

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2010  
Croft Sports Centre



Welcome & Steering Group Update	Action
<p>Ian Jankinson (IJ), Chair of the Sports Forum welcomed everyone to the Croft Sports Centre and thanked them for their attendance.</p> <p>IJ presented a summary of progress from the Sports Forum Steering Group. The presentation can be found by following this link: <a href="http://www.challengeswindon.org.uk/challengeswindon/swindon_sports_forum/sports_forum_minutes.htm">http://www.challengeswindon.org.uk/challengeswindon/swindon_sports_forum/sports_forum_minutes.htm</a></p> <p>One particular thing to note is the confirmation of our successful Grass Roots bid. The Sports Forum have been awarded £1,000 to develop sports clubs across the town. The project will be developed by a task group and anyone willing to be involved should contact IJ or Helena Robinson (HR) The project outline can be found attached to the email.</p> <p>The searchable database/website is still a priority and we are working toward a June 2010 launch. The sports database will be hosted on the Challenge Swindon website and will be accessed through a number of routes including through the Sports Forum page. More details on the database/website can be sought by contacting Cathy Caulfield on 01793 511033 or <a href="mailto:ccaufield@swindon.gov.uk">ccaufield@swindon.gov.uk</a></p> <p>The Sports Forum is proud to be in its 4<sup>th</sup> year of operation and as such is developing a report to catalogue the main achievements. This report is in draft format and will be published in the next few months. In the meantime, you can find out about the headline achievements by looking at the presentation entitled '3 years on' available here: <a href="http://www.challengeswindon.org.uk/challengeswindon/swindon_sports_forum/sports_forum_minutes.htm">http://www.challengeswindon.org.uk/challengeswindon/swindon_sports_forum/sports_forum_minutes.htm</a></p> <p>IJ requested the help of the Sports Forum membership in the future development of the Forum. People are invited to come to a Steering Group meeting to see if they would like to get involved. It is at these meetings that you can make the real difference. For more information, please contact Ian: <a href="mailto:ianjankinson@msn.com">ianjankinson@msn.com</a></p> <p>Update from last Forum: At the last Forum, Val Clack asked if the Borough had any intention of placing outdoor table tennis tables at any of their sites. IJ confirmed that Leisure Services have confirmed they would consider the options as they develop St Marks Recreation Ground into a community sports hub.</p>	

2. Q&A Session	Action
<p>Panel Members:</p> <p>Martin Hambidge – Parks Manager (MH)  Bernie Brannan – Director of Housing, Leisure, Libraries and Culture (BB)  Roger Byrne – Head of Leisure (RB)  Keith Williams - Lead Councillor for Leisure (KW)  Juliet Rayden – Partnership Manager School Sports Partnership (JR)  Ian Jankinson – Chair Swindon Sports Forum</p> <p>Item 1: <i>Tony Ellis- St George Rugby Football League</i> asked whether the Club Accreditation stifles clubs?</p> <p>IJ: The Club Accreditation Scheme is very simple, with a checklist to help clubs through. Details of the club accreditation can be found by following this link:  <a href="http://www.challengeswindon.org.uk/challengeswindon/swindon_sports_forum/sbc_accreditation_scheme.htm">http://www.challengeswindon.org.uk/challengeswindon/swindon_sports_forum/sbc_accreditation_scheme.htm</a></p> <p>Item 2: <i>Geoff Halls – Highworth Cricket Club</i> provided a good example of where local clubs have been consulted on sports provision via the Sports Forum. Geoff, as a member of Highworth Cricket Club and as Vice Chair of the Sports Forum, conducted a survey on cricket pitch provision. Geoff surveyed local clubs and although responses were limited he was able to use the information to enter into dialogue with the relevant SBC departments. The outcome is that the cricket fraternity are now plus 1 on the number of pitches available to hire.</p> <p>MH commented on how important the two-way communication is and that feedback from users is vital to ensure that needs are met.</p> <p>Item 3: <i>Tony Ellis- St George Rugby Football League</i> raised a concern that he had emailed via the Swindon Borough Council website and had no response.</p> <p>The panel apologised and would look in to it. Leisure Services currently hold of their information pertaining to sports club development on the Challenge Swindon website: <a href="http://www.challengeswindon.org">www.challengeswindon.org</a></p> <p>Helena Robinson (HR) suggested using this website to contact the team in future - <a href="mailto:info@challengeswindon.org.uk">info@challengeswindon.org.uk</a> The telephone number is: 01793 511033</p> <p>Item 4: The panel updated the Forum on the developments at Whichelstowe:</p> <p>The timing is difficult due to the recent down turn in the economy. There are plans for leisure provision on the development and this is likely to include, outdoor pitches, angling, green space and an indoor facility. RB added that we no longer want to have isolated sports provision and it will be important to link sporting facilities to other community venues to create community hubs. The Leisure Team is currently working with the developers on site about the leisure offer. It is likely to be 3-4 years before any facility is ready for use.</p>	

