

sportKeighley

Notes of Meeting No. 9

1. The 9th *sportKeighley* meeting took place at the Primary Care Trust offices at Mornington Street, Keighley at 7pm on Wednesday 8th January 2003.

Attendance:	John Dennis	<i>sportKeighley</i> Co-ordinator
	James Callaghan	<i>sportKeighley</i> Web Manager
	Hannah Lindsey	Active Communities Co-ordinator
	Will Smith	Sport Camps Ltd
	John Woodcock	Bradford Council Athletics Development Officer
	Sarwar Kamal	Keighley Cricket Academy
	Louise Powell	KADRA/ Keighley SRB
	Deryck Feather	Old Time Dancing
	Andy Bailey	Keighley Leisure Centre
	Steve Kirby	Keighley Leisure Centre
	Mark Gannon	Active Schools Manager, Education Bradford
	Derek Whitehead	Keighley College
	Karen Glover	The Holy Family School

Apologies:	Nigel Hughes	Airedale Primary Care Trust
	Tim Garthwaite	Holy Family School
	Mike Burningham	Keighley Town Council
	Jason Ramshaw	Keighley Cougars
	Paul Royston	Workouts Gym
	Lorna Palmer	WALK Project

John Dennis (JAD) took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He also registered thanks to Airedale PCT for allowing *sportKeighley* to use the boardroom.

2. Notes of the last meeting:

The main issues arising from the last meeting were covered by the agenda, but it was recorded that the key issue at the last meeting was the proposed Keighley Sports and Active Leisure Action Plan. There had been a subsequent meeting specifically about the plan on Wednesday 20th November at the Leisure Centre (thanks were expressed to the Leisure Centre for their hospitality) and much positive input from a variety of sources into what might be required within such a plan was received. A copy of the scoping document associated with that meeting is attached to these notes. It is hoped that a draft copy of the proposed plan will be ready for general comment in February 2003, and in the meantime all thoughts, ideas, wishes and visions should be forwarded to JAD at sportjohn@blueyonder.co.uk. There may well be useful feedback in this respect from the Visual Audit that local communities are being asked to carry out (see recent editions of the Keighley News).

3. *sportKlubs*

Sarwar Kamal described the activities of the Keighley Cricket Academy, the positive effects that it is having on the development of cricket in the town, and how the organisation is keen to continue its development in the future. As ever, funding is a problem, but the general feedback of the meeting was that the *sportKeighley* initiative perhaps provides some alternative ways of achieving the overall aims without necessarily having to rely on sporadic funding bids. Part of the proposed Keighley Sports Action Plan described above is to try to co-ordinate clubs and organisations with appropriate existing facilities, and the possibility of the Academy increasing its presence at Greenhead or Holy Family Schools (see *sportsKools* below) was discussed. It was also emphasised that liaison with the existing cricket clubs in and around the area is vital, and that a clear pattern for cricket development emerges so that most efficient use of facilities and expertise can be made.

It was reported that the Active Sports programme is now being delivered for rugby league (via the Cougar Cubs), girls soccer (via Silsden Ladies) and athletics (Keighley & Craven AC). Adverts for the various delivery sessions are to be put on the *sportK* website.

JAD described feedback from a number of clubs that coaches are available to help out with schools and other groups, but the difficulties of accessing consistent funding to make this a viable option for many is tending to mean it doesn't happen. This is partly because some funding is for out-of-school-hours activities (but still at lunchtime and/or 3-4pm) and some is available for curricular activities.

JAD had met with Nigel Harrison of West Yorkshire Sport just before Christmas and had explained the feedback, and had raised the possibility of looking at a central fund in Keighley (to be administered by one of the *sportK* partner organisations) to enable coaches to be funded (either individually but preferably via their clubs) for work in and out of curriculum time. This would aim to utilise funds from Active Sports, NOF and SSC (School Sport Co-ordinator) programmes, and any other appropriate funding sources, including monies from client organisations themselves. This fits well with the initiative being set up in Education Bradford by Mark Gannon (see *sportsKools* below) and allows the development of a clear sporting pathway structure that would work locally and also appears to be reflective of current Sport England thinking (in terms of the Long Term Athlete Development concept, details of which Nigel had kindly forwarded to JAD). The Keighley concept is now being actively explored and the proposed structure will be reflected in the draft Keighley Sports Action Plan mentioned above. John Woodcock emphasised as well the need for training and support for teachers, especially in primary schools, and it was agreed that this is an integral and vital part of the success of any future development structure.

JAD had received a letter of support for *sportKeighley* from Keighley and district Model Aircraft Club who have expressed their wish to be included in any publications promoting local activities.

