

**sportKeighley**  
**Notes of Meeting No. 15**

1. The 15<sup>th</sup> *sportKeighley* meeting took place at Keighley Leisure Centre at 7pm on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2004.

Attendance:

Andy Bailey	Keighley Leisure Centre
Jayne Benson	Bradford MDC Rights of Way
Christine Binks	Keighley Leisure Centre
Sue Carter	Positive Futures
Danny Crabtree	Keighley College
Simon Connor	SportsVine
Mark Curtis	Keighley College
John Dennis	<i>sportKeighley</i> Co-ordinator
Martin Earnshaw	West Riding County Football Association
Deryck Feather	Old Time Dancing
Caroline Ford	Airedale Primary Care Trust
Matt Foster	Keighley Cougars RLFC & Workouts Gym
Hannah Lindsey	Active Communities Co-ordinator (PCT)
Malcolm Longsdon	Education Bradford
Val Mills	Keighley Healthy Living Network
Joyce Newton	Keighley Town Council
Daniel Philpott	West Riding County Football Association
Helen Plimmer	Oakbank Sports College
Kath Rickaby	Long Lee Juniors FC
Darren Starkey	Bradford MDC NOF PE & Sport Manager
Carol Vaughan	Keighley College

Apologies:

Stuart Culliford	Bradford Basketball
Mark Gannon	Education Bradford
Tim Garthwaite	The Holy Family School
Zuby Hamard	Bradford MDC Arts Heritage & Leisure
Cllr Maxine Hepworth	Keighley North
Nigel Hughes	Airedale Primary Care Trust
Khadim Hussain	Sangat Centre
Tricia McCarthy	Headteacher, Greenhead School
Graham Mitchell	Keighley & District Transport
Andrew Neal	Headteacher, Holycroft School
Clair Pember	Bradford Common Purpose
Cllr Alan Rhodes	Keighley Town Council
Paul Royston	Workouts Fitness Centre
Tim Sander	Keighley FoE
Will Smith	Sport Camps & Keighley & Craven AC
Richard Taylor	Keighley & Craven AC
Steve Warner	Bradford MDC Arts Heritage & Leisure
Barry West	Bradford Cycling Action group

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 *sportKeighley* to use the facilities.

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

- JAD summarised the issues from the last meeting, the notes of which have been distributed and which are available on request or via the *sportKeighley* website (see below).

**3. Matters Arising and Partner Updates**

**3.1 *sportK*ouncil**

- The re-organisation of Bradford Council's Leisure Services is moving forward. The post for a generic sports and leisure development officer for Keighley is now out for advertisement. This post will be for a full-time development worker and will be very flexible, and will be based away from Council facilities for at least part of the time, most notably at Oakbank Sports College. The post holder will also be the line manager for the new Community Sports Coach (see below).
- Joyce Newton mentioned this year's Keighley Day, which is scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> March 2004. Sport and physical activities are encouraged to participate in what will be a weekend of events promoted by Keighley Town Council.
- Bradford's Physical Activity and Sports Strategy is still to be finalised, although this is understood to be imminent.
- The improvements to Marley via the Football Foundation funding are underway and are due to be finished by Easter 2004 for football tournaments at that time (see also *sportK*arnival below).
- JAD had met with Phil Green of Education Bradford about the athletics track at Greenhead in particular. During the meeting Phil confirmed that Mark Gannon, who has been working as Active Schools link on the Cerco side of Education Bradford, will, from 1<sup>st</sup> January be working on the client (council) side to help with all sorts of school/council/club interfaces. Mark is being jointly supported by Education Bradford and Bradford Council Arts Heritage & Leisure.

**3.2 *sportK*ollege**

- Danny Crabtree is developing the sport and physical activity element of the College, which intends to become very active in this respect. JAD and Will Smith had met Danny since the last *sportKeighley* meeting, and Danny will be attending *sportK* meetings on behalf of the College in future.
- There are a number of other Keighley College initiatives reported in sections below. A recent survey has shown interest amongst College students for 5 cricket teams and a soccer team which will be developed this spring.

**3.3 *sportK*are**

- Hannah Lindsay reported that the PCT Community Health Team will shortly have new postholders in place (interviews taking place w/c 19<sup>th</sup> January).
- Given the number of people now working in Keighley for various organisations, and the number of new posts that are being created (see also Community Coach news below), Hannah also reported that a regular informal meeting of such people is being initiated, under the auspices of Keighley College, to ensure that in these specific areas people are not re-inventing the wheel, competing against each other or unaware of each others' activities. The group will feed back news to the regular *sportKeighley* meetings.
- Val Mills introduced herself as the new manager of Keighley Healthy Living Network (KHLN), which works very closely with many *sportKeighley* partner organisations, including schools, the PCT and the Voluntary Sector Network. KHLN is keen to be involved with the programmes that are developing with regard to the *sportK* network, and offered a key role as a fundholder for NOF monies (see below).

