

sportKeighley
Notes of Meeting No. 21

1. The 21st sportKeighley meeting took place at the Highfield Community Centre at 7pm on Wednesday 19th January 2005.

Attendance:

Craig Andrews	Highfield Community Association
Mary Beanland	Prime Movers Co-ordinator, KVC
Steve Bell	Oakbank Sports College
Jayne Benson	Bradford MDC Rights of Way
Ruth Blenkinsop	The Princes Trust
Jan Bradley	The Princes Trust
Sue Carter	Positive Futures
Danny Crabtree	Keighley College
John Dennis	sportKeighley Co-ordinator & Keighley & Craven AC
Darren deSouza	Airedale Primary Care Trust
Chris Evans	Crank It Up Cycling Organisation
Deryck Feather	Dancing
Anthony Gill	Keighley Sports Development Officer
Kay Lindley	Headteacher, Victoria Primary School
Hannah Lindsey	Active Communities Co-ordinator (Airedale PCT)
Cllr Allan Rhodes	Keighley Town Mayor
Will Smith	Sport Camps & Keighley & Craven AC
John Whitaker	Prime Movers and KVC

Apologies:

Helen Berry	Airedale PCT
Christine Binks	Keighley Leisure Centre
Pete Bramham	Leeds Metropolitan University
Alan Budge	Bradford Vision
David Copeland	Deputy Head, Greenhead School
Paul Corcoran	VC Bradford/Pennine Cycles
Stuart Culliford	Bradford Basketball
Matt Foster	Keighley Cougars
Sue Gaffney	
Tim Garthwaite	The Holy Family School
Stan Gerwitz	LSC Confederation Manager
Mark Gladwin	Play Services Officer, Early Years & Childcare Service
Zuby Hamard	Bradford MDC Arts Heritage & Leisure
Tricia McCarthy	Headteacher, Greenhead School
Val Mills	Keighley Healthy Living Network
Neeta Mistry	Walking for Health
Val Orrell	Shipley Kerbcraft
Helen Plimmer	Oakbank Sports College
Simon Rowlands	Physical Activity Development Coordinator, Bradford NHS
Paul Royston	Workouts Gym
Cllr Ian Shackleton	Cross Roads Parish Council
Darren Starkey	Bradford MDC NOF PE & Sport Manager
Richard Taylor	Keighley Community Coach & Keighley & Craven AC
Phil Wagner	Bradford Education
Andy Watmuff	Try Golf
Mick Wood	Acting Manager, Marley Activity Centre

- John Dennis (JAD) took the chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He also registered thanks to the staff at Highfield Community Centre for allowing sportKeighley to use the excellent facilities.

2. Summary of the last meeting

- Most people had received notes from the last meeting in September. Copies are available on request or via the *sportKeighley* website www.sportkeighley.com.

3. Information

3.1 sportKommunity

- Cllr Allan Rhodes reported on a recent official appearance to the prize-giving for an Asian Community Volleyball Competition. This had drawn competitors from a wide area and had been well-contested. Craig Andrews reported that the Highfield Volleyball team now practices at the Highfield Centre.
- Sue Carter reported on continuing activity via Positive Futures, including for “Looked After Children” which involves close working with the Police and School and Community Nurses.
- Youth Service staff took 4 teams down to the Positive Futures National Football Tournament in Derby on 27th November 2004. All the teams tried hard and received medals at the end of the tournament. The Under 16’s girls did extremely well, and came runners up. The Youth Service is facilitating a group of young girls to participate in regular football training. It is hoped that they will go on to join local female clubs as they all show a lot of potential. Late last year Positive Futures started running an outdoor activity session on a Thursday. This group is intentionally small, as occasionally some of the young people can display quite difficult behaviour. For further information on Positive Futures contact Sue Carter, Project Manager at Young People’s Support Unit, 181a Barkerend Road, Bradford, BD3 9AP or phone 01274 436001 or email sue.carter@bradford.gov.uk.
- Ruth Blenkinsop described some of the work she is doing via the Prince’s Trust. She plans and delivers a 12 week Personal Development programme on behalf of the Trust. The participants on the programme are aged between 16-25 yrs who have a desire to gain qualifications, skills and confidence to return to, or begin, employment. The latest group of young people started the course on the 17th January. During the 12 weeks of the programme, 3 weeks are set aside for them to undertake a community project where they can learn hard skills, team-working skills and contribute to the community. These particular 3 weeks are from 31st January – 20th of February 2005 and the thought is that they may be able to assist with the SKate programme (see below). Part of the Prince’s Trust Team’s challenge is to obtain both the materials and tools to undertake the community project by fund-raising or appeals (or the gift of the gab!). Ruth’s number is 01535 662506 or 07748 230760.
- JAD reported on recent discussions with Alan Budge of Bradford Vision. Alan is particularly involved in Keighley with the establishment of Neighbourhood Action Plans in Stockbridge, Branshaw and Eastwood. There are many opportunities to co-ordinate some of the *sportK* partner programmes with these. Copies of the plans will be posted on the *sportK* website.
- Deryck Feather noted that although there are many initiatives for young people, the older section of the community also had specific needs. As a key dance leader in the town he noted rising costs for the use of relatively poor existing facilities, especially for afternoon dances. Many *sportK* partners present offered to try to assist with these problems. JAD also mentioned that the Central Hall in Alice Street has been the subject of a feasibility study and this might provide some useful facilities in the future.

