

Minutes of Meeting of Kent and Medway Sports Board

17 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling ME19 4UL
27th January 2009 at 10.30am

Board Members: Chris Hespe (Kent County Council), Nigel Wheeler (Independent Member), Graham Holmes (Further and Higher Education), Danny O'Donovan (Schools), Mike Bishop (Disability), Len Mayatt (District Councils), Martin Laws (Kent County Forum for Sport), Bob Dimond (Medway Council)

Attendees: Chris Hespe, Nigel Wheeler, Martin Laws, Danny O'Donovan, Mike Bishop, Len Mayatt, Graham Holmes, Kevin Day, Karen Bird

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1. **Apologies:** Bob Dimond

2. **Nomination of chairman (for this meeting)**

Board Members agreed that in the absence of a Chairman, following the resignation of Tony Monteouis at the last meeting, Chris Hespe should Chair this meeting.

3. **Declaration of Interest**

No Members declared any interests

4. **Minutes from the Last Meeting and Matters Arising**

Board Members agreed that the Minutes from 22nd October 2008 were a true record of the meeting.

Herne Bay High – a meeting had been held at Herne Bay High with Sport England and the Stage 1 bid had been resubmitted.

Kent School Games – The official launch is expected to be in June 2009 with area heats, in four hub areas, commencing in September 2009. Mike Hill has written to Medway Council inviting their Schools to participate in the 2010 games. Councillor Wicks replied to Mike Hill accepting the invitation on the basis of “knowing what they know about the games”. Subsequently Amanda Honey has written to Rose Collinson outlining the costs and benefits such branding, badging rights and a seat on the Executive Group.

CH confirmed that the finals will be held in the Canterbury area, because this is the only area in the County which can accommodate all the sports within a reasonable distance.

Minibus Driving Regulations - NW reported that he had spoken to Leyland Ridings about the change in regulations and had been given details of people to contact next week regarding this issue – Simon Rees, Keith Abbott and Alan

Barham. The subject of the £1,000 training costs has been discussed at the Secondary Schools Funding Forum. NW will talk to DOD outside of the meeting once he has spoken to the suggested interested parties.

Sport England Strategy 2208-2011 – CH to check whether AM had received a reply from Jennie Price to his letter of July 2008. If this was the case the Board wanted to express their disappointment with the lack of response.

County Governing Body of Sport Forum – ML confirmed that Sheena Pitchford of the Sports Unit had been an excellent help. Though there had been a lack of traffic to the website, members at a recent CSN meeting had been urged to sign up to make use of the CCPR business support line.

Strategic Priorities – further information had been received regarding the Gravesham project and as a result this would be removed from the list. No further information had been received regarding Buckmore Park.

CH read the letter from AM to MH explaining his reasons for stepping down as Chairman of the Kent and Medway Sports Board.

5. Quarterly Report (September – December 2008)

The Report was circulated and discussed. KMSB members approved the Quarterly Report – LM signed on behalf of the Board.

(a) Programme Report

(b) Finance Update

KD presented the financial report highlighting that the current spend was on budget at approximately 60% – 70% of predicted costs.

6. The Future for the County Sports Partnership

(a) Offer of Award

(b) Core Specification

7. The future of the Kent and Medway Sports Board

8. Strategic Framework for Sport in Kent

9. Any Other Business

CH reported that the consultation / approval process had been successfully completed. The Framework had been endorsed by District Councils but BD had raised some objections from Medway Council's perspective. BD was not willing to take the Strategic Framework to Medway Council Members for approval until these were satisfied. Changes requested included incorporating a statement which clarified that any reference to Kent referred to the administrative area which included both Kent and Medway. If any targets currently in the Framework

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referred only to Kent, then a separate reference should be made to Medway targets. BD agreed to provide to CH this data within one week.

BD

BD agreed that there were no fundamental problems with the Framework. BD agreed to send CH appropriate paragraphs, specifically referring to Medway, to be incorporated in the Framework.

**CH/BD
BD**

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

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