

	<p><b>Date of Meeting: 29<sup>th</sup> January 2008</b>  <b>Venue:</b> Gateway LC, Kenion Street,  Rochdale  <b>Time:</b> 6.30pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>MINUTES</u></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Rochdale Borough  Disability Sport &amp;  Leisure Forum</b></p>
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<p><b><u>PRESENT</u></b></p>	<p>Julie Durrant (Link4Life), Graeme Hill (Gateway LC), Andrew Entwisle (Link4Life), Keith Barker (Rochdale Model Flying Association), Garry Smith (Alderman Kay), M Ahmed, (RADDAG Sports), Anna Brookes, Dave Potter (Rochdale Goalball &amp; VIPERS), Louise Dews (Inclusive Officer – Sure Start), Sarah Cross (RADDAG Project Manager)  11 people present</p>
<p><b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b></p>	

<b>1</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Approved as a true and accurate record.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
	David Potter has now passed on pictures for inclusion on the website. Path & Mapping – was not attached as indicated in the minutes. Julie circulated on the evening of the meeting.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Sporting Buddy</b>	
	Graeme circulated copies of the Sporting Buddy syllabus for information. Groups were encouraged to read and pass on any comments by Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2008. As part of the project clubs can access funding to host taster sessions. Clubs needing access audits will be carried out by RADDAG.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Sunsport 2008</b>	
	A duke of Edinburgh course will run as part of the programme. This will be the first course for people with Learning Disabilities in the Borough. Sunsport are looking to develop as a voluntary organisation. Sunsport now got an Executive Committee in place, as well as, the steering group. The Executive Committee is made up of young people who access the programme. The long-term aim will be to set up Sunsport as a Charity. The February ½ term programme is now available on the forum website. Information has also been passed onto Garry Smith to be circulated at Redwood. Garry reported additional holiday activities will also run at Redwood during holiday	

	periods thanks to a successful Awards for All bid secured by the school.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Sports Events</b>	
	<p><b>Ten Pin Bowling</b> This session has now resumed again following the Xmas Break. The session is very popular with approximately 25 people accessing sessions each week.</p> <p><b>Sports Taster Day</b> A sports taster day has been planned for the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at Springhill Sports Centre. Various activity stations will be available throughout the day including Trampolining, boccia, new age kurling, athletics, etc. Link4lifeCommunity coaches will staff the session.</p> <p><b>Athletics</b> – Weekly sessions are still running on Thursday evening at Springhill Sports Centre in partnership with Rochdale Harriers. The group now have use of the sports hall if bad weather.</p> <p><b>Sporting Chance</b> – Saturday am 10-12 noon @ Springhill Sports Centre. Numbers are growing each week.</p> <p><b>Boccia League</b> – It is hoped this will start in due course. Team will be selected from members of the Sporting Chance session and Joy Gerber will manage.</p> <p><b>LD European Football Championships</b> – Rochdale will host a number of games at Springhill Sports Centre as part of the event. Games to be hosted @ SH 29<sup>th</sup> &amp; 31<sup>st</sup> July 2008. More details to follow. It is hoped a number of football taster sessions will be planned leading up to the event.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Graeme's Role</b>	
	Graeme's position has now been extended until 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2008, thanks to funding from Link4Life. Various discussion are also taking place with other agencies to look at extending beyond this. In addition, the Big Lottery Reaching Communities Bid will be re-submitted. Graeme will spend 3 days with the Link4Life team Monday – Wednesday, Thursday & Friday he will continue to deliver various sessions at Gateway.	
<b>7</b>	<b>British Mountaineering Council</b>	
	Graeme has been invited to act as an Equity rep at regional meetings. Regular feedback will be provided to the group. BMC are looking to re-address the imbalance of people with disabilities climbing.	
<b>8</b>	<b>Charity Status</b>	
	It had previously been agreed that the group should look at getting charity status. Graeme has contacted CVS for support with this process.	

9	<b>Feedback from clubs/groups/individuals</b>	
	<p><b>Goalball</b> - DP reported on recent success with the Goalball Club. Emma Jones has been selected for the Senior Women's Squad. Paul Jackson has been selected for a tournament in Saudi Arabia. DP will keep the group updated on progress with both players.</p> <p><b>Rochdale VIPERS</b> -It is now the VIPERS 3<sup>rd</sup> season. Sessions are going well. The team have played 3 of its 8 fixtures this season and hope to make it through to the final this year.</p> <p><b>Redwood</b> – Afterschool clubs each night have now been set up. All sessions are going well. The school also runs football coaching in partnership with RFC in the following age categories U12, U14, U16. The school recently took part in the English Schools Indoor Rowing Championships with great success.</p> <p><b>Inclusive Play</b> - An inclusive play scheme will take place at Sandbrook Park Primary School during February ½ term aimed at 8,9,10 year olds. Places for 12 children. In addition, a playscheme will take place during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Easter.</p> <p><b>RADDAG</b> – have funding for yoga sessions. The Saturday am session 'Sporting Chance' is going well with new members and friends.</p> <p><b>Manzoor</b> informed the group of his regular sporting activities. He attends 4 different sports sessions each week.</p> <p><b>SHOKK Gym</b> – Anna expressed her concern over the lack of support/promotion for young disabled people to access the new SHOKK gyms in the Borough. Julie/Graeme agreed to contact the centres to progress.</p> <p><b>Gym Sessions</b> – Gateway are now running a gym session on Monday morning. Session is very popular with 20+ names on register. Graeme commented that these sessions should ideally be catered for at Link4Life facilities. Session popular due to atmosphere and people feeling comfortable in the surroundings.</p> <p><b>Wheels for All</b> - A number of individuals have recently attended a 2-day National Disability Cycling course run by Wheels for All. The course enables individuals to run accessible cycling sessions. A meeting is planned for early April to look at Springhill Sports Centre as a potential dedicated Wheels for All centre. The project would require approx £30-£40K funding to develop.</p> <p><b>Website</b> – Graeme praised Keith for the excellent job he does on the website. The website has had over 16,000 visits to the</p>	

	photo album.	
<b>10</b>	<b>Date of Next Meetings</b>	
	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April 2008 Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2008 Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2008 All 6.30pm start, Gateway LC	