3.2 sportsKools

- Steve Bell highlighted the following events that are forthcoming: Gym/Dance Festival, Wednesday 9th February at Oakbank, 4pm; Basketball Finals, Monday 14th March at Oakbank: Orienteering Event, Thursday 14th April at Cliffe Castle, 1.30 to 3.30pm. If schools wish to take part in the latter event please let Steve know via sl@oakbank.org.uk. Many primary schools now have fixed orienteering courses with associated maps on their grounds.
- Steve reported that Oakbank Leisure Centre Manager Andrew Sharples has produced some “Player Pathway” charts for soccer and badminton. These are available from Andrew (01535 609155) and will be put on the *sportK* website. Feedback welcome.
- Steve reported that in line with the development of cycling at Oakbank there was to be a cycling course for teachers the following day (20th January) and there is a possibility of repeating the course for non-teachers if interest is there. Please contact Steve if interested.
- Kay Lindley emphasised that as an extended school facilities at the school are available to clubs and community groups and she is keen that they are used. Kay can be contacted on 01535 210110.
- Tim Garthwaite sent apologies but reported that work on the Sports Hall at Holy Family School commenced at 12.30pm on Friday 14th January!! The school is looking at a Football Foundation bid to refurbish the all-weather pitch and create a games area with changing facilities.
- Phil Wagner from Bradford Education sent his apologies but drew attention to National Outdoor Week from 12th to 20th March 2005. JAD has also been contacted by and has since met with Jim Hughes who is the newly appointed Educational Visits Adviser for Bradford Education who is keen to organise events

involving schools during this week – a provisional date of Wednesday 16th March has been suggested, possibly for a walking event. Please pencil this date in – further details soon.

3.3 **sportKollege**

- Danny Crabtree reported that the bulldozers will be in during February to start clearance in Dalton Lane for the new College building and exciting facilities are planned in terms of hospitality and leisure courses and also the new specialism in space, including the Star Centre.
- Danny reported that the next Community Sports Leader Award (CSLA) will commence at the College on 30th January. Details from Danny on 01535 618032. As ever, placements for graduates of the course (they need to do at least ten hours of experience activity) are welcome.

3.4 **sportKouncil**

- Mark Gladwin, who had given an introduction to and brief summary of the recently-launched Bradford Play Strategy at the last *sportKeighley* meeting, sent his apologies but confirmed that it has been decided to carry out a “Play Audit” in the Keighley East Constituency Ward. Mark would be glad to hear from anyone interested in this project, and can be contacted on 01274 432044.
- Anthony Gill notified the meeting of a number of forthcoming events organised by Bradford Sport and Leisure Service. On Tuesday 15th February (during half term) there is a “Turn Up and Play 4v4 Soccer” for boys and girls. Under 8s 1pm to 2.30pm and Under 10s 2.30pm to 4pm. £2. All welcome at the new pitch at Marley Activities and Coaching Centre. Details from Marley on 01535 609910.
- On Thursday 17th February there are SportsAbility/Multi-Sports between 10.30 and 12.30 and 1.30 and 3.30 at the Leisure Centre. Open to adults/children/disabled/abled. All dryside activities will be free on that day.
- Anthony gave advance notice of the Bradford & Keighley Schools 5x5 Football Competition to be held at Marley between 4pm and 6.30pm from 16th – 19th May. There are already 120 teams entered for this prestigious competition – **entries close on 25th February**.
- JAD noted that the Bradford Physical Activity & Sports Strategy has been re-drafted and re-structured and will shortly be published. Part of the proposal is for a Bradford-wide sports forum with selected representatives from key areas of the district. More details are contained in Section 9 below.

