

<p>1. Welcome & Steering Group Update</p>	<p>ACT</p>
<p>Ian Jankinson (IJ) welcomed attendees, gave an overview of the agenda and introduced the panel for the Q&A session. See item 2.</p> <p><u>Awards for all announcement</u> The Sport Forum has received a grant of £6,210.00 to provide training courses, develop a database of sports clubs and monitor the Accreditation Scheme.</p> <p><u>Accreditation Scheme</u> Rob Allan, Leisure Service's Sports Development Officer has been running a pilot scheme with 5 clubs. Each has successfully completed Level 1. The clubs that took part in the pilot scheme and have since achieved their accreditations are: Dorcan Junior Badminton Club; Swindon Striders; Town Gardens Bowls Club; Swindon Croquet Club; TDC Swindon Diving Club.</p> <p>Congratulations to them all.</p> <p><u>New Logo</u> The Sports Forum now has its own logo that will be used on all correspondence and advertising material. The logo was chosen by a majority vote by the clubs represented at the last Sports Forum (Mar 08)</p> <p><u>Clubs represented at Forum to date</u> 60 different clubs have attended – a full list will be attached to the email accompanying these minutes.</p> <p><u>Request for individual to sign up for working groups</u> IJ encouraged attendees to sign up for working groups.</p>	
<p>2. Q&A Session</p>	<p>ACT</p>
<p><u>Panel</u></p> <p>Cllr Justin Tomlinson – Lead Member for Leisure, Recreation & Culture (JT) Bernie Brannan – Director of Housing & Leisure, SBC (BB) Roger Byrne – Head of Leisure, SBC (RB) Carole Jamieson – Senior Recreation Manager, SBC (CJ)</p> <p><u>Val Clack – Ferndale Table Tennis Club</u></p> <p>At the last forum Val raised the issue of poor lighting at Ferndale School. RB spoke to Chris Shivers, Director of Community but no improvements have been made. RB will follow up.</p>	<p>RB</p>

John Prowse – Coate Water Sailing Trust

Are there any plans to increase the usage of water at Coate? RB to speak to Martin Hambidge, Head of Parks.

RB

JT responded that SBC had been negotiating with Persimmon Homes to acquire their showroom office to use as an outdoor centre at Coate. The plan would be to lease this out as a franchise; however, it has proved to be unviable financially and would require significant private investment.

Steve Langley – Tigersharks Swimming Club

What is the timetable for introducing Free Swimming for All, as per the Government initiative? Club members keep asking when they will be able to swim for free. Also, how are the plans progressing for the Oasis and Link refurbishments?

RB & JT gave an overview of the free swimming initiative - Central Government have allocated £60M nationwide, for Over 60's and Under 16's to swim for free. The grant is based on demographics. Over 60's will be able to swim for free from April 09. We are unable to commit to opening this up to cater for free under 16's swimming until the size of the grant is known. There is criteria associated with this grant but it is not open to swimming clubs.

The plans for the refurbishment of Link & Oasis are progressing. Funding for this project will come from S106 monies (developers money) and any potential Olympic money. At this stage it is not known how likely the latter is. Chris Green is the Project Manager, (he was also the Project Manager for the new Central Library). The Leisure Working Group is putting together a priority order of works.

Steve Taylor – Junior Ice Hockey

Will there be a meeting to discuss the overall build that clubs will be able to attend? And will the clubs also be shown the proposed plans?

JT confirmed that clubs will be consulted at key stages of the planning process.

John Prowse – Coate Water Sailing Trust

Is Riverside Park being taken over by Cotswolds?

RB understands that they have entered into discussions with Oxford University. RB to investigate.

RB

Mike Benson – Wilts FA

MB wanted to take the opportunity to thank RB and his team for their support with the recently formed Football Partnership and the work that is being carried out on the infrastructure of pitches in the Borough. Cllr Nick Martin has also been instrumental in this process.

Mark Hows – Espirit Gymnastics

Government are pumping £780M into school sports, which sounds a lot but in reality works out at 10p per child for 3 hours out of school activities. What support will be given to clubs to deliver this?

The School Sports Partnership (SSP) has a limited amount of money available to deliver sports outside of the curriculum. Helena Robinson (HR) will raise this issue with Juliet Rayden, Partnership Manager of the SSP on how best to spend the money to raise the standard and quality of provision.

