



Disability Sports Focus Group



Minutes of the meeting of
15th December 2010

People who were there:



Ian Kemp (TWDPG)
Natalie Coode (TWBC)
Paul Panton (Kent Sport Disability Unit)
Stewart Wild (Fusion)
Andy Forsyth (Pagoda Centre)
Becky Bowen (Learning Disability Sports Officer,
West Kent - Kent Sport)

Phil Edmunds (Pepenbury)

Nick Green (TWBC)

Fiona Watkins (VAWK)

Maragrette Twemlow (Kent Projects Co-ordinator for 2012)

What happened at the meeting?



1. & 2. Welcome & Introductions

Ian Kemp welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Everyone went around the group and everyone introduced themselves.

3. Presentation

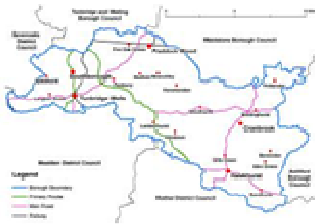
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What services can VAWK offer to sporting and disability organisations?

- Advertising through their newsletter
- Networking
- Policies and volunteering support
- Community driving scheme (Dial 2 Drive) – however currently not suitable for wheelchairs.
- Training

4. Updates around the borough



MT spoke about 2012 Olympics and the campaign for 500 to go. For the Olympics this is Tuesday 15th March 2011 and for the Paralympics is Sunday 17th April 2011.

K College are doing taster of Paralympic sports.

They are looking for club links

There is a small grants fund (between £400-£1,000) for not profit groups with link with the games in the activities.

Web link: www.kentsport.org/london2012

There was discussion about incorporating this into the open day however it was decided to look at this further at the next meeting.

SW: Sports session attendance has been up and down through this year. The issues are longer term viability and motivation of staff. At the last session, 25 people came.

A discussion was started around the sessions:

In Sevenoaks, they involved volunteers and a befriending scheme
PE: difficulty in getting staff motivation to bring service users to the sessions

Sunday is a difficult day, Monday to Friday timetable is better

An issue of transport to venue

AF: Partnering up with disability organisations and smaller session sizes would be better

PP: Outreach work to people with disabilities in the area

SW: St Johns is very accessible for people with disabilities

FW: Are there dance sessions?

BB: Possibility of a questionnaire?

AF: Start with small seeds rather than 'build & they will come'

BB: Cost is then an issue

5. Action Plan



See updated Action Plan now with named persons and completion dates

6. AOB



The next meeting: Wednesday 9th February 2011,
10am at the Town Hal.