3.5 **sportKare**

- Hannah Lindsey reported that Airedale PCT is doing a lot of work with the local authority to promote physical activity.
- The PCT physical activity database, which will form an integral part of the new *sportKeighley* web structure, is due imminently having been released on the PCT intranet. All partners are requested to provide details of their physical activity sessions to feed into the database (Hannah’s contact details are at the end of these notes).
- Much work is going on with the school nurse network to ensure that the school nurses can deliver key activities and information, and this may include help with healthy travel as well as healthy schools and other initiatives, including the health clubs that are currently being set up in certain primary schools with NOF funding.
- The PCT is shortly to meet with the FA to discuss possible co-operation for the promotion of health initiatives via football.
- The PCT team is also supporting an event promoted by the Asian Disability network on February 26th – details from Hannah (see contact below).
- Darren deSouza described a recent meeting with Ian Hislop of the Bradford Environment Partnership. This is already supporting many of the infrastructure projects in Keighley (see below) and Darren is exploring with Ian some of the parallel issues between health and the environment and sport and physical activity.

3.6 **sportKlubs**

- Stuart Culliford has circulated details of the proposed revival of Keighley Wildcats Basketball Team. This is tremendous news. Details have been circulated and will be put on the *sportK* website.
- Discussions have been ongoing with Matt Foster of Keighley Cougars and Bob Gillard of Keighley Cougar Cubs with a view to their use of facilities and also shared training with Keighley & Craven Athletic Club for certain aspects of activity.
- Progress has been made by the partnership involved with the bid to UK Athletics for a refurbishment of the athletics track at Greenhead. Christophe Hamard of Bradford Education has given a commitment to

assist with the drainage of the site around the track in order to ensure that a refurbishment bid can be put in. The value of this work can hopefully also be used as matched funding for the further upgrade measures. Many thanks to all partners for their valuable input into this project.

- Progress continues to be made in the opening of Greenhead School and the associated City Learning Centre for wider club and community use. The aim is to guarantee opening of the community wing of the school via the City Learning Centre and by increasing the number of activities reduce the unit rate for usage to make the facilities much more affordable. Keighley & Craven Athletic Club has been leading on this, with tremendous help from Tricia McCarthy and David Copeland at Greenhead, Bradford Council Sport & Leisure and Malcolm Longsdon at Bradford Education. Jayne Rawnsley is employed at the CLC and she will be involved with reception facilities and also IT training if required. The CLC can be contacted on 01535 210500 or at info@clcgreenhead.net.

3.7 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 is being tied together with programmes from the Town Council and Bradford Vision and the Airedale Masterplan.
- Many of the maps and plans involving walking and cycling have been forwarded to Arup, the authors of the Airedale Masterplan, which is due for release in February. It is understood that many of these elements have been incorporated as well as specific areas for various activities being identified.
- Will Smith reported that Sport Camps intend to create a full-time post concentrating on recruitment and staff training by August this year. Many opportunities for enthusiastic youngsters to assist with the holiday activities exist. Will can be contacted on 07736 068974.
- Will had also received a response to a letter to the Sports Minister Richard Caborn, discussing the difficulties that can arise in accessing school properties out of school hours, dependant often on the goodwill of caretaking staff which is not always forthcoming. Mr Caborn had pointed to a number of websites that might provide funding to pay for non-caretaking staff in certain instances, and his response was very supportive of pushing this aspect to ensure that facilities are available to the community.

