

***sport*Keighley**  
**Notes of Meeting No. 13**

1. The 13<sup>th</sup> *sport*Keighley meeting took place at Keighley Leisure Centre at 7pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2003.

Attendance:	Andy Bailey	Keighley Leisure Centre
	Eleanor Brown	Keighley College
	Sue Carter	Positive Futures
	John Dennis	<i>sport</i> Keighley Co-ordinator
	Deryck Feather	Old Time Dancing
	Peter Halliwell	Keighley Festival
	Tim Garthwaite	The Holy Family School
	Hannah Lindsey	Active Communities Co-ordinator
	Lorna Palmer	Walking for All
	Steve Parnham	Positive Futures

Apologies:	Jayne Benson	Bradford MDC Rights of Way
	Tim Buchanan	Sport England
	Ann Cryer	MP for Keighley
	Nigel Hughes	Airedale Primary Care Trust
	Khadim Hussain	Sangat Centre
	Graham Mitchell	Keighley & District Transport
	Joyce Newton	Keighley Town Council
	David Pearson	KWVR
	Kath Rickaby	Long Lee Juniors FC
	Paul Royston	Workouts Fitness Centre
	Tim Sander	Keighley FoE
	Will Smith	Sport Camps & Keighley & Craven Athletic Club
	Barry West	Bradford Cycling Action Group
	Deiniol Williams	Bradford MDC Arts Heritage & Leisure (AH&L)
	Sarah Zagni	West Yorkshire Sport

John Dennis (JAD) took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He also registered thanks to the staff at Keighley Leisure Centre for allowing *sport*Keighley to use the facilities.

**2. Notes of the last meeting:**

- JAD distributed notes of the previous three meetings, kindly copied by the PCT, and apologised for the delay in getting them prepared. Copies of the notes will soon be available on the re-vamped *sport*Keighley website (see below).

### 3. Matters Arising and Partner Updates

#### 3.1 *sportKouncil*

- The re-organisation of the Council's Leisure Services is still underway and posts are yet to be finalised.
- John Woodcock, until now the BMDC Athletics Development Officer, is to leave Keighley shortly to do 2 years Voluntary Service Overseas in Malawi to help develop their athletes. He leaves a legacy of many high-class, local athletes, and *sportKeighley* wishes him all the best. John has left with JAD details of progress associated with a potential upgrade of Greenhead Athletics Track, and JAD is shortly to have a series of meetings with key parties to try and keep the momentum going.
- The bid for improvements to Marley via the Football Foundation has been successful, subject to certain conditions, and the £1M project, involving the provision of 18 changing rooms and refurbishment of the all-weather pitches will probably commence in April 2004.
- Plans are still ongoing for the refurbishment of the Leisure Centre and Tone Zone – target time approximately Christmas 2003.
- There is still uncertainty regarding Bradford Council's leisure facilities in view of the potential Asset Management Plans (AMPs) currently being discussed. Andy Bailey emphasised that any proposed leasing or partnership with the private sector in this respect would be in terms of maintenance only – management would remain with BMDC. JAD commented that the partnership proposal was only one of a number of options, and the meeting agreed that *sportKeighley* partners would be most interested in contributing to the formation of a Trust to manage facilities in the town if this is appropriate.
- JAD told the meeting of a very constructive meeting he had had with Steve Warner at AH&L, and of the support Steve had expressed for *sportKeighley*. AH&L are currently preparing their future strategy (some of the *sportK* partners, including JAD, are to be consulted on this) and the meeting agreed that the Keighley Physical Activity Action Plan (PAAP) should remain in consultation form also until the wider strategy is finalised so that they can compliment and inform one another.
- Bradford has launched the umbrella concept of "b-Active" to cover all sport, recreation and physical activity in the district. The meeting agreed that this is a positive step and that the logo (see the end of these notes) and concept will be promoted by partners, with *sportKeighley* obviously being a key part of it.
- JAD has arranged to meet the Leader of BMDC, Margaret Eaton, in October to discuss the *sportKeighley* initiative in more detail.
- Copies of the PAAP have been circulated to Keighley Town councillors, and support had been expressed for the proposals in it.