### 3.4 **sportKlubs**

- Following the update from Darren Starkey at the November meeting regarding opportunities for potential access to NOF funds held by Education Bradford for local clubs who are developing new out-of-school-hours activities, JAD had met Malcolm Longsdon of Education Bradford and Mark Curtis of Keighley College to discuss this. JAD had mentioned many initiatives, but had emphasised to Malcolm that *sportKeighley* is in itself deliberately unconstituted (to avoid unnecessary administration), so therefore partner organisations would have to apply for relevant funding. Discussion also took place on innovative ideas for encouraging new activities among key target groups. There was particular interest in the AKtiveHoppa bus service as described in the *sportKeighley* Physical Activity Action Plan (PAAP – see *sportK* website for Adobe version of this document) as a method of enabling more people to attend club activities. However, it was agreed that the funding of this would be far from straightforward and it was therefore proposed that Malcolm attend the January *sportKeighley* meeting to describe the situation to partners first-hand (see below for details of Malcolm’s comments at the *sportKeighley* meeting).
- Kath Rickaby described some of the difficulties being experienced by Long Lee FC in ensuring access to existing facilities at Long Lee School, and the barriers to development of the club’s own facilities. The situation had not been helped recently by vandalism of some pitches by an off-road motorbike rider. There was general agreement between *sportK* and the WRCFA representatives that perhaps a collective approach might help in terms of school access, given that fully extended schools are the ultimate aim across Bradford. Matt Foster of Cougars offered to consult the Cougars’ groundsman to see if any help could be given in terms of initial repairs to the pitches.
- Cougars are continuing their community development work via Matt Foster, including blocks of sessions in local schools.
- JAD reported that Keighley & Craven AC is hosting the Bradford and Halifax & District Cross Country Championships at Greenhead on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January, at which there are also preliminary schools races. The club is also promoting the prestigious North of England Men’s 12-Stage and Women’s 6-Stage Road relays at Lister Park in Bradford on April 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- JAD passed on an invitation from Stuart Culliford to observe the former England Senior Men’s Basketball Coach, Dr Laszlo Nemeth (who lives in Keighley) perform a coaching session with the Bradford Dragons U16 squad on 16<sup>th</sup> January at Woodhouse Grove School in Apperley Bridge.

### 3.5 **sportKorporate**

- Keighley & District Regeneration Alliance (KADRA) is moving forward with the proposed mapping exercise of Keighley’s facilities and activities, which will include sporting facilities. This will help to assess a baseline against which future participation can be measured, about which JAD has been in contact with Sport England and on which a meeting will be held soon.
- It is encouraging to see private sector involvement in the Community Sports Coach initiative (see below), and the opportunities that are arising for further matched funding due to this.

### 3.6 **sportsKools**

- Helen Plimmer reported on School “Cluster Conferences” that are being held, bringing together key staff from the six Oakbank Cluster schools (Oakbank, Greenhead, Holy Family, Parkside, Bingley Grammar and Ilkley) to exchange ideas and generally learn of good practice examples. Oakbank is leading up the sports event which will take place at Bingley Grammar School on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. Subject to space, all are invited, and should contact Helen at Oakbank School on 01535 210111. JAD will be providing a workshop on *sportKeighley* at the event.
- JAD reported that Holy Family’s NOF bid for their new Sports Hall is in the final stages. The school is keen to make the hall available particularly for minority sports and activities and it is likely to be free of charge for activities through *sportKeighley* or the Primary Care Trust. There is also an element in the bid for revenue funding that the school is prepared to put towards the proposed AKtiveHoppa service, although this will require some further discussion.