**Action: An update on facilities will be given at the next Sports Forum.**

**RB**

*Ken Stimson – North Wilts Orienteering* requested that we do not forget linked open space for activities such as orienteering and rambling.

Item 5: *Gladys Barr – Leisure Services* asked what is Swindon doing towards the legacy created from 2012?

RB explained that the funding is focused on London and infrastructure to support the games is a priority. Money will not find its way down to the local level. The plan is to use the Olympic brand to inspire people to participate and to volunteer. We will be branding our events and programmes during the lead up to the Games. IJ added that clubs should also gear themselves up to cope with any new demand created from the Games. JR talked about the 'child's point of view' and the work that the School Sports Partnership will be doing. The timing is crucial; we do not want to peak too soon. HR talked about the importance of co-ordinated approach and initial plans are being discussed between key agencies. The Sports Forum and member clubs will be key partners.

We should not forget the athletes we have who will be making their mark on the international stage.

Item 6: *Mark Hows – Esprit Academy* asked whether clubs could use 'Swindon News' to promote sport on a regular basis. The panel explained that there would be a cost involved but we could find out.

Many of the Forum members explained that they were not getting the publication. HR to raise the issue with the SBC department responsible.

**Action: HR to discuss with the Communications Team.**

**HR**

### **3. School to Club Links**

**Action**

Juliet Rayden, Partnership Development Manager for Swindon's School Sports Partnership (SSP) delivered this session. Contact details:

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Tel: 01793 729 549

JR showed a DVD entitled 'A New Era of Competition' which demonstrated the full spectrum of sports participation. The DVD was made by the Youth Sport Trust. The second DVD shown was produced by the SSP and clearly depicted the excitement of participating in sport and physical activity. The DVD gave a flavour of the range of sports being delivered across Swindon. Please contact Juliet if you would like to see this DVD again.

JR presented the aims and objectives of the SSP and in particular emphasised the 'Fit 5 In' initiative which puts a responsibility on the local community and

sports clubs to share in the target of getting young people participating in 5 hours of sport per week.

Juliet's presentation can be found by following this link:

[http://www.challengeswindon.org.uk/challengeswindon/swindon\\_sports\\_forum/sports\\_forum\\_minutes.htm](http://www.challengeswindon.org.uk/challengeswindon/swindon_sports_forum/sports_forum_minutes.htm)

The SSP will be carrying out an annual Active Young People Survey, which will help to ascertain true levels of participation, including club membership.

JR facilitated a workshop, which aimed to generate discussion and ideas around the school to club link challenge. The following points may be of use to clubs:

- There is a Head of PE meeting that Juliet manages. Clubs can ask for a slot on this to discuss opportunities.
- The SSP organise girls', boys and primary 'Get Active' days. These are 'have a go' days and clubs can find out how they can be involved by contacting Juliet.
- Clubs may wish to link with the Duke of Edinburgh Award, where young people need to volunteer in order to gain their award. The contact in Swindon is: E-mail: [theaward@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:theaward@swindon.gov.uk) or Telephone: 01793 466546
- The SSP can act as a broker for clubs so that clubs don't have to cold call.
- Clubs may find it useful to be in touch with the Extended Schools Team whose role is to get schools offering activities for the community on school site before, at lunchtime or after school. Tel: 01793 466778.
- Leisure and the SSP can provide leaders, coaches and volunteers to assist at sessions. Contact Doug Imrie in the first instance on 01793 512828 or [dimrie@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:dimrie@swindon.gov.uk)
- Date for your diary: 18<sup>th</sup> June, 6-9pm, Nova Hreod School. Clubs could use this *change4life* event to promote their club, particularly focusing on family involvement. Speak to the Extended Services Team - 01793 466778.
- Use the blue form given out at the Sports Forum (copy can be found via the link above) to begin discussions with Juliet and the team.