#### 3.2 *sportKollege*

- Eleanor Brown reported that the College has now recruited Danny Crabtree as a permanent member of staff to teach sport.
- The College now has new courses and venues for sport which are all-inclusive for students. It is hoped that the new College Buildings proposed for Dalton Lane will support and expand this aspect of the College's activities.
- Recent initiatives include "Stair Walks" where students and staff can record the time taken to climb so many flights of stairs – this is an idea "borrowed" from the US.
- There is an awareness that students from ethnic minorities are not participating in College sports activities, and the College is working on ways to solve this.
- The College has a number of fruitful partnerships in the town, including with Keighley Cougars RLFC. There are proposals for a Keighley Cubs facility at Utley under discussion.
- There are also a number of initiatives, particularly involving the College, The Primary Care Trust and the Leisure Centre, working with cardiac patients.
- Eleanor also promised to discuss with colleagues what assistance the College can provide in the future maintenance of the *sportKeighley* website.

### 3.3 **sportKare**

- Lorna Palmer reported that twelve groups of led walks have been active in Keighley over the summer, and that there is now a Healthcare Support Worker for led walks. The groups include vulnerable adults from the Russell Street Project known as “Where the ‘ell are we?” who had successfully gained an Awards for All grant for their activities.
- Lorna also reported on a Yorkshire Dales National Park initiative where Target Funds are being used to take disadvantaged groups into the Dales via bus to go for a walk led by local volunteers and, to quote Lorna precisely, have “something reasonable in a tea-shop”! There is some £8,000 available in this fund, and it appears to be a matter of “first-come, first-served”. A similar scheme for school groups is soon to be launched. A feature of the scheme is that boots and equipment are provided, and Speaks of Keighley are to be involved in providing the appropriate equipment.
- JAD has been helping Lorna with the “Walkways” project, and an initial outline audit of the routes has begun. This section, in the town, also involves part of the Worth Way and the first part of a proposed Keighley to Oxenhope Cycle Route. JAD had met David Pearson in Haworth who has compiled a detailed feasibility study of the route in conjunction with Haworth Parish Council, and it was agreed that *sportKeighley* would help to promote the development of the route in a staged, progressive manner, to help support the “CyKle” initiative.
- Hannah Lindsay described a project being led by Keighley Healthy Living Network in conjunction with the Connexions Project which involved the establishment of a mobile information point for health matters. It would appear that this could link well with the proposed AKTiveHoppa bus service proposed in the PAAP (AP3.3), and it was agreed that further discussion on this would take place soon. The meeting was reminded that Holy Family School has included a significant element for such a service in their NOF bid, and it is to be hoped that this is fully successful (see *sportsKools* below).

### 3.4 **sportKlubs**

- JAD circulated a draft copy of a Keighley Sport Yearbook 2003 that has been compiled by Rob Grillo, a local sports historian, athlete and teacher at Greenhead High School. Rob has done a tremendous job in compiling most of the results and statistics from local sports for the year, and the book also contains an up-to-date directory of all sports clubs in the district. Given that there are some 150 sports clubs in the district for as wide a range of activities as can be thought of, the directory will hopefully help to counter the argument that “there is nowt to do in Keighley”! It is intended to discuss the book further with John Heald of the Keighley News in order to explore the option of seeking advertising from local companies as a means to covering publication costs.
- JAD has been asked to do a presentation about *sportKeighley* for the Keighley RUFC committee at a date to be arranged.
- Keighley & Craven AC are setting up their HQ at Greenhead School and the track. The club has run a couple of coached sessions for youngsters from the Highfield area in conjunction with the PCT over the summer, and club coaches have also run sessions at Sport Camps (see *sportKorporate* below).
- JAD has asked Sport England to consider holding a meeting or seminar in the town, led by clubs and sports organisations, that will address key issues from the clubs point of view (eg, facilities, safety, coaching, equity, etc). The idea would be to get a down-to-earth, “warts-and-all” view of what is actually going on in terms of some of these issues.
- There are many opportunities for coach training and development being promoted for local clubs, particularly through the auspices of West Yorkshire Sport, and details can be obtained from their website at [www.westyorkshiresport.co.uk](http://www.westyorkshiresport.co.uk) . JAD reported a meeting with Nigel Harrison of WYS where the Community Sports Coach Scheme was discussed. There are opportunities for Keighley to be amongst the first places to benefit from a number of community based coaches to be established in West Yorkshire.

