

SPORT MATTERS IMPLEMENTATION GROUP (PLACES) MEETING

DRAFT MINUTES

The minutes of the 13th meeting of the Places SMIG held on Friday 27 October 2017 at the House of Sport.

PRESENT

- Chair: Richard Bullick (Sport Northern Ireland)
- Aubrey Bingham (Disability Sports NI)
- Ciaran Kearney (Northern Ireland Sports Forum) – *attending on behalf of Ashley Hunter*
- Tony Murphy (Department for Communities)
- Stephen McGeehan (Ulster GAA)
- Chris Webster (Ulster Rugby)
- Caro-Lynne Ferris (Outdoor Recreation Northern Ireland)
- Jim Rose (Chief Leisure Officers Association)
- Paul Campbell (College of Agriculture, Food & Rural Enterprise) – *attending on behalf of Paul Mooney*
- Chris Bondi (Irish Football Association)

In attendance:

- Willie Devlin (Sport Northern Ireland)

1. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed members to the 13th meeting of the Places SMIG.
- 2.1 The Chair also welcomed the large and diverse attendance at the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES

- 2.1 Apologies were received from Ashley Hunter (Canoe Association NI), Clare Brady (Department of Education) and Paul Mooney (Department of Agriculture, Environment & Rural Affairs)

3. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

- 3.1 The minutes of the previous meeting were considered and approved by all in attendance.

4. MATTERS ARISING

- 4.1 The Chair confirmed that there were no matters arising from the last meeting.

5. REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE

- 5.1 The revised Terms of Reference were discussed and all were in agreement to progress this matter.

6. MEMBER UPDATES

- 6.1 The Chair asked Members to provide a verbal update on significant actions that have 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 and areas of progress, such as:

- a. **Northern Ireland Sports Forum** – work is ongoing with the rates issues and the effects on a range of sports clubs and facilities. Also ongoing lobbying of MLAs regarding DE funded coaches.
- b. **Sport Northern Ireland** – an update was given on (1) Sport NI Facility Fund (2) Strategic Framework (3) Joint funder projects (4) Safety at Sports Grounds.
- c. **Department for Communities** – TM provided details on potential joint working/ funding with DAERA and EA on a range of sports facilities.
- d. **Outdoor Recreation NI** – The Chair congratulated Caro-Lynne on her recent award in the Honours list. ORNI are working with a number of Councils on Community Trails and also preparing feasibility studies for future works.
- e. **Ulster GAA** – bringing forward a new strategic plan which seeks to develop a number of hubs i.e. shared facilities between GAA clubs and other sports.
- f. **Ulster Rugby** – key decisions dates for the RWC were discussed with the technical assessment panel sharing their report on 31 October and a final announcement on 16 November. Also discussed was the inclusion of “accessibility” within any new safety guidance.

- g. **IFA** – awaiting further information on the NI Sub Regional Programme.
- h. **CLOA** – potential learning from English Councils with regards to provision of sports halls and the impact of private gyms.
- i. **DSNI** – ongoing work on the ISF accreditation across a number of facilities within NI. Also the disability equipment hub projects coming into operation.

7. SPORT MATTERS PROGRESS REPORT 2015-2016

- 7.1 The Chair thanked all Members that took the time to complete and return their organisations progress report covering the period ***1 October 2015 to 30 September 2016***. Any absent members were still urged to submit outstanding information.
- 7.2 Members approved the Progress Report for submission to the SMMG on ***Z November 2017***.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 8.1 None

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- 9.1 The Chair advised that dates for the next SMIG meetings will be confirmed following the Sport Matters Monitoring Group meeting.