borough Disability Sport &amp; Leisure Forum</b>
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<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	Julie Durrant (Link4Life), Graeme Hill (Gateway LC), Andrew Entwisle (Link4Life), Louise Dews (Play Development Team), Stephen Conway, Stephen Madire, Keith Barker (Rochdale Model Flying Association), Denise Grimshaw, Paul Finn, Iram Shafiq, Garry Smith (Alderman Kay). 11 people present
<b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b>	Liam Bradley. Eileen Stapleton

1	Minutes of Previous Meeting	Action
	<b>Approved as a true and accurate record.</b>	
2	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
	<b>Big Lottery Reaching Communities – Bid unsuccessful.</b> Graeme expressed his disappointment with the result. The whole process from initial submission had taken over 1 ½ years. Graeme highlighted the position with his post at Gateway. There is no specific funding to fund his role within the Gateway budget. Funding for his role is due to cease later this year. It was hoped the Big Lottery would secure his role for a further 5 years. This position is now at crisis point.	
3	<b>Awards for All – Sporting Buddy Project</b>	
	The group has now secured £9449.00 from Awards for All for the Sporting Buddy Scheme. Julie explained the bid and a further update will be available at the next meeting. The sporting buddy scheme will provide training, transport, care support, taster sessions and a new accreditation scheme for local sports clubs. The Project hopes to target a 10 clubs as fully inclusive and accessible clubs for people with disabilities across the Borough of Rochdale. Louise Dews has information on Kitemark schemes and will pass on information.	Louise Dews
4	<b>Sunsport 2007</b>	
	Rochdale Youth Service has now allocated £15K towards the cost of the programme. This will ensure sustainability of the programme for the foreseeable future. The Sunsport programme will commence on 23 <sup>rd</sup> July, 2007. The programme will be supported by numerous volunteers provided by Rochdale Healthy Living Initiative and Cardinal Langley	

	<p>High School. Graeme commented on the reduced number of enquiries for the scheme this year and asked everyone present to promote as widely as possible. A steering group will be established for the programme next year involving more partners and agencies including Gary Smith, Connexions, other service providers. The programme supports 40 places for young people 14-19 years old. To date 37 places have been allocated on this years programme.</p> <p>In addition, to the Sunsport Programme 2007 an open Mini Olympic Event will run on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2007 at Springhill High School 10-3pm – free of charge.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Any other Business</b>	
	<p><b>Rochdale Goalball</b> – A very successful few months winning a number of tournaments including their own tournament held at Siddal Moor Sports College on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2007. Dave was asked to provide information for the website.</p> <p><b>Rochdale VIPERS</b> – still running 2 teams playing at Strike Ten Bowling at Sandbrook Park. Dave to provide information for the website.</p> <p><b>Garry Smith</b> – Gary expressed his sadness over Graeme’s role/position at Gateway. Garry informed the group of the current position with local schools for children and young people with disabilities. Existing schools will be replaced with 2 new primary schools and 1 secondary school. Gary has taken up a new role at the secondary school and will also act as the School Sport Co-ordinator for the school. Redwood Secondary School is due to open on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2007. Garry is also a coach at Bridge Colts and is keen to develop links between the forum and the club.</p> <p><b>Future for the Forum</b> – It was suggested that for the next meeting we take time to review the business of the forum, look at where the forum is going, set some targets, focus on the website, look at where else we need to put our efforts. Graeme has already spoken to Preet Sandhu to ask for her support and assistance with this process through a path and mapping exercise.</p> <p><b>National Play Day</b> – 1<sup>st</sup> August 2007, 10.30-3.30pm. A fully accessible event.</p> <p><b>Inclusive Summer Playscheme</b> - Commencing 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2007 x 5 weeks the playscheme can accommodate 14 children each week. RADDPAC have secured funding from Big Lottery, Playful ideas strand to host future Inclusive Playschemes accommodating 24 places.</p>	<p>Dave Potter</p> <p>Dave Potter</p> <p>Graeme Hill</p>
<b>6</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>	
	<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2007, 6.30pm at Gateway LC.</b>	