

Notes of Meeting of Kent and Medway Sports Board

17 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling ME19 4UL
5th October 2007 at 11.30am

Attendees: Tony Monteuuis (Chairman), Chris Hespe (Kent County Council), Nigel Wheeler (Independent Member), Tina Martin (Medway Council), Graham Holmes (Further and Higher Education), Danny O'Donovan (Schools), Mike Bishop (Disability), David Frost (District Councils), Kevin Day, Karen Bird

Apologies: Martin Laws (Kent County Forum for Sport), Len Mayatt (District Councils)

1. Notes from Last Meeting and Matters Arising

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Kent County Forum paper – Sheena Pitchford had prepared a paper for discussion as item 2 on the agenda.

A meeting has been arranged with Tony Monteuuis, Chris Hespe, Mary McAnally and Judith Dean on 15th November 2007. Lisa O'Keefe will attend the next KALCO meeting to be held on 12th October 2007. Andrea Murphy will also attend to give a presentation on the Active People Survey.

Tony Monteuuis has sent a letter on behalf of KMSB to Gerry Sutcliffe but no response has been received yet.

KMSB leaflets, approved at the last meeting, were handed out to members.

Andrea Murphy confirmed the gym figures included in the Active People Survey was for the use of gym and fitness suites.

Tony Monteuuis has sent a letter on behalf of KMSB to Leaders of District Councils emphasising the need for sport to feature in the Local Area Agreement.

Chris Hespe informed the Board that following a meeting with University of Kent, University of Greenwich and Christchurch University a joint bid was being put forward for the formation of a Regional Coaching Centre. Canterbury Christchurch University will collate the bid on behalf of the other Universities and the Medway campus will be the administrative hub. The proposal will be funded from different sources and it is hoped that sports coach UK and Sport England will contribute. The meeting saw the strength in a joint bid, which highlighted the long history of the 3 Universities working closely together.

The Chairman proposed a resolution that the Board fully supports the joint bid for the Regional Coaching Centre coming to Kent. **Agreed unanimously.**

KCC were waiting to see the final costings on the 50m swimming pool project in Canterbury. A meeting was due to be held shortly to make the final decisions on costings and consideration would be given to other sources of funding.

2. County Governing Body of Sport Forum

Chris Hespe circulated a proposal for the Kent County Governing Body Forum for sport in Kent prepared by Sheena Pitchford (KSDU) following meetings with Chris Hespe and Martin Laws. The Kent County Forum for Sport had been established 5 years ago and was formed with 60 different organisations including governing bodies and district councils. With the formation of the KMSB, the Kent County Forum had been left with an unclear remit. In the April 2007 Meeting of the KMSB it was decided that the Kent County Forum should represent the governing bodies of sport in Kent.

Members were asked to take the paper away and notify Chris Hespe of any comments or questions within the next week. Full membership of the Kent County Governing Body Forum would be decided by the end of December, the Executive will be formed in early 2008.

3. Kent Sports Development Unit Quarterly Report

Kevin Day circulated papers summarising the position of the RSB funding to the end of the second quarter of the financial year. Kevin went through the report and highlighted new Swimming and Archery Development officers and proposals to spend the prior year's under spend. Highlights included:

- a new return to sport scheme potentially working with Adult Education using additional money from Sport England
- subsidised coaching sessions building links with local clubs
- The Board was also informed that the Unit had a new Sport Development Officer – Elise Rendall, providing the health/sport interface

Kevin provided a budget statement for the first 2 quarters of the financial year.

Kevin also explained that the current Sport England funding would run out in March 2009. The sustainability of the RSB funded roles and projects would depend on the results of the Comprehensive Spending Review announced later this month.

4. Business Planning – Priorities and Challenges for the Future

Kevin Day distributed paper on key influences and priorities for the future highlighted during the Sports Development Unit's business planning day. The Board wanted to know how Kent could get its share of funding available for sport. KSDU would use the key influences to help underpin projects and prioritise for the future.

Sport England had stated that Building Schools for the Future projects would be eligible for its funding. Danny O'Donovan highlighted the Herne Bay High School as a possible pilot project. Using Building Schools for the Future funding and funding from Canterbury City Council the project would enhance the school sport facilities to allow community use. Canterbury City Council had to make a decision on how much money they were willing to commit.

Danny O'Donovan to provide details for Chris Hespe and Tony Monteuis to present to Mary McNally in a forthcoming meeting with Sport England.

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Chris Hespe identified seven key points, that he though would be key future priorities:-

- Strategic Framework for Sport in Kent
- Local Area Agreement
- Building Schools for the Future
- Kent School Games
- 2012 Olympics/Paralympics
- Participation – Community Sports Networks – structure/delivery
- Club / Coach / Volunteers and Governing Body Support

5. Kent 2012 Sport Sectoral Priorities and Targets

Chris Hespe explained the formation of the Kent 2012 Sport Sectoral Task Group and presented their objectives and targets. The Board thought their targets were realistic. The Board was hugely enthusiastic about 2012 and totally support the Kent 2012 Sectoral Task Group and their efforts.

6. Progress on the Establishment of Community Sport Networks

Kevin Day gave a progress update on the formation of Community Sports Networks. Three had been established – Canterbury, Sevenoaks and Thanet, two were nearly established – Medway and Ashford. Four were in discussion and the remaining four had not progressed at all.

Sport England had committed to 100% coverage of Community Sports Networks across the Country. Kent is aiming to achieve 10 out of 13 by March 2008. This will be supported with the appointment of Kent graduate Malcolm Dingwall-Smith who is due to start on Monday 8th October 2007. Malcolm will work on a “good practice guide” and framework for CSN. Copies will be available to anyone who wants one.

7. Any Other Business

Nigel Wheeler had received a letter from Ham Street regarding new sports facilities needed. Kevin Day provided Nigel with a number of contacts to pass on to Ham Street regarding this matter.

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Dates for the Diary:-

27th November - Launch of Kent School Games

25th June – Disability Kent School Games

26th – 28th Finals of Kent School Games

8. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next meeting is scheduled for 10.30am on Wednesday 9th January 2008 at 17 Kings Hill Avenue, West Malling.

The Board agreed that quarterly meeting dates were the correct frequency.
Karen Bird was asked to collate dates for meetings in 2008.

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