

## **SPORT MATTERS IMPLEMENTATION GROUP (PARTICIPATION) MEETING**

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

The minutes of the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Participation SMIG held on 2 February 2017 at the House of Sport.

#### **PRESENT:**

- Chair: Kieran Harding (Sport Northern Ireland Board Member)
- Colette Brolly (Public Health Agency)
- Kevin O'Neill (Disability Sports NI)
- Claire Overend (Outdoor NI)
- Barry Willis (Ulster Rugby)
- Michael Boyd (Irish Football Association)
- Gordon Reid (Northern Ireland Sports Forum)

In attendance:

- John News (Sport Northern Ireland)
- Edel Cosgrove (Sport Northern Ireland)
- Kate McClements (Department for Communities)
- Prof Marie Murphy (University of Ulster) – presentation only

#### **1. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

1.1 The Chair welcomed members to the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Participation SMIG.

#### **2. PRESENTATION FROM PROFESSOR MARIE MURPHY**

2.1 The Chair suggested the presentation is delivered as the first agenda item. Professor Marie Murphy delivered a powerpoint presentation on 'A physical Activity Plan for Northern Ireland'.

2.2 MB asked for a copy of the presentation slides.

**Action 1: Sport NI to email members a copy of the presentation and MMs contact details.**

2.3 The Chair thanked MM for the presentation. The chair asked where the evidence of need is. MM advised there's no evidence.

2.4 KMcC noted the Continuous Household Survey. MM advised that tracking progress is problematic as questions have been changed.

- 2.5 JN supported the need for a PA strategy and noted the impending Sport Matters and the role for the wider well-being agenda. He also noted the development of district community plans which are focused on health and well-being.
- 2.6 MM advised that in Europe it's led by sport but some countries it's led by health.
- 2.7 KoN agreed with the idea of one over-arching plan and the joined-up need for Sport Matters 2.
- 2.8 JN noted the Programme for Government. CB supported the need for a PA plan.
- 2.9 CO advised for the need for accessible monitoring devices. MB added the need for a shared IT platform.
- 2.10 The Chair asked what country is leading the way on delivering on their plans. MM advised the Dutch and Canadians are leading in terms of implementation.
- 2.11 JN asked if there is a benchmark for tracking PA plans implementation. MM noted there is and that NI is included within the UK.
- 2.12 The Chair thanked MM for the presentation and answering questions.

*MM left the meeting.*

### **3. CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS**

- 3.1 The Chair advised members that Sport NI submitted it's PfG consultation response. He advised of the Transformation process and that it's nearing completion.
- 3.2 The Chair noted that 2016 was a successful year for sport and the role models.

### **4. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

- 4.1 The Chair asked for comments on minutes. All approved.

**5. MATTERS ARISING**

**Action 2: PS action carried forward**

**6. Members updates**

- 6.1 GR commented on the work of the Female Sports Forum and the Active Living: No Limits work.
- 6.2 IFA advised on the first year of the youth strategy and the development of the disability strategy. MB noted specific targets were established which mirror Sport Matters.
- 6.3 The Chair wished MB and the IFA success.
- 6.4 KMcC noted the funding from the Department on Disability Action and Women in Sport.
- 6.5 BW advised on Everybody Active work and a pilot programme leading to the Women's World Cup. He noted decentralising work with a focus on young people having access to quality coaching and programmes.
- 6.6 The Chair noted the community rugby programme.
- 6.7 CO noted ORNI development work on designing plans and community trails both walking and cycling. Campaigns include 'Water Flow' and various participation events including Park Walk.
- 6.8 The Chair noted the need for CLOA representation on SMIGs going forward and asked Members for their views on working with district councils.
- 6.9 MB noted the benefit with developing the IFAs youth strategy.

- 6.10 KoN advised on DSNI's range of initiatives with 10,000 benefiting in the last reporting period and the growth. He noted the IFA and athletics being the first achieving the Inclusive Sports Award. He advised members of the Active Living: No Limits sector wide action plan.
- 6.11 JN noted Sport NI's various partnerships and interventions with Members. He noted community planning as a huge area of work in terms of collaborative working. He also advised of the transition into the Department for Communities and the potential benefits come under spends. SOLACE and CLOA are presently clarifying their roles and representation.
- 6.12 The Chair advised of his work within Business In The Community and noted the 'Pound 4 Pound' programme and the toolkit. He also noted the work concerning how business can practically introduce physical activity.
- 6.13 CB advised on the PHAs work and progress contained in the progress report. CB noted the 'walking' campaign and advised of the PHA's focus on walking. Active Travel is also a focus.
- 6.14 MB noted the referral programme eg Street League which potentially can reduce offending.
- 6.15 JN advised on Sport NI's distribution of AEDs.

## 7. **SPORT MATTERS PROGRESS REPORT 2015-2016**

- 7.1 The chair thanked all members for the contribution to the sport matters progress report and asked for final submissions no later than 3 February 2017.

*CB left the meeting*

## 8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 8.1 The Chair advised of the TOR review.
- 8.2 MB suggested for greater collaborative work with members.

**ACTION 3: SPORT NI TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
INCREASED COLLABORATION.**

9. The Chair thanked everyone for their attendance.
10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
- 10.1 The dates for the next SMIG meeting will be confirmed following the Sport Matters Monitoring Group meeting.