### 3.5 **sportKorporate**

- JAD reported that the second meeting of the Keighley & District Regeneration Alliance (KADRA) had been constructive, and that a Chair, Mr Michael Scarborough, had been elected. The next meeting will take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> September where the future activities of KADRA will be discussed. These include the following:
  - to share information and communicate across sectors
  - to identify and share best practice
  - to identify and articulate local needs
  - to co-ordinate regeneration activity across the area and between sectors
  - to identify the linkages between initiatives and encourage joint/partnership working
  - to promote and publicise regeneration activity/success in the area.
  - to provide a link with other regeneration partnerships eg., Airedale Partnership, Bradford Vision
  - to provide a scrutiny role for regeneration activity in the area
  - to act as consultation forum
  
- Will Smith of Sport Camps had forwarded a summary of the highly successful summer of activities in the Keighley area. A copy is appended to these notes.
- It is proposed to collate details of all private sector sponsorship of sport and physical activity in the town to raise awareness of the importance of this particular source of support, raise the profile of local companies and encourage continued and further sponsorship and to maximise opportunities to access matched and additional funding.

### 3.6 **sportsKools**

- Tim Garthwaite reported that planning permission for the new Sports Hall at the Holy Family School has now been obtained (after a struggle). The school is now pressing Bradford Council to facilitate the approval of the earmarked NOF funds to enable the project to go ahead as soon as possible.
- Holy Family has also put forward ideas for the 2004 European Year of Education through Sport involving linkages with partner schools in Europe and inviting sports teams from those to visit Keighley and take part in tournaments and competitions. JAD mentioned that this fits well with elements of the PAAP and also discussions that have been had with Bradford Council Tourism Officers with a view to producing “packages” for visiting teams, delegates, etc involving visits to Haworth via the KWVR, etc. The deadline for Stage 2 applications is the end of February 2004, and Tim will be pursuing this.
- The situation at Greenhead School was also discussed. It is virtually certain that there will be some redevelopment of the school, either on the existing site or at a new site, and this of course has a variety of implications which *sportK* partners are keeping abreast of and indeed hoping to influence in a positive way.
- There had been a successful conclusion to the Keighley & Craven Schools Athletics Championships in July, organised by Oakbank, assisted by Keighley & Craven AC and Bradford MDC. Competing schools were Oakbank, Holy Family, Greenhead, Parkside, Ilkley, South Craven and Bingley. The overall winners were as follows:

U13 Girls	Ilkley
U13 Boys	Ilkley
U15 Girls	Oakbank
U15 Boys	Oakbank

### 3.7 **sportKcommunity**

- Sue Carter reported that the Positive Futures Project has received additional funding to extend the existing project, aimed at 10 to 16-year-olds, to 19-year olds. Steve Parnham is now full time and looking after the older age group. There is a lot of co-operation with Keighley College, the PCT and the Russell Street Project, and the aim is to get participants involved in local sports clubs. A leaflet explaining the scheme is appended to these notes.
- Keighley Voluntary Services is undertaking a survey of voluntary organisations in Keighley to ascertain the situation in the town with regard to premises and facilities for meeting and carrying out activities. This will be complementary to a proposed audit of all sports and associated facilities that will shortly be carried out in Keighley with the assistance of Bradford AH&L.
- JAD had represented *sportK* in a "Race-the-Train" Cycle ride from Keighley to Oxenhope in support of the current John O'Groats-Lands End Charity Ride by three Keighley bus drivers.
- Keighley & Craven AC athletes, Oakbank staff and many friends and neighbours had turned out for "TeamJackie" (JAD's wife, who is suffering from non-Hodgkins Lymphoma) at the Bradford "Race for Life" Women's 5KEvent in July, raising money for Cancer research and the Haematology/Oncology Day Unit at Airedale Hospital. Christine Preston of K&CAC won the overall race, and it was a very enjoyable day. The Keighley News provided great coverage.
- It is intended to try to obtain details of the total annual amounts raised for charity by local sporting and physical activity initiatives to show the value of sport to the community.