HR

Phil Tonks – KC Cricket Club

Do any of the panel members know how many cricket pitches are available for hire in the Borough, that are fit for club cricket or how many are available, regardless of standard? Only 2.

RB will raise issue with Martin Hambidge, Head of Parks

RB

Shanti De Silva

The lights at Croft are not fit for purpose but there is no funding from the cricket governing body for improvements unless it's for junior cricket.

Mike Benson stated that the Football Foundation will fund pitches 80% football and 20% cricket. Any funded pitches will be made suitable to play on working on drainage, surface etc. Their strategy is for pitches to be used for football in the winter and cricket in the summer months.

HR/RB to work on getting both sports around the table to discuss opportunities

HR/RB

Mo Squires – Raychem Netball Club

As a lot of the questions are around parks and pitches will Martin Hambidge be invited to the next forum to provide answers?

HR

Sports Forum Steering Group (SFSG) to invite MH to next forum.

3. Funding Announcements

ACT

Geoff Halls gave an overview of grants that are available from the Sports Forum:

Sport Forum Grants

SBC receive £20k from SBC and STFC's Community Initiative Fund. This is broken down in to bite size chunks as follows:

- o £13k for club development (from £250 - £1,200)
- o £5k for projects to increase participation (£250 - £500)
- o £2k for individual athletes through head coaches

Local and National Small Grants

Mark Feeney (MF) from Swindon Borough Council's Community Directorate gave an overview of grants available locally and nationally:

SBC Grass Roots

Payments are made four times a year (April/June/Sept/Jan). There is a six-week lead-time from the application submission to receiving grant. A club can receive a maximum of £1k per year. Clubs have to be constituted and have turnover of less than £50k p/a. Recurring costs won't be funded e.g. facility hire.

Many clubs feel this is exclusionary as their turnover may exceed £50k but their profit margin is zero. Unfortunately this is a stipulation of the grant criteria but MF will raise this issue at the next review.

Government Grass Roots

Budget for Swindon £80k a year for 3 years.
Turnover less than £20k p/a. Will pay running costs. Leans towards projects for disadvantaged groups and non-participation.

LAA

This grant is still under discussion and there is no guarantee that monies will become available. However, if they are, the bid process will be initiated before Christmas and grants issued from next April. Projects in the following areas will be eligible but must explain how they will meet Swindon's Local Area Agreement:

Environment, House Building, Planning, Sport, Community and Arts.

The Leisure Services Team is happy to help with explaining the LAA targets and the bids/grants process.

MF

4. Market Place

ACT

The market place aimed at providing members with advice on the following:

- o Top tips for school to club links
- o Accreditation and coach education opportunities
- o Volunteering – freeing up your coaches
- o Grants advice

For Information: Rob Hopkins and Dan Robinson (FESCO's) from New College and Swindon College respectively, can help clubs with accessing students for volunteering or membership. Their contact details are:

Dan Robinson, Swindon College – 01793 498606/07809505530
Rob Hopkins, New College – 0808 172172

5. AGM Business	ACT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Steering Group / Chairman's report IJ gave Chairman's report (slides attached) ▪ Treasurer report Audited accounts given out. Awards for All money received & insurance paid. ▪ Election of Officers Dave Bell proposed IJ for Chairman, Steve Langley seconded, motion carried. All other officers agreed to stand again, no objections, motion carried. ▪ Review and agree aims and objective of The Forum Mark Hows proposed that one objective for the Forum would be to get lower hire costs at SBC facilities for accredited clubs. ▪ AOB None. 	IJ
6. Doing Something	ACT
<p>A number of working groups are required to work on specific projects. Attendees were asked to add their names to each sheet if they were interested in being part of one of the groups. There is still time to sign up for one of these.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Website design 2. Mentoring support for clubs working toward accreditation 3. Planning an NGB/Sport England event 4. Grant application panel 5. Accreditation monitoring and improvement <p>The email attached to these minutes will have more details of each of the Steering Groups – please consider helping out.</p>	ALL
7. Date for Your Diary	ACT
<p><u>Official Media Launch</u> Thursday 5th February 2009. 20 Shop – STEAM Speaker – Anna Hemmings</p>	ALL