

High Peak Disability Sports Group – 27.04.2009

Chinley Council Offices

Present

Alice Wright	University of Derby, Buxton
Chris Nightingale	HPBC Sports Development Officer
Emma Champion	Saint Philip Howard Community SDO
Dave Bennet	HPBC Equalities Officer
Jane Hartlebury	Alderbrook Day Centre DCC
Heather Brooks-Wallace	Buxton Community School
Helen Bates	DCC Inclusion
Catherine Slater	Derbyshire Sport Disability Sport Officer
Elaine Hill	DCIL
Liz Gray	Peak School
Liz Fletcher	High Peak CVS

Apologies

Emma-Jane Eaton	Teaching Assistant, Chapel High School
Viv Whittaker	Volunteer Centre, Glossop
Dawn Richardson	High Peak School and Sport Partnership
Richard Gartside	Buxton Community School
John Robertson	Buxton Access
Claire Robertson	Buxton Riding for the disabled / Buxton Access

Previous Minutes – amendments

DR will continue in the treasurer role for the group
EC was at the meeting although wasn't noted on the minutes

Matters Arising

EC spoke to VW from the volunteer centre regarding taking minutes for the group. This could be a possibility but the job role needs to be defined and then sent through to the volunteer centre so they can advertise the role to volunteers.

JA informs the group that Alderbrook now has a car and 7 person people carrier so that transport is more accessible for service users to access opportunities. This was purchased as a result of a trust fund left by a service user's mother who passed away. The funding will also pay for maintenance of the vehicles and towards other priority needs for the centre.

Funding

EC gives an update on funding application submitted on behalf of the group by Rachel Scott, funding officer for Derbyshire Sport. The bid has been submitted to two pots within the Derbyshire Community Foundation. The funding was to pay for production and printing of both the club and parent information packs and to support those clubs that are engaged in the project through purchase of specialist equipment and towards coach education. Total funding nearly £4000 with the group providing £100 match funding. The application should be put forwards to the submission panel in April. It was a time consuming process for EC and RS so a thank you from the group for there hard work. Hopefully the group will have a decision by the end of May. If successful this could be put forward as a story for the next disability sport newsletter. There was also an element of the funding (£720) was used for short term interim support for individuals accessing sports opportunities with a view to helping them get to the stage where they are independent to get to the activity themselves or get further support from social services. How should this funding be distributed and who should work with the clubs on an individual basis?

There is a need for a development plan to sit alongside this work to help manage the programme.

HB reports that they could possibly deliver workshops to a number of clubs but would have to be a group session rather than working with individual clubs. EC will commit to completing and evaluating the pilot project then CN to help engage further clubs but hasn't the capacity to work with large numbers of clubs and offer individual support and build this into SDO remit.

A committee to be set up as a sub group to the Disability Sports group to manage the project and able to drive it forwards after the evaluation. EC suggests that someone who has a back ground in individual support to people with a disability should be involved in the sub group alongside EC, CN, and AW. LG prepared to be involved.

Project Updates

Alderbrook Sports For All Update – JH reports that the hall that Sport For All have been accessing is know longer fit for purpose due to the current lighting. There is the possibility of using Peak School next to Alderbrook and running two sessions in both venues with the activities being specific to the facility e.g. trampoline in the restricted hall and other sports activities in the less restricted venue. Survey information has now been collected which highlights how much people are prepared to pay per week and as an annual subscription. There could be a staffing issue with Alderbrook reducing there staffing commitments.

Need to list the ideal solution to the club problems and identify how to address it. **JH to discuss with Mike Hudson from Alderbrook and ask if he is able**

to pull together a meeting with the partners to drive the project forwards.

Parent Information Pack – AW gives an update on the parent information pack, the pack is being piloted through parents who's children attend Chapel School. Each guide has an evaluation sheet in it and parents are being asked to try out the advice given in the pack and feedback to the project co-ordinators. The issue might be getting parents to understand the importance of the feedback and ensuring that the feedback will help tailor the project in the future. It may help steer the support offered by the agencies listed in the guide. AW to speak to Helen Booth regarding distributing the pack through fair play families AW to speak to Helen Bates regarding trialling the pack through the Youth Club she attends on a Monday evening.

Newsletter – the newsletter will continue to be distributed throughout the coming year.

Football Project - JH gives an update on the Hollingsworth Football Club project that is now accessing the ATP on a Monday night at Hadfield in Glossop to deliver a football session for people with a disability. This includes transporting the participants to and from the sessions, this is through funding for community transport. If people are aware of other participants that want to access the club then please forward details to Peter Basterfield who is the club contact – details to be added.

Club Support Pack – EC gives update on the project progress. EC has had difficulty engaging Pyegrove tennis club due to their commitments on developing their new facility which includes disability access.

EC gives update on work with Manor Park bowling club with findings suggesting the main areas the club need support in are coach education access, specialist equipment, access issues and publicity.

EC also updates on the work with Glossop Swimming Club who have a disability section of their club. Areas highlighted were facility access issues, developing a disability sub-committee from the main clubs committee. EC has offered to host a sub committee and those parents involved can bring children that can access a coaching session during the meeting.

Action Plan

Is there a need for an action plan that will help formulise and steer the work that is being undertaken as part of the project update. AW to draft a plan and forward onto CN / EC / DR for comment.

AOB

CS reports that there has been a free swimming project ran in the past for looked after children and there foster carers. CS has been involved in

expanding the scheme to include people with a disability aged 17-25 years and to include gym usage. This has been put forwards to local authorities and leisure facilities to pick up the funding gap for the young people and one carer and then any further carer and induction costs to be recouped through funding from Aiming High. A bid has also been put in for £20,000 to buy flotation equipment and training to support disabled people if they find the funding for the free swimming / gym access. There is currently short fall in the funding to extend the free provision to up to 25 year olds.

All local authorities have signed up apart from High Peak and Chesterfield, CS has tried to engage DCL and Andy Brown without any progress. A feeling of resentment towards the management of the facilities and the difficulty in engaging the council.

Could a sub group be formed from this group to help inform planning around facility development and refurbishment of leisure facilities and meeting access needs for people with a disability? DB to follow up with Andy Brown.

Dave Booth from davidbooth@dcleisure.co.uk would like to be added to the mailing list. Representative at the next meeting from DCL.

RG has asked to pass on IFI week will be running from 11th – 17th May which will include free inductions, taster sessions and health walks for people with a disability at Buxton Community School.

We can now hold the meetings at the University of Derby, Buxton which can be used for free from 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm on a Monday evenings.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday the 14th, 5.00pm. University of Derby, Buxton, Devonshire Campus, 1 Devonshire Road, Buxton, SK17 6RY. Room DOGO5.