4. Facilities Development

- The investment in facilities in the Keighley District is currently quite extraordinary. The following schemes represent multi-million pound projects to which should be added the recent £1M refurbishment of Marley, the opening of the Highfield Community Centre and Multi-Activity Community Areas (MACAs) at Steeton, Silsden and Holycroft. It is intended that all facilities are entered into the developing Sport England "Active Places" database (www.activeplaces.com) and this will form a key link on the facilities page on the updated sportKeighley website (update due soon).

4.1 Holy Family School

- Work has started on the new Sports Hall as stated above..

4.2 Parkside School, Cullingworth

- The new development will include extensive arts and sports facilities which will be accessible by the community. There may be particular opportunities for the development of netball and hockey at the site among other activities.

4.3 Utley

- Danny Crabtree reported that discussions are continuing between rugby league and rugby union and the College at the Utley site in order to ensure maximum usage of facilities. There was a very positive meeting at the College on 15th November with the principal David Gates and other key members of staff to discuss the potential use of College construction students and apprentices in helping to design and build a new clubhouse as part of their training.

4.4 Keighley College

- Progress reported under sportKollege above.

4.5 Greenhead

- JAD reported on further meetings held between key partners associated with the development of Greenhead. The school, Keighley & Craven Athletic Club, UK Athletics, Bradford Education Client Team and others, including Keighley Cougars, the Cougar Cubs and Braithwaite School are pulling together a development plan that will hopefully result in the shared vision of a generic physical fitness development centre involving athletics and gymnastics amongst other activities.
- There are also plans for a full range of activities and facilities for the disabled to be integrated as part of the redevelopment of Greenhead School and also the Keighley Special Schools on the site. The target is to have a new school on the site by September 2007.

4.6 Bronte School Site

- JAD reported that there is much activity associated with the Oakworth Urban Village Scheme and the SKate initiative to increase the range of activities at Bronte in the near future. Mary Beanland of Prime Movers and Will Smith of Sport Camps, as well as Cllr Allan Rhodes and Jeff Bennett are all assisting in this.

4.7 SKate Project Accommodation

- The SKate project was successfully launched on Wednesday 15th December at Keighley Youth Services Centre on Parkwood Street. Notes of the launch will shortly be available on a SKate section of the sportK website and are available via email from either JAD or Mary Beanland (primemovers@keighleyvb.co.uk). There is much activity going on to push this extreme sport initiative, including discussions around an initial use of Bronte School grounds, discussions with primary school headteachers about “satellite” facilities in their playgrounds (Haworth may well become a pilot in this respect), and proposed events during *sportK*arival this June (see below).

4.8 Keighley Leisure Centre

- Plans to redevelop part of the Leisure Centre including the moving of the Tone Zone to the upper level near to the café are moving forward.

4.9 Guardhouse Primary School MACA

- Darren Starkey reported via email that poor ground conditions have caused a slight delay to this project but that the new Multi Activity Community Area (MACA) should be completed by the end of February.

4.10 Holycroft Primary School MACA

- Darren Starkey reported via email that this should start on site in early February.

4.11 Hothfield Primary School MACA

- Darren Starkey reported via email that this should start on site in March.

4.12 Oakbank

- It is still hoped that an early start can be made on converting the south-east corner of the site into a cycling facility, even if it consists of a bunded earth circuit at first. It is aimed to get something done in time for *sportK*arival on 19th June (see below).

5. Transport Infrastructure

5.1 Ki (Keighley Integrated)

- JAD showed the meeting the various designs for the range of initiatives under the Ki banner, which has been developed under the auspices of Airedale PCT and many sportK partners with the help of funding from the Bradford environment Partnership. Details of each initiative are contained in the sections below and will soon be available on the *sportK* website. The Ki proposals have been submitted to the Local Transport Plan, the Airedale Masterplan and have been taken up by Sustrans for their planning in the area.

5.2 Walkways

- Progress is being made in arranging to get the five Walkways routes marked out.

- There will be a Spring event of a similar nature to the launch event held in October– more information to come.
- Progress is being made on tying the system into the Routes to School initiative.
- A separate section for Walkways on the *sportKeighley* website is soon to be set up.
- Partners are encouraged to use the routes and feedback on the state of them and any issues that need addressing.
- There have been initial discussions with Keighley College with a view to using construction students to effect minor footpath repairs as part of their vocational courses.