4. *sportsKools*

Mark Gannon described the work he is doing at providing a central Curriculum Support service for all local schools in terms of the MAS (Music, Arts, Sport) Programme. This is identifying the needs of all schools in terms of their requirements both in curriculum and out-of-school-hours (OOSH) idea is that once the needs are identified and the level of available funds is known, these can then be matched by key providers on a sustained basis. The providers could be individuals, private companies or clubs, but as mentioned above, it is hoped that coaches within sports clubs could be accessed via this programme in order to provide the continuity in the pathway between schools and clubs for future development and participation. The scheme will also of course involve existing structures such as OOSH and SSC networks and the work of existing Sports Colleges and their partners, but once again in Keighley we have an ideal opportunity to rationalise and tailor these to actual needs on the ground, and the will is there to support this.

With apologies from Tim Garthwaite, Karen Glover gave a brief update on the proposed Holy Family Sports Hall, which has been commissioned on the basis of a £1M+ bid to the NOF programme. JAD had been a meeting at Holy Family with the development team and showed some of the initial plans to the *sportK* meeting. There is some concern at the school regarding the programming of the scheme. The delays thus far mean that unless the hall is pushed forward relatively rapidly it will run into a further £1.5M scheme to refurbish the front of the school, funded by the diocese. It is not practical to run two such schemes concurrently, and thus the fear is that unless things happen fairly soon the provision of this important new sports and leisure facility in Keighley will be long delayed. Mark Gannon promised to take back these concerns to Education Bradford.

JAD described the forthcoming Pathfinder Project which had also been the subject of a presentation from Education Bradford at a recent Keighley Funding Forum meeting. The Project aims to establish the "Full Service School" concept at pioneer schools across Bradford. Keighley's Pathfinder Schools are Greenhead, Victoria and Braithwaite, and the project in Keighley is being managed by Margaret Platts, Deputy Head at Greenhead. JAD described the fact that Keighley & Craven Athletics Club's

intention to base itself at Greenhead would hopefully help with this initiative, and discussions had already taken place as to how this might be achieved. There are many ideas as to how such partnerships can generate further activities at these important facilities.

Braithwaite School have passed on their thanks to *sportK* for support in obtaining football kit for use by the pupils there.

5. *sportK*ollege

This is developing into a new category within *sportKeighley* in view of the important and unique role played by Keighley College in the town and the proactive work that is going on.

Derek Whitehead emphasised the work going on between the College and Keighley Cougars, especially the Cougar Cubs, in helping to deliver the Active Sports and other sessions for youngsters in Keighley. The College is keen to develop its facilities at Utley, and a significant project to refurbish the clubhouse there is now in its early stages (c.£800,000). This will be incorporated in the Keighley Sports Action Plan.

Derek also mentioned a number of courses at the College that may be of relevance to local sports clubs and organisations. These include First Aid Courses (free for 16-18 year olds – contact Julia Grainger), Health & Safety Courses, Personal Safety Awareness and general safety training.

Hannah Lindsay has registered an interest for *sportKeighley* to have a slot on the Keighley College Internet Radio. If anyone else is interested (basically in terms of recording a piece for subsequent broadcast) please contact Hannah on 01535 667613.

6. *sportK*orporate

Will Smith reported that Sport Camps had had a successful 2002. The organisation has now been slightly re-structured and camps will be running every school holiday this year (starting during February Half-Term) and is in the process of planning breakfast and after school clubs at certain schools. It was mentioned also that Keighley Kiddicare has established such clubs in schools in Keighley and that it may be worth some dialogue between the two organisations. Mark Gannon also mentioned the Sporting Playgrounds project which involves marking out a number of playgrounds at schools which can then be used for out of school sports camps and the like. There is a list of playgrounds involved and Mark will forward this.

Louise Powell described the ongoing development of KADRA (Keighley and District Regeneration Partnership) and its aims of forming a wide-ranging partnership in the town that will enable some really significant regeneration projects to evolve and be realised. This is critical for the success of some of the proposals that might be included in the Keighley Sports Action Plan, and it is gratifying that the *sportKeighley* partnership has been asked to take the lead on the leisure aspects in the town. There will be a meeting later in January to discuss the structure and representation of KADRA, and it was agreed by those present at the *sportK* meeting that JAD should represent the *sportKeighley* partnership in the new structure.

7. *sportK*are:

The Public Health Team are in the process of pulling together a 'physical activity team' for Airedale. Hannah and Lorna will be leading on this and will be inviting other agencies to join.

Airedale Primary Care Trust and the other trusts within Bradford have just sent in the second stage bid of the LEAP funding (Local Action Exercise Pilots). This will provide funds to set sessions in the area around exercise and the importance of it.

Hannah attended The Public Health Forum Meeting, which in June 2003 are aiming to have an event on young people, exercise and healthy eating. Further information to follow. This will probably tie in with this year's *sportK*arnival (see Any Other Business).

