

SPORT MATTERS IMPLEMENTATION GROUP (PARTICIPATION) MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

The minutes of the 11th meeting of the Participation SMIG held on Thursday 16 June 2016 at 2pm in the National Stadium at Windsor Park.

PRESENT:

- Chair: Brian Delaney (Interim Chair, Sport Northern Ireland)
- Angharad Bunt (Sport Northern Ireland)
- Stefan Deery (Irish Football Association)
- Peter Smith (Sport Ireland)
- Alan Heron (Playboard Northern Ireland)
- Sarah Malcolmson (Department for Education)
- Gordon Reid (Northern Ireland Sports Forum)
- John News (Sport Northern Ireland)
- Kieran Harding (Sport Northern Ireland Board Member & New Participation SMIG Chair)
- Gerard Houlahan (Chief Leisure Officers Association)
- Aideen Exley (Outdoor NI)
- Colette Brolly (Public Health Agency)
- Barry Willis (Ulster Rugby)

In attendance:

- Kate McClements (Department for Communities)
- Angharad Bunt (Sport Northern Ireland)
- Dirk Schubotz (Queens University) – For presentation only

1. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed members to the 11th meeting of the Participation SMIG. The Chair thanked the outgoing Participation Chair, Ian McAvoy for this work in driving discussion and action in relation to the area of Participation and indicated that he was chairing the meeting on behalf of Sport NI's new Board Member, Kieran Harding who is the new Chair of the Participation SMIG.
- 1.2 The Chair encouraged all Members to respond to the Programme for Government 2016-21 Consultation on behalf of their organisation and on behalf of Sport.
- 1.3 The Chair highlighted Sport NI's Transformation Programme and its plans to strengthen the Board and the way in which Sport NI plans to support the development of sport.
- 1.4 The Chair wished the Northern Ireland football team the best for the European Championships, alongside the athletes representing Team GB

and Team Ireland at the forthcoming Olympic and Paralympic Games in Rio.

2. APOLOGIES

- 2.2 Apologies were received from Michael Boyd (Irish Football Association) and Liz McLaughlin (Queens University, Belfast)

3. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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

4. MATTERS ARISING

- 4.1 The Chair referred Members to the two actions from the previous meeting:
- 4.2 Action 1: PS to present on Sport Ireland's National Activity Plan and research relevant to Sport Matters participation targets at the next meeting.

PS requested that this item be moved forward to the next meeting as a new national sport policy is in development which will be in an advanced format by the date of the next meeting.
This was agreed.

- 4.3 Action 2: Sport NI to invite Tourism NI to present at the next preliminary SMIG meeting.

It was agreed that sport needs to work closer with Tourism NI especially around events and securing participation legacy from events.

5. MEMBER UPDATES

- 5.1 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 contributing to Sport Matters.
- 5.2 GH suggested that this was to be his last meeting on behalf of CLOA, which is awaiting further direction from SOLACE. The Chair thanked Gerard for his contribution to the Participation SMIG.
- 5.3 The Chair encouraged all members to respond to any community planning consultation which could support the drive to increase participation.

6. SPORT MATTERS PROGRESS REPORT 2015-2016

- 6.1 The Chair made members aware that a progress reporting template is to be issued by Dr Paul Donnelly in August 2016, for completion in advance of the next SMIG meeting in November 2017.

Action 1: All members to consider the progress reporting template and provide an approved response by 7 October 2016.

7. SPORT MATTERS ACTION PLAN 2015-2019

- 7.1 The Chair introduced the action plan (1 April 2015-31 March 2019) which is seen as a 'living' document which can be amended based on changes that may arise in terms of policy, strategy, work priorities and budget and availability
- 7.2 PS suggested that it may be useful to include additional narrative to the 'target achieved' column to articulate 'how' the target was achieved.

Action 2: All members to advise of any amendments and/or inclusions to be articulated in the report for approval by 26 August 2016.

8. PRESENTATION FROM ARK – Dr Dirk Schubotz

- 8.1 8.1 The Chair introduced Dr Dirk Schubotz from the Social Policy Department at ARK (Queens University Belfast) who provided an overview of and headline findings from the Kids Life and Times and Young Life and Times Survey 2016 which included a sport and physical activity module commissioned by Sport NI. A copy of the full presentation is available at:

<http://www.sportni.net/about-us/sports-strategy/>

Action 3: Sport NI to circulate copies of the Kids Life and Times and Young Life and Times reports when finalised.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1 No other business was recorded.

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 10.1 The dates for the next SMIG meeting will be confirmed following the Sport Matters Monitoring Group meeting.



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