### 3.8 **Sports Minister Visit**

- Richard Caborn MP, the Minister for Sport, visited Keighley on 23<sup>rd</sup> July at the invitation of Sport England to see something of the *sportKeighley* initiative and meet some of the partners. He was welcomed at Greenhead CLC by Tricia McCarthy, Headteacher at Greenhead, along with Nigel Hughes (PCT), Christine Binks (Keighley Leisure Centre), John Woodcock (Bradford Athletics Development), Chris Moore (Keighley College) and John Dennis. Apologies to Tim Garthwaite, who was unable to attend due to a mix up with messages as to the start time!
- The Minister was accompanied by his assistant and by David Gent, Yorkshire Regional Director of Sport England and Peter Price who is the Chairman of the new Yorkshire Regional Sports Council. All were presented at the outset with a bottle of Timothy Taylors Landlord as a special welcome to Keighley!
- There followed a relaxed and constructive discussion about the *sportKeighley* initiative (all of the visitors had seen the PAAP) and how relevant it is in promoting the objectives of the Government and of the newly revamped Sport England. The Minister put the emphasis firmly on wider participation in all forms of physical activity, and this will be the yardstick by which success is measured and, ergo, by which funding support will be targeted. All of the partners actively contributed to the discussion from their particular points of view, and this sparked often passionate responses from the Minister and requests for specific letters to be written to him on certain subjects. The discussion lasted nearly an hour, well over-programme!
- The party then moved on to Parkside School in Cullingworth to see one of the summer Sport Camps in operation, and the activities observed (and praised) are recorded in the Sport Camps summary appended to these notes. Specific issues included the need to open up all school facilities for out-of-school use, to facilitate arrangements for cover for caretakers in order that facilities do not remain locked up, and for the continuation of school/club/private sector initiatives throughout a standard working year rather than being confined to school term-times. The Minister is also committed to developing coaching as a professional career, and this is a particular area where Keighley is in a position to develop and excel.
- The Minister concluded by praising the *sportK* initiative, and asking how he could help. The response was to ask him to "spread the word" about what is being achieved, and to encourage

continued support from organisations such as Sport England, the Regional Sports Council and Governing Bodies, as well as from Ministerial colleagues in Health, Education, Environment and other relevant departments.

- It is likely that Sport England will help to support a baseline participation audit in Keighley, and that a future meeting of the Sports Council will be held locally in order to identify the next steps (which will follow the overall direction of the PAAP – see below).
- All in all, the Minister seemed to enjoy his visit, and all participants felt it had been a particularly constructive morning.

### 3.9 KADRA

- See *sportK*orporate section above.

## 4. Keighley Physical Activity Action Plan: Immediate Actions

### 4.1 *sportK* Website and communications

- JAD appealed for some help from partners to enable the website, which is now somewhat out-of-date due to the illness of James Callaghan (who is happily on the road to recovery), to be revamped and maintained. This was received positively and key partners including the College, the PCT, the Council and private sector organisations are helping out. If all goes to plan, the upgrade will be sorted out by early October (PAAP AP1.1, 1.2)
- Partners also agreed to promote the *sportK* logo and the b-Active logo, both of which are appended to these notes (PAAP AP8.1).

### 4.2 Yearbook

- Details are contained under *sportK*lubs above (PAAP AP1.4).

### 4.3 Keighley Arena Project

- JAD had tabled at the previous meeting a very draft proposal for a new sports arena and associated development at Marley. Since then interest has been growing, especially with the news that Greenhead may potentially move to the site and that there is the vision in Education Bradford for an “Education Village” in Keighley. JAD had also shown a copy of the plan to Keighley Town Council, who are supportive of the concept. It is considered timely to bring many of the key potential partners, many of whom are supportive in concept, together soon, because this sort of project (possibly a “Keighley Arena, Education & Sports Village”) has a long lead-in time and would probably be dependant on being included in the next Bradford Unitary Development Plan (PAAP AP8.2, 8.3).

### 4.4 Walkways & CyKle

- Details are contained under *sportK*are above (PAAP AP3.1, 3.2).

### 4.5 Bradford Strategy and b-Active

- Details are contained in *sportK*ouncil above (PAAP AP5.5).

### 4.6 *sportK*arnival 2004

- Discussion took place as to the format for next year’s event, with the possibility of an evening slot, perhaps at Cougar Park, considered. Also suggested is a series of events during the Festival Period. Peter Helliwell has made bookings for many supporting elements for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June, the final day of the Festival. This is at Marley, but this will be subject to availability depending on possible construction works associated with the Football Foundation development project mentioned in *sportK*ouncil above. Whatever the final arrangement, the *sportK*arnival will avoid Father’s Day and also avoid clashing with the Vintage Vehicle Rally (unless both events can take place together). All agreed that further discussion is needed,

especially with representatives of Oakbank, where the event has been successful for the last three years. Marketing of the event(s) will be assisted by Keighley College.

- Ideas to be back by the next meeting.

#### 5. AOB

There was no other business.

