

sportKeighley Meeting Notes

1. The 8th sportKeighley meeting took place at the Primary Care Trust offices at Mornington Street at 7pm on Wednesday 6th November 2002.

Attendance:	John Dennis	sportKeighley Co-ordinator
	James Callaghan	sportKeighley Web Manager
	Lorna Palmer	WALK Co-ordinator
	Hannah Lindsey	Active Communities Co-ordinator
	Will Smith	Sport Camps
	Andy Bailey	Keighley Leisure Centre Manager
	Deiniol Williams	Dept Arts, Heritage & Leisure (BMDC)
	Deryck Feather	Old Time Dancing
	Mike Burningham	Keighley Town Council
	Tim Garthwaite	The Holy Family School
Apologies:	Nigel Hughes	Airedale Primary Care Trust
	Lyndon Hall	
	Helen Plimmer	Oakbank School

John Dennis took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Also passed on thanks to Airedale PCT for allowing sportKeighley to use the boardroom.

2. Notes of the last meeting were agreed, and John Dennis highlighted the element under any other business relating to the development of a Sport and Active Leisure Action Plan for Keighley. John stated that he had met with David Gent, the new Regional Director of Sport England, and had once again been given the clearest of indications that such an Action Plan would be very timely in terms of moving forward on strategic and progressive funding for Keighley and District.

3. sportKlubs

Silsden Ladies Football Club and Keighley & Craven Athletics Club are both working with local schools as part of the Active Sports Initiative. As far as athletics is concerned, Bradford and especially Keighley is well advanced because of the work being done in conjunction with John Woodcock and local primary schools. This is specifically in respect of Sportshall Athletics, and it is hope that many youngsters from the town will have the chance to get involved in a festival. The good thing is that because of the programme there is now direct correlation between what children do at school and what they do in the club.

The Active Sports programme is now being expanded in Year 2 of its programme to include Basketball, Netball and Hockey. Stuart Culliford is particularly active as far as basketball is concerned and it is hoped to put on some coaching events locally over the winter and spring.

It was suggested that the Active Sports concept could be rolled out into other sports, along with adequate support, in Keighley, and this co-ordination needs to be part of the proposed Keighley Action Plan.

Keighley & Craven AC have also expanded on the Active Sports Scheme by supporting a lunchtime running club at Riddlesden St Mary's Primary School (over 30 pupils joined in the inaugural session!) and afternoon athletics at Guardhouse Primary School.

West Yorkshire Sport have appointed a School Liaison person who will link and support schools and clubs across the district. This post holder will be based in Huddersfield, but we will try to get him to Keighley as much as possible, as appropriate.

Keighley & Craven AC are also liaising with Greenhead school to organise the final round of the West Yorkshire Cross Country League that will be held in Keighley on Saturday 11th January 2003, as well as running and athletic activities for pupils at the school.

sportsKools

Tim Garthwaite reported that The Holy Family School have set up a cycling club and information will be put on the sportKeighley website.

The Holy Family School have successfully got through Stage 1 of the £1M grant bid for the construction of a new sportshall and welcomes ideas for development and future usage from all sportKeighley partners. This can be a key element of the overall Keighley Action Plan. Tim can be contacted on 01535 210212.

Oakbank School have appointed a Healthy Schools Co-ordinator and will be in post as of the start of December.

Oakbank School invited The British Cycling Federation to do a series of cycling tests for all schools in the area. Two pupils from the school reached level three and have been invited to train with the England team.

Helen Plimmer would like to pass on her thanks to Deryck and Joyce Feather for the Old Time Dancing sessions they came and did at Oakbank School. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the sessions and hope that it continues in February Half term.

Mark Gannon, active Schools Co-ordinator with Education Bradford, who also attended the meeting with David Gent, is working on a framework to co-ordinate delivery of out of school hours activities. This again will form a key part of any future Action Plan for Keighley.

Steve Bell, the School Sports Co-ordinator Scheme Manager, is to put all the SSC meeting minutes on the sportKeighley website (in the sportsKools section), along with all contact details.

Braithwaite School has been successful in a Football Foundation bid for equipment etc, and rang to thank sportKeighley for its support.

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Sport Camps had a successful half term of activities, and other successful programmes ran at the Leisure Centre and at Oakbank. Sport Camps are also piloting a programme with Wilsden Primary School and setting up a breakfast club and after school activities.

John Dennis reported that the letter to Keighley businesses had not yet gone out, but drew attention to the Keighley Forward Initiative, currently being co-ordinated by Keighley SRB, which is to form a company designed to be a development company for Keighley. There had

been representation of sportKeighley at some of the development meetings, and John had responded directly to the draft articles of association by requesting that sport and active leisure be overtly identified as a key target of the initiative. The Keighley Action Plan needs to tie in with the efforts being made by Keighley Forward so that there is a co-ordination of effort.