5.3 **CyKle**

- The CyKle Launch event was very successfully held at Oakbank School on Wednesday 17th November. It attracted over 50 people and there was general support for moving things forward. Full notes of the meeting will be posted on the *sportK* website on a specific CyKle section that will shortly be set up.
- A draft plan of proposed cycle routes across Keighley has been produced and a diverse audience has already committed to attending. This has initially focused on creating routes across the town and also linking schools with the National Cycle Network (Leeds-Liverpool Canal) and creating routes for children to cycle to school.
- It is intended that this year's *sportKarnival* will take the form of a Festival of Cycling to coincide with national Cycling Week in June (see below).

5.4 **AKtiveHoppa**

- JAD reported that he had been contacted by West Yorkshire Metro with a view to the use of Yellow Buses outside of core school times. He and Darren deSouza had met with Metro just before Christmas. The meeting had been most constructive, although there are issues to be ironed out (eg, use of buses by adults) that are important for the proposed service to be of effective use, but there is almost certainly the possibility of getting something going soon.
- A separate section for AKtiveHoppa on the *sportKeighley* website is soon to be set up.

5.5 **West Yorkshire Metro Route Planner**

- Attention was again drawn to the excellent and newly-revised Journey Planner via www.wymetro.com.
- Select "Journey Planner" and you will be connected to the Yorkshire Traveline site. Select "Journey Planner" again, enter your starting point (eg, postcode) in the "From" section and your destination in the "To" section. Not only will you get bus and/or train times and numbers but also maps of the nearest bus stop and the time to set off walking to the stop/station!! Furthermore, all required walking distances are given in metres!!
- It is intended that this site will form a key link on the Access page of the *sportKeighley* website.

5.6 **SKate**

- Details of the launch of the SKate and Extreme Sport Initiative are contained in Section 4.7 above.

6. **Activities**

- Most details of activities reported at the meeting are contained in the relevant sections elsewhere in these notes.
- As mentioned in section 3.5 above the Airedale PCT Activities Database is ready to receive details of activities going on in the district. Please make a note of all activities and email to Rachael.Wood@bradford.nhs.uk.
- This link will form a key link on the revamped *sportKeighley* website, and it is important for it to be of use that people update Rachael on any changes or new activities.

7. **Coaching**

- There is an extensive amount of coaching going on at local clubs and schools on a voluntary basis and under the NOF Out of School Hours Programme. The new "Step into Sport" programme will also increase opportunities for coaches.
- The Keighley Community Coach, Richard Taylor (absent from the meeting because he was coaching!!) is visiting all of the schools in the area and continuing to deliver coaching to many groups. The post has been a tremendous success and is a credit to Richard and the various funders who have helped to make it possible

- There are a number of new Community Coach posts on the way in Bradford under Phase 2 of the Community Coach Scheme, as follows:
 - Basketball (Full-time, District-wide);
 - Cricket (Full-time, District-wide);
 - Rugby (Full-time, District-wide);
 - FUNdamentals (Part-time, District-wide);
 - Netball (Part-time, District-wide);
 - Hockey (Part-time, District-wide);
 - Outdoors (Part-time, District-wide);
 - Rowing (Part-time, Beckfoot);
 - Rugby Union (Part-time, District-wide);
 - Gymnastics (Full-time, District-wide);
 - Gymnastics (Part-time, District-wide);
 - Hockey (Part-time, District-wide);
 - Athletics (Part-time, District-wide).
- Further bids from Bradford have gone in to West Yorkshire Sport for Phase 3 Community Coaches. These are being funded from NOF revenue monies associated with new-build facilities across SSC clusters, thus the posts are based at the following schools:
 - Multi-Sport (Full-time: Beckfoot);
 - Gymnastics (Full-time: Thornton);
 - Racquet Sports (Part-time: Hanson)
 - Athletics (Part-time: Hanson);
 - Cycling (Part-time: Thornton).
- Although Keighley was not prioritised in Bradford for the over-subscribed Phase 3 of the scheme (partly because we already have a highly successful CSC in the form of Richard Taylor), a number of posts were put forward from Keighley "in reserve" should additional funds become available. These include a full time multi-skills post (part-funded by Oakbank and Sport Camps), a full-time rugby post (part-funded by Keighley Cougars) and a part-time cycling post (part-funded by Airedale Primary Care Trust). If the central funds don't become available, due to the excellent networks and funders already in the district, it is likely that between us we can fund some of these posts ourselves anyway.
- Coaching opportunities in the form of Community Coach jobs and coach training courses in the district and in West Yorkshire in general are co-ordinated by Bryan Brooks at west Yorkshire Sports. Details can be found on the West Yorkshire Sport website at www.westyorkshiresport.co.uk or via Bryan Brooks, Coaching Development Officer on 01484 234087 or at bryan.brooks@kirklees.gov.uk.