#### 6. Date of the Next Meeting

**Wed 12<sup>th</sup> November 2003, 7pm at  
Keighley Leisure Centre  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month chosen to avoid Bonfire Night)**

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

Logos:

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# Sport Camps Report

Dear *sportK* members,

My apologies for not being able to attend the past few meetings, you will be sorry to hear that I will soon be back!

However, I thought I would give a quick report on what's going on in the Sport Camps world...

- Sport Camps has become a limited company with a board of Directors including 2 Non-Executive Directors who have volunteered their time to advise on business development.
- Throughout the summer of 2003 Sport Camps has delivered 17 camps at 6 different venues in the Yorkshire area. Over 1000 children have attended the camps and we have employed 40 youngsters between the ages of 16 and 25.
- This year we introduced an Early Start and Extra Time programme where parents can drop their children off from 8:30am and pick them up at 5:30pm. This proved to be a useful service to working parents.
- In addition to these 17 camps, we have delivered 4 camps on behalf of York Council for 'Socially Excluded Children' in York. Our ambition is to form partnerships like this in other areas such as Keighley.
- We have also become an accredited training unit for the British Sports Trust which basically means we can train youngsters to become Junior Sport Leaders and Community Sport Leaders, both are Nationally recognised qualifications. Over the summer we ran a training course in Cullingworth and a training course in York. Both courses went well and we plan to run more in the future.
- The government scheme for youngsters called Millennium Volunteers is now sending 16 to 18 year old youngsters to Sport Camps to gain work experience. Some of the youngsters who attended this summer have been asked to come back to Sport Camps in the future and work as Sport Leaders.

- Through our partnership with *sportKeighley*, we managed to get a visit from Sports Minister Richard Cabourn. He seemed very impressed with the camps and has asked me to write to him with suggestions on how to develop partnerships between private companies like Sport Camps and councils and schools to provide the best possible service for children. Thanks to *sportKeighley* we are now well on track for breaking down barriers between the private sector and the public sector.
- In conclusion, children, parents, staff, volunteers, et al have had a great summer, it's just a shame the summer doesn't last a lot longer! We are now planning to deliver October camps then look forward to an even better year next year.

Will Smith

## **WHAT IS POSITIVE FUTURES?**

Positive Futures is a new scheme in the Keighley area offering the opportunity for young people to improve their lives through sport and physical activity. The project is overseen nationally by Sport England, the Drugs Strategy Unit, the Youth Justice Board and the Football Foundation.

## **WHO CAN JOIN THE SCHEME?**

The scheme is available to young males and females between the ages of 10 and 19, who it is felt will benefit from a sport based programme. They will have been identified by various agencies including; schools, the Youth Service, the Youth Offending Team, Social Services and the Police.

These young people may have started to become involved in, or be at risk of getting involved in crime, drug use or anti-social behaviour, and may be under achieving at school. The aim of

the programme is to show young people that through sport they can make positive choices in their lives and become more socially responsible.

## **WHAT IS INVOLVED?**

Each young person who has been identified will be seen by a member of staff from the Positive Futures Team, who will help them to plan a programme of activity.

In the first few weeks, participants will be able to try 3 or 4 different sports before deciding what they would like to do on a more regular basis. These could include:

- Athletics
- Aquatic Sports
- Team Sports
- Individual Sports
- Outdoor Pursuits
- Water Sports

The programme will also include elements of personal development to encourage a healthier lifestyle, and

show young people how to channel their energies in a more socially acceptable way.

There will be a mixture of individual and group work sessions. For some young people there will be the opportunity to participate in a short residential, involving outdoor activities and team building exercises.

## **HOW LONG DOES THE PROGRAMME LAST?**

Though most programmes will last for about 6 months, the actual length of the time that a young person is involved will be determined by the progress that they make.

When a young person is at school the activities will take place outside of school hours.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF A PARTICIPANT STOPS ATTENDING?

We would seek to encourage all young people to complete their programmes, but for most of them their participation will be voluntary. However, there will be some young people who are supervised by a member of staff from the Youth Offending Team and they may be expected to attend the Positive Futures programme as part of their court order.

## WHAT DO WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE?

- To reduce offending and drug use in the Keighley area.
- To introduce young people to sporting and physical activity, leading to a healthier lifestyle.
- To help young people to make better use of their leisure time.
- To encourage the continued

involvement in sport by joining local clubs, teams and sports centres.

- For some young people it will be the chance to obtain awards, qualifications and gain personal achievements.

**To find out more about Positive Futures contact:**

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