Hannah has helped to access and arrange a Community Sports Leader Award (CSLA) course which starts on 13th January at Parkwood Centre for Young People.

Lorna Palmer's WALK programme is continuing to develop, with an enthusiastic take-up for guided historical walks from local secondary schools. The aim is to get these arranged on a sustainable and on-going basis. Work will also soon start on establishing the Walkways Project on the ground.

Good news is that the Bracken Bank footpath project has been approved by ENTRUST (who monitor the award of landfill tax money) and some £8,000 is now available to push that particular scheme forward.

8. sportKouncil

Andy Bailey reported that Paul Evans is pulling together a £750K plan for refurbishment and development at Marley, including new changing rooms and a relaying of the astro-turf pitch. The bid will be via the Football Foundation, and will make reference to the area Soccer Plan that has been prepared by Mick Driver. Sarwar Kamal asked whether the bid incorporated any facilities for cricketers who use Marley in the summer. It was recommended that he make contact with Paul Evans to discuss this, and that such co-operation, where possible, is to be encouraged.

Andy also reported that Tone Zone, the Leisure Centre's Gymnasium, is due to undergo a £1M refurbishment this summer that will effectively double its size.

John Woodcock reported on progress with UK Athletics under the Community Athletics Replacement Project (CARP) for the track at Greenhead. The cost of repairs and upgrade, including drainage improvements and a central grass pitch is approximately £247K, of which £200K could well be available if the other £47 can be found. John has further meetings in January to discuss the project further, and JAD also emphasised the importance of a meeting with Greenhead School in this respect.

JAD reported on meetings he had had prior to Christmas with Deiniol Williams of Bradford Council's Arts Heritage & Leisure regarding that department's participation and support for *sportKeighley*. A meeting will be held early in 2003 to discuss the proposed Keighley Sports Action Plan in order to ensure that it co-ordinates with the forthcoming Bradford Cultural strategy. It is clear that a great deal of good practice can be established and incorporated across the district, not only from sportK but also via the Sport Action Zone in Bradford and other initiatives such as SportsWeb.

9. sportKommunity

JAD described his attendance at a recent Keighley Funding Forum meeting. Apart from the presentation on Pathfinder Schools described above, there was also feedback from Chris Slaven on Crime Prevention in Keighley, as well as feedback from a number of voluntary groups including Keighley Volunteers Bureau (KVB - Gary Pedley has now succeeded Chris Colhoun), Keighley Women's Centre, Keighley Local Enterprise Agency (KLEA), the Sangat Centre, Keighley Families Against Drugs (KFAD), Keighley Powerful Whispers, Keighley Voluntary Services (KVS), Cullingworth "Cyber60's" Club and Keighley Kiddicare. There is general concern among these groups about lack of funding and the new commissioning system for such groups that has been set up in Bradford. It was agreed at the funding meeting that KVS, as an overall umbrella group, will play a key role in co-ordinating and prioritising work in the various specialisms. JAD described the progress of sportK and invited all groups present to get involved and to come along to meetings, etc.

JAD also noted that he had been invited by Nadia Hussain to speak to the Lund Park Youth Development Network about what sportK is all about and what opportunities exist for sport and leisure activities in the town. There will be feedback on this at the next meeting.

It was also emphasised that Hannah Lindsay's Active Communities work is essentially community based. There is likely to be a feature in the Keighley News in the near future highlighting Hannah's role.

10. Any other business

Discussion took place around this year's *sportKarnival*. There were suggestions as to a possible change / future rotation of venue, but it was agreed that as far as 2003 is concerned the event will be on Sunday June 15th at Oakbank Sports College.

JAD will liaise with Head of Sport Helen Plimmer to ensure this is OK. The event will again be part of the Keighley Festival, and as many organisations as possible are invited to once again take the opportunity to advertise the positive elements of sport and active leisure in Keighley.

There is a will to try and raise the profile of cycling at this year's event, coinciding as it does with National cycling Week and the Festival's support for three Keighley bus drivers who are attempting a charity Lands End – John O'Groats cycle later in the year. It will also raise the profile of Keighley in terms of the proposed cycling links to the town being promoted by Sustrans and Barry West via the Bradford Cycling Action Group.

JAD also reported that he has been invited to represent *sportK* on the advisory board of this year's Bradford festival, which will run from 12th – 22nd June 2003, coinciding with *sportKarnival* and the Keighley Festival. His participation is linked to both sport and Keighley, and he invited any feedback, ideas, thoughts or wishes from partners that he can take to the first advisory board meeting at the end of January.

11. Date of the next meeting

**Wed 5th March 2003, 7pm at
Keighley Leisure Centre – The Bridge Room**

******Please note the new venue******

All are welcome. Please feel free to attend and raise any sporting or active leisure issues or contact John Dennis or Hannah Lindsey with issues to be raised.