8. Keighley Festival / sportKarnival 2005

- It was confirmed that this year's Keighley festival will run concurrently with the Bradford Festival from Saturday 18th June to Sunday 3rd July.
- The *sportKarnival* event will take place at Oakbank on Sunday 19th June with the emphasis on the CyKle and SKate initiatives, with all types of cycling and extreme sports being available for participation, demonstration and competition. There may also be a "Race the Train" event as there is also an enthusiasts weekend on the Keighley & Worth Valley Railway, as well as the traditional Vintage Vehicle Rally at Marley.
- There are also plans for a Keighley "Extreme Urban Challenge" event, possibly including running, cycling, abseiling and canoeing, that might take place on the second Wednesday of the Festival, as well as the KASA soccer tournament and a possible cricket "Super 6" event at some stage as well.
- If you have any ideas or events that you would like to promote or include within the Festival/Karnival, please contact John Dennis on 07919 477861 or via sportjohn@blueyonder.co.uk asap.

9. Bradford Physical Activity & Sports Forum – Keighley Input

- As has been described in previous *sportK* notes, the publication of the Bradford Physical Activity and Sports Strategy is imminent.
- A key part of this is to create a district-wide forum for physical activity and sport to ensure that the wide range of partnerships identified in the strategy are developed and maintained. This proposal is a real plus for Bradford and should help to ensure that we support each other across the district and develop an "as well as" rather than an "instead of" mentality.

- JAD had met with Zuby Hamard and Adrian Tolan who have been tasked with identifying independent representatives from networks in the five Bradford areas within the district. Keighley has been identified as being relatively easy in this respect because of *sportKeighley*, and there was to have been a presentation from Zuby at the meeting about this new structure.
- Unfortunately Zuby had to send her apologies due to illness, so Anthony Gill and JAD summarised the situation.
- After a general discussion, Danny Crabtree put to the meeting the following motion: “Hands up those who do not want JAD to represent Keighley on the Bradford Forum?” after which, in the absence of any hands, it was taken that JAD will in general perform this role, although it was emphasised that any member of the partnership could represent the group as and when necessary, this being one of the strengths of the partnership.

10. Any Other Business

- In the notes of the previous meeting in November 2004 there had been a number of “Key Activities” listed as priorities under the *sportKeighley* Physical Activity Action Plan (PAAP). These are listed below: the ones in red are still to be actively taken forward, the ones in blue have made significant progress.
 - **Key Activity – Development of Local Coaching and Activity Pathways.**
 - **Key Activity – Summer Activities Planning for 2005.**
 - **Key Activity – Walking Week and WalkWays launch in October.**
 - **Key Activity – SKate project development.**
 - **Key Activity: Promote School Health Clubs, WalkWays, CyKle, AKtiveHoppa and Skate initiatives.**
 - **Key Activity: Development of clear player/participation pathways in the district.**
 - **Key Activity: co-ordinated programme for town policy to mark playgrounds.**

11. Date of Next Meeting

- **Wed 2nd March 2005, 7pm at Highfield Community 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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The *sportKeighley* initiative is a partnership structure that connects the key sectors that have an interest and/or involvement in sport and physical activity in our locality. The initiative is not funded and indeed *sportKeighley* is not constituted: the idea is that resources and efforts go straight to the “coal-face” via the partners.

Partnership in *sportKeighley* is **OPEN TO EVERYONE.**

This partnership meets on a regular basis (every other month), and positive progress is being made in improving communication and infrastructure, and in putting Keighley at the centre of the sporting map, locally, regionally, nationally and beyond.

See www.sportkeighley.com for more details.