

SPORT MATTERS IMPLEMENTATION GROUP (PARTICIPATION) MEETING

The minutes of the 10th meeting of the Participation SMIG held on Wednesday 18 November at 1:30pm in the House of Sport.

PRESENT:

- Chair Gerard Houlahan - Chief Leisure Officer's Association (CLOA)
- John News - Sport NI
- Barry Willis - Ulster Rugby
- Alan Herron - (Playboard)
- Claire Overend - Outdoor Recreation NI (ORNI)
- Gordon Reid - NI Sports Forum (NISF)
- Jonathan Michael - Irish Football Association (IFA)

In attendance

- Kate McClements (Department of Culture, Arts and Leisure)
- Edel Cosgrove (Sport NI)

1. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed members to the 10th meeting of the Participation SMIG.

2. APOLOGIES

- 2.1 Apologies were received from Michael Boyd, Collette Brolly, Peter Smyth, Dale Heaney and Aideen Exley.

3. PRESENTATION FROM JOHN NEWS, SPORT NI

- 3.1 JN delivered a presentation on Sport NI's new participation policy EveryBody Active (EBA) 2020.
- 3.2 The Chair noted the role of sport in terms of promoting physical activity to compliment the nutrition agenda.
- 3.3 CO asked JN if EBA was funding Active Communities coaches.
- 3.4 JN advised the programme was not funding Active Communities coaches as research identified the strategic environment and need had changed. He explained the decision on how investment is allocated rests with the relevant District Council.
- 3.5 The Chair reiterated that EBA2020 was not Active Communities 'Two'. He

asked how the programme will monitor participation data.

- 3.6 JN noted a new monitoring and evaluation framework was being developed to support Sport NI track the point of entry by participants, with an anticipated completion date for April 2016.
- 3.7 CO asked how EBA intends to capture walking/cycling/canoe trails data.
- 3.8 JN explained the developers of the software (KKP) will suggest options which may include the use of apps and mobile devices.
- 3.9 The Chair also noted Peter Smyth's (Sport Ireland) presentation for the next meeting.

Commented [JN1]: Has this been confirmed via PD – I've not heard anything in this regard?

4. REVIEW OF MINUTES OF THE NINTH PARTICIPATION SMIG MEETING HELD ON 27 MAY 2015

- 4.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were considered and approved.

5. MATTERS ARISING

- 5.1 The Chair referred Members to each of the actions from the previous meeting.

Action 1:

- 5.2 Ongoing. The Chair noted the lack of support from schools in relation to in relation to capturing data regarding governing body work occurring within schools.

- 5.3 BW stated the withdrawal of Active Communities coaches was having a negative impact on after school initiatives and the suggested that Active Communities may have created a demand particularly for entrepreneurs.

- 5.4 KMC noted the opportunities for this area considering the Departments merger.

Action 2:

- 5.5 The Chair thanked members for their returns regarding the Sport Matters Action Plan and encouraged outstanding submissions to be returned.

Action 3:

- 5.6 The Chair noted action 3: PS to present on the Sport Ireland's 'National Activity Plan' and research relevant to Sport Matters participation targets at the next meeting remained outstanding and advised that PS could deliver the presentation at the next meeting.

ACTION 1:

- 5.7 **PS to present on the Sport Ireland's 'National Activity Plan' and**

research relevant to Sport Matters participation targets at the next meeting.

5.8 The Chair noted actions 4 – 9 were all completed.

6. MEMBER UPDATES

6.1 The Chair invited members to provide a verbal update on significant actions that had been undertaken since the last meeting by each of the representative organisations which contributed to the implementation of Sport Matters.

6.2 Members heard of a range of initiatives all of which are referenced in the 6th progress report.

6.3 KMC left the meeting at 3:30pm.

6.4 The Chair encouraged all members to respond to any community planning consultation which could support community use of schools and the new multi-sport capital programme.

7. CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT SPORT MATTERS ACTION PLAN 2015-19

7.1 The Chair asked if Members had any comments on the action plan covering the period 1 April 2015 – 31 March 2019.

7.2 A discussion ensued on the draft action plan with Members approving the document.

7.3 The Chair thanked all Members for the contribution to date.

8. CONSIDERATION OF PROGRESS REPORT OCTOBER 2014 – SEPTEMBER 2015

8.1 The Chair asked if Members had any comments on the sixth progress report covering the period 1 October 2014 – 30 September 2015.

8.2 The Chair thanked all Members for the contribution and advised any outstanding contributions would be in the final draft for consideration by the SMMG.

8.3 Members approved the sixth progress report.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 The Chair asked for any other comments from Members. No additional comments were noted.

9.2 The Chair noted the relevance of events and suggested a presentation from Tourism NI may be of interest to the group.

Action 2:

9.3 **Sport NI to invite Tourism NI to present at the next preliminary SMIG meeting.**

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

10.1 The Chair confirmed the date of the next meeting will be confirmed following the Sport Matters Monitoring Group meeting in December 2015.

Signed: _____

Dated: _____