- Darren Starkey provided details of the situation with regard to local school NOF-funded projects, including Multi-Use Games Areas (MUGAs) at Holycroft School (Polymeric Surface and floodlighting), Guardhouse School (Tarmac Surface) and Hothfield School (Tarmac Surface). JAD reported that *sportKeighley* has sent letters of support for all three facilities, and that he had met the Headteacher at Holycroft, Andrew Neal, who is very keen to explore a wide range of activities. He has already been in touch with Stuart Culliford regarding the potential for basketball. Darren also described a “Trim-Trail” at Steeton Primary School and new orienteering courses at Ingrow and Eastwood Primaries. There is also to be an orienteering course at Parkwood. JAD reported that Keighley & Craven AC is to develop orienteering activities and links in response to the new facilities.
- Darren also mentioned the Bradford-wide initiative to re-build most of the district’s secondary schools. Greenhead will be the first Keighley School through this process, followed by Oakbank. With Holy Family already being massively overhauled and Parkside being relatively modern already, this will mean that Keighley has a tremendous range of facilities in terms of education, sport and physical activity in the next few years.
- Helen Plimmer reported that pitch drainage works at Oakbank will be going ahead in the early spring, and also that a new Bouldering/Climbing Wall is to be constructed in March in one of the smaller gymnasiums that will mean better access for such activities.
- Details of Oakbank’s Healthy Schools initiatives have been received from Betsy Twelves-Dickson and will be posted on the *sportK* website.

### 3.7 **sportK**Community

- Deryck Feather emphasised the enthusiasm to promote dance, especially traditional dance, in Keighley, and the benefits for all sportspeople. He has offered to run a series of sessions at Bronte School over the next few months, probably on Monday evenings, to teach all ages to dance. Contact JAD for more details.
- JAD has been contacted by a young windsurfer, Sam Neal, who is keen to get to the very top of his sport and is seeking some support from local organisations. There is a considerable amount of travel involved from Bridlington to Belgium, and Sam is already very committed. He can be contacted on 01535 656589 or via e-mail at [samgbr951@hotmail.com](mailto:samgbr951@hotmail.com). Danny Crabtree of the College asked for his details and may be able to see if he can help.
- JAD reported on a meeting at Haworth Community Point with Julia Lindsey. There is a proposal to build a climbing wall and possibly activity trails in Haworth Quarry Car Park, and, following a youth questionnaire, there is again the aim of trying to provide some form of skate-park in the village.

## 4. **NOF Club/School Activity Funding**

- Malcolm Longsden explained to the meeting that there has been underspend of a significant NOF fund administered by Education Bradford to create additional learning opportunities for disadvantaged young people. Some of the funding has gone via schools, but this has now reached its limit and therefore Malcolm is looking at up to two-year partnership deals with non-school bodies to provide interesting and varied activities. This needs to involve imaginative initiatives that might include increasing numbers of participants, additional activities and improved quality of existing activities. There also needs to be a proper exit strategy to ensure that activities continue beyond the end of the scheme in December 2005. Malcolm emphasised that the fund is aimed across Bradford and is not just for sport but also for outdoor activities and the arts. Malcolm discussed the possibilities of help with the AKtive Hoppa for encouraging access to activities, but it is clear that funding of such a thing as this would not necessarily be straightforward. JAD asked that *sportK* partners consider how they can develop additional activities (perhaps similar to those planned for Greenhead – see Section 6 below) and get their ideas back to him, preferably by the end of February. Val Mills confirmed that KHLN would be prepared to act as a fundholder for any monies that could be brought to Keighley in this respect.

- In terms of the latter offer, it was confirmed that an initiative led by Chris Murdoch of KVS is being developed to try to co-ordinate some of the varied funding streams for such activities so that they can be tailored more to local needs. This, associated with the co-ordination of local workers described in Section 3.3 above and the KADRA mapping project described in Section 3.5 above, could provide a tremendous basis for activity development in the town.
- Danny Philpott mentioned a forthcoming workshop on the Football Foundation Small Grants Scheme to be held from 7-9pm on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February at Valley Parade in Bradford. These are 90% grants up to £10,000 for community-based projects and groups supporting young people under 25 years. See *sportK* website for details.

## **5. Community Coach for Keighley**

- As reported in the last set of notes, Keighley is to be one of the first areas in West Yorkshire and indeed the country to have a new Community Coach post, and *sportK* has acted in a co-ordinating role in putting together proposals to West Yorkshire Sport. The full-time role will be defined by local needs, and will be focused on the delivery of coaching activities in the district. Matched funding for the post, to the tune of £12,000 for the first year, has been pledged by the West Riding County Football Association, City of Bradford MDC Arts Heritage & Leisure and Sport Camps Ltd (£4K each). This will result in a further £12K of matched funding from West Yorkshire Sport and, because of the private sector input from Sport Camps, the opportunity of a further £4K via the SportsMatch scheme which will enable further resources to be made available. Thus a potential of £28K of new investment is due shortly in Keighley as a result of this post. The post will be hosted by Bradford Council, and will be line-managed by the generic sports development officer for Keighley, referred to in 3.1 above. However, the post-holder will spend most of his or her time delivering coaching to a wide variety of organisations and groups. Coaching will be generic in nature. JAD reported that the proposal has been accepted by West Yorkshire Sport and Sport England, and final details will be worked out in the next week or so in order to enable someone to be in post by April 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **6. Local Facilities Developments**

### **6.1 Bronte School**

- Ian Day from Bradford Council is continuing with a Feasibility Study into the future of the site and this will be informed by the *sportKeighley*-led community liaison group.
- There will be an update on the situation at the next *sportKeighley* meeting.