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Hannah and Lorna from the Public Health Team mentioned that they will be organising a physical activity health month in January. They will be organising the event this month and welcome any posters or information they the partners would like to display. For further information call 01535 667613.

Lorna reported progress on the walking initiative. The scheme has now evolved into an “overground” system of linked walks under a common logo. There had been some discussion as to the logo, and John D’s suggestion of “**Walkways**” was currently being worked upon. Lorna had met with the people who have produced the Lunchtime Walks scheme in Leeds, and there are many ideas that can be adapted for Keighley, probably at a fraction of the cost.

Some of the proposed routes have been highlighted by Jayne Benson, Bradford’s Rights of Way Officer, as not necessarily currently being rights of way, but John Dennis emphasised the need to at least identify such routes strategically so that pedestrian/cycle routes can be built-in as part of development planning gain. A good example is the proposed development at Beechcliffe.

Hannah is supporting a joint bid across all Primary Care Trusts for monies relating to the promotion of physical activity.

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John Dennis reported that he had been invited to attend a Recreation and Leisure Sub Committee meeting at The Keighley Town Council in order to explain the sportKeighley initiative. He had had an extremely positive reception and the Town Council is now committed to supporting sportKeighley and the development of an Action Plan.

Deiniol Williams discussed the background to Bingley Partnership Project and suggested that the framework could be a useful part within sportKeighley. The partnership, which consists of Youth Service, Sport & Leisure Dept and Local Schools, are working together with the local leisure facilities to provide activities for young people.

Deiniol also confirmed Bradford Council’s commitment to become more involved in sportKeighley, and he and John Dennis are to meet to discuss how this might be achieved.

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Keighley Volunteers Bureau have appointed a new manager called Gary Pedley. Hannah is to meet with him shortly in order to appraise him of sportKeighley and discuss volunteer input into the forthcoming Activities Directory for Keighley which is the subject of an Awards for All bid in conjunction with Keighley Powerful Whispers. Hannah is also to meet Bradford Library Service in conjunction with this project.

There had been a successful funding day promoted by KVS which had been attended by many sportKeighley partners. Sport England had unfortunately been unable to attend, and it had been mooted with KVS to ask Sport England to come along separately to a jointly arranged

meeting to discuss sports funding in general. This has to a certain extent been superseded by the need to develop an overall Action Plan, and thus the provisional date of 20th November has been set aside to deal with this aspect (see Any Other Business below).

4. Any Other Business

The partners agreed that the meeting to be held on Wednesday 20th November at the Leisure Centre should widen its scope to be an Open Meeting to start the process of pulling together a Sport and Active Leisure Action Plan for Keighley. Andy Bailey kindly agreed to provide facilities for this, and the meeting will start at 7pm. John Dennis agreed to ask John Heald at the Keighley News to publicise the event, and all partners were asked to raise awareness of the meeting.

John Dennis fed back from the recent "Sport Culture Diversity Conference" in Bradford. A sportKeighley flier had gone out with each delegates pack and John generally raised the sportKeighley profile in the discussion sessions. Full details will be available once the full conference notes are available. M. Jaime Andreu, who is Head of Sport for the European Commission, gave a presentation at the conference. He referred specifically to the 2004 "European Year of Education through Sport" in his presentation and invited feedback from community groups across the EU. John D responded on behalf of sportKeighley (copy of the letter attached).

The conference was one of a series developed under the auspices of the European Capital of Culture Bid 2008. Even though this did not in the end succeed, it had been the intention to promote a number of sporting initiatives in Keighley, and promote Keighley as a "Capital of Sporting Culture". The view expressed by the sportKeighley partners at the meeting was unanimous in that these activities and aims should still be pursued, and that there is no reason whatsoever why they should not succeed.

A discussion around the format of the next sportKarnival, provisionally to be held on Sunday June 15th 2003, took place. It was suggested that again a format is tried to involve as much participation as possible, and that a theme around cycling would be appropriate as it is National Cycling week and ties in with a number of cycling agendas in the town, including the new schools cycling clubs and the proposed link for Keighley to the Pennine Bridleway Project, as well as other strategic Sustrans-backed projects. It also ties in with the charity ride from John O'Groats to Lands End by three local bus drivers to which support could be given. Discussion also took place about the venue, which has hitherto been at Oakbank. It was suggested that the venue might "rotate" in the future in order to incorporate as many facilities as possible. Further discussion on this will take place at the next sportKeighley meeting.

5. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 8th January 2003, 7pm at Airedale PCT Meeting Room, Mornington Street, Keighley.

All welcome. Please feel free to attend and raise any sporting or active leisure issues.

Note that the Sport & Active Leisure Action Plan Meeting took place very successfully on Wednesday 20th November 2002 at Keighley Leisure Centre. Consultation will continue with a view to having a draft document by February 2003.