4. Sports Forum Grants	Action
<p>Geoff Halls gave a presentation on the Sports Forum Grants process. Please follow link to remind yourself of the presentation content:</p> <p><a href="http://www.challengeswindon.org.uk/challengeswindon/swindon_sports_forum/sports_forum_minutes.htm">http://www.challengeswindon.org.uk/challengeswindon/swindon_sports_forum/sports_forum_minutes.htm</a></p>	
<p>The Sports Forum Grant information can be found here:</p> <p><a href="http://www.challengeswindon.org.uk/challengeswindon/swindon_sports_forum/sports_forum_grants.htm">http://www.challengeswindon.org.uk/challengeswindon/swindon_sports_forum/sports_forum_grants.htm</a></p> <p>Members were also reminded that there are other small grants available to them. Leisure Service can help with applications and project plans. Tel: 01793 511033.</p>	
5. Pop Ups – Good news	Action
<p>☞ David Colclough (Street Games) thanked the SSP and Leisure Services for their help with the 60/60 programme, which saw 3500 young people take part in 60 minutes of sport over 60 days.</p> <p>☞ Chris Smith (Dorcan Rec Complex) described how the ‘Friends of Dorcan’ secured a £1,000 Grass Roots grant to deliver a sports camp during February half term. 20 sports clubs who use Dorcan as their home venue helped out voluntarily and provided 200 children from the Dorcan cluster with a range of sporting activities. Each day cost the participants £3 per day and as a result 7 of the children have since become club members.</p> <p>☞ Ken Stimson (NW Orienteering) provided an insight in to the many projects that the club have been involved in, with a particular focus on how involving older people has many benefits to the club and the individual. NW Orienteering attribute their success to working in partnership and having an ‘open to all’ ethos. A colourful presentation gave some visual clues to the enjoyment had by participants.</p> <p>☞ Natalie Carter (Swindon School of Gymnastics) told the Forum how the club are expanding their premises and doubling their capacity. They have been lucky enough to receive sponsorship from their landlords, which they are hoping to sportsmatch. The clubs has vibrant girls, boys, preschool and adult sections.</p> <p>☞ Richard Hopping (NW Hockey) gave a summary of the club which now has 48 junior members aged between 5 and 14. Recent highlights include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accredited to England Hockey</li> <li>• Grass Roots Grant for equipment, coaching and leadership courses</li> <li>• Sports Forum grant for after school club and support in running the secondary school tournament, providing umpires and coaches.</li> </ul>	

📄 Gladys Barr (Leisure Services) gave us a few highlights: The Link Centre Children's Gym is now open. CBBC are filming at the Link Centre with Brimble Hill School for their *Something Special* programme to be aired in Sept 2010. We have 19 young people trained and ready to get some hands on experience at local clubs. Leisure have been awarded £20k per year for 3 years for a disability programme, success of that programme include – Access Day with 200 children, a new trampoline hoist, 6 volunteers already signed up for the new Activity Buddy Scheme. Dates for your diary: June 4/5<sup>th</sup> World Cup Festival, 4<sup>th</sup> July – Parachallenge and Street Games, 4<sup>th</sup> August Street Athletics.

Keep looking on the Challenge Swindon website for details:

[www.challengeswindon.org.uk](http://www.challengeswindon.org.uk)

Please remember to refresh your browser (ctrl F5) to ensure you are getting the latest news.

Thank you to everyone for attending and for participating. We will be in touch soon with the date of the next Sports Forum.