### **6.2 Greenhead**

- JAD reported a very positive meeting held during the morning with David Young of uk:athletics, Tricia McCarthy of Greenhead School, Andy Bailey and Christine Binks of the Leisure Centre and Pete Fisher, new Chairman of Keighley & Craven AC.
- The school is to be re-built, probably on the lower field, and this will enable better use to be made of the athletics track, for which an application will now be made for refurbishment under the uk:a Community Athletics Refurbishment Programme (CARP). This may involve funding up to a maximum of £200K. JAD had already met with Phil Green of Education Bradford and had had some confirmation that the track will remain where it is, and this therefore gives the confidence to move forward with refurbishment work.
- The proposed work between the school, the club, the Council and other key *sportK* partners, most notably the PCT, is very encouraging to uk:a. This involves developing new activities in the existing school, ahead of the redevelopment and ahead of the extended schools programme due next year, to ensure wide community use of facilities and activities, including the City Learning Centre.
- The parties will continue to meet to develop a specification of work that was initially started by John Woodcock, and it is hoped that, all things being well, a successful bid will enable work in early 2005.

### **6.3 Marley**

- As mentioned above, refurbishment work is underway at Marley. Possibilities for a wider scheme in the future remain under general discussion.

**6.4 Utley**

- Keighley College has confirmed that they are the owners of the Cricket Pavilion, and are keen to develop use of this during the coming year.
- Matt Foster confirmed that an application from Cougar Cubs for a clubhouse at Utley is still ongoing.

**6.5 Holy Family**

- As mentioned above, the final part of the NOF application for the new Sports Hall is virtually complete.

**6.6 Great Northern Trail**

- Jayne Benson reported that funding for the first part of the Great Northern Trail, along the length of former railway line from Cullingworth. This includes help from the English & Welsh Viaducts Committee.
- JAD mentioned that this is part of a wider range of initiatives for footpaths, cycleways and bridlepaths in Keighley that are under development, including the Keighley to Oxenhope Cycle Path, Walkways and the Aire Valley Cycle Route.

**6.7 Other Sites**

- Developments at other sites, including Oakbank and MUGAs at other school sites, are described elsewhere in these notes.

**7. *sportKeighley* Website and Communication**

- The *sportKeighley* website has now been revamped to make it much more accessible and navigable, and is now online. There are a few details to be tidied up and the content now needs to be added more fully. Hannah Lindsey confirmed that assistance with the upkeep of the website will be available from one of the new post-holders at the PCT.

**8. *sportKarnival* 2004**

- JAD confirmed that he had spoken to Graham Mitchell regarding the possible joint promotion of *sportKarnival* with the Vintage Vehicle Rally at Marley, but it had been decided that it would be best to keep them separate and for each to promote the other. The provisional date for *sportKarnival* is therefore Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2004. JAD is to discuss this with Peter Helliwell of the Keighley Festival. It is vital that all partners think of contributions they can make and bring these ideas to the next *sportK* meeting.
- JAD is shortly to attend a meeting of the Bradford Festival 2004 Steering Group and will promote the Keighley events within the wider event.

**9. AOB**

- Simon Connor of SportsVine Limited addressed the meeting to describe the “Health for Life” Course which is the brand name for the NCFE Foundation Certificate in Exercise Studies, which is a QCA accredited qualification at Level 1 on the National Qualifications Network (NQN). For more information on NCFE and the NQN see <http://www.ncfe.org.uk/introFrameset.html> . The programme is usually run in partnership with an FE College (currently Park Lane College in Leeds, but may extend eventually to Keighley College) but is a self-paced, distance-learning course. It is suitable for anyone aged 16 or over who wishes to increase their awareness and understanding of health and fitness and improve their lifestyle. Simon provided information packs to interested parties, and further copies can be obtained from him on [simon.connor@sportsvine.com](mailto:simon.connor@sportsvine.com). Further details can be found on [www.healthforlifeonline.net](http://www.healthforlifeonline.net).
- There was no other business (items raised have been placed in the appropriate partner sections above).

10. Date of the Next Meeting

**Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2004,  
7pm at  
Keighley Leisure Centre**

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.

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