

Meeting **OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES GROUP**  
Time/Day/Date: 6.30pm on Wednesday, 16 March 2011  
Location: Council Chamber, Council Offices, Coalville  
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<p>Whilst this is an informal working party, under the Code of Conduct members are reminded that interests should be declared and in declaring an interest you should make clear the nature of that interest and whether it is 'personal' or 'prejudicial'.</p>	
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<b>6. LEISURE CENTRES</b>	
<p>Shaun Holyland, Hood Park Leisure Centre Manager, will give an update to the group on the work and activities of the centre.</p>	
<b>7. PARKS AND OPEN SPACES</b>	
<p>Jason Knight, Leisure Services Team Manager, will give an update to the group on the parks programme and accessibility.</p>	
<b>8. WORK OF HANDSTAND</b>	
<p>Verbal update from Alan Gamble, Handstand</p>	
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Circulation:

Councillor G A Allman  
Councillor D Howe  
Councillor E J Purver  
Councillor V Richichi (Chairman)  
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Councillor M B Wyatt

MINUTES of a meeting of the OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES GROUP held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Coalville on Monday, 13 DECEMBER 2010

Present: Councillors G Allman (In the Chair), R D Bayliss, D Howe, E J Purver and V Richichi.

Council Officers: Chhaya McDonald and Michelle Terry.

In attendance: Mr J Bateman, Mr S Bateman, Mrs B Cunningham (Leicestershire Disabled Miners Group), Mr A Gamble (Handstand/Shopmobility), Mrs E Hill (Handstand), Mrs J Randle (Handstand/Leicestershire Disabled Miners Group), Mr M Smith (Handstand) and Mrs B Spendlove (Ashby Stroke Group).

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs M Cross, Mrs K Flanigan, Mr B Parry and Mrs J Parry.

**2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no interests declared.

**3. MINUTES**

RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2010 be approved.

**4. MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA**

In respect of item 5 – Presentation by North Area LPU Commander, Chhaya McDonald reported that the deadline had passed for placing an article in the December edition of the Vision magazine. The article would be placed in the next edition which would be published in March 2011.

**5. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

Jhon Bateman, a young local resident, addressed the meeting. He shared his experiences of being a young person with a disability, and discussed with the group ways in which young people can influence the council's decisions, and how to reach and involve young people.

The group agreed that a sub-committee be set up to consider ways to engage young people.

**6. NOTES OF SPECIAL MEETING WITH TESCO**

Chhaya McDonald gave a summary of the meeting with Tesco. She circulated a letter from Luke Raistrick which she had received in response to comments made by the group.

The group discussed the meeting with Tesco and considered Tesco's comments. Overall members of the group felt that no really progress had been made since their first meeting with Tesco's a year ago and still felt that Tesco were just going through the motions.

It was agreed that the group be kept informed of the progress and would welcome further involvement with other major planning applications.

**7. WORK OF HANDSTAND**

Mike Smith explained that Handstand had undertaken a survey of Hood Park Leisure Centre 18 months ago, the results of which had shown that the leisure centre was not wheelchair friendly. He reported that the group had recently visited the leisure centre and nothing had changed since the survey.

A member suggested that the matter be brought to the attention of Councillor T Pendleton, the Community Portfolio Holder.

Chhaya McDonald agreed to investigate the concerns raised by the group and report back at the next meeting.

**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Members of the group reported problems regarding access to the park in Hugglescote, and other parks with kissing gates, such as the nature reserve in Coalville.

Item to be discussed at the next meeting

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday, 16 March 2011.

The meeting closed at 7.34pm.