

Meeting	OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES GROUP
Time/Day/Date:	6.30pm on Wednesday, 17 August 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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6. WORK OF THE COUNCIL'S STREET ENFORCEMENT TEAM	
<p>An officer from the Street Enforcement Team will give an update on the work with schools and anti-social behaviour</p>	
7. NATIONAL FOREST	
<p>An update on the work of the National Forest will be given to the group</p>	
8. WORK OF HANDSTAND	
<p>Verbal update from Alan Gamble, Handstand</p>	
9. DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY	
<p>Discussion on the structure of the day</p>	

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MINUTES of a meeting of the OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES GROUP held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Coalville on Wednesday, 16 MARCH 2011

Present: Councillors V Richichi (In the Chair), D Howe, E J Purver and M B Wyatt.

Council Officers: Shaun Holyland, Chhaya McDonald and Michelle Terry.

In attendance: Mrs C Flanagan, Mrs P Gymer (Linford and Verdon Tenants and Residents Association), Mr B Parry (Handstand), Mrs J Parry (Handstand), (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 Mr J Bateman, Mrs M Cross, Mrs Cunningham, Mrs K Flanagan, Mr A Gamble, Mrs J Randle, Councillor G Allman and Councillor R Bayliss.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared.

3. MINUTES

RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2010 be approved.

4. MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

In respect of item 5 – Children and Young People, Chhaya McDonald reported that she had met with Jhon Bateman following the last meeting. He had given feedback on the meeting, and suggested that everyone sit together rather than separately. He also felt that the agenda was too official and the language used was sometimes too technical.

Councillor V Richichi reported that a representative from the National Forest had expressed an interest in coming to the next meeting of the group. It was agreed that this be progressed and added to the agenda for the next meeting.

5. LEISURE CENTRES

Shaun Holyland gave an update on progress since the previous meeting. He advised that the village style changing rooms had been installed at Hermitage Leisure Centre. He reported that not much had progressed at Hood Park Leisure Centre, however a condition survey had been undertaken at both sites, and a 10 year plan developed which included recommendations from the visit by the group.

In response to a query, Shaun Holyland advised that a market test had been undertaken in respect of the management of the leisure centres. It had been decided not to proceed following the market test, and the management of the leisure centres would remain in house.

Chhaya McDonald advised that a member of the group had reported an issue with the lockers in the disabled changing area, as they were on floats. This had made some people uncomfortable as it highlighted their disability. Shaun Holyland agreed to look into the matter.

A member of the group reported that the time of the disabled swim at Hood Park was inconvenient. Shaun Holyland reported that this was currently being looked into as attendance levels were poor.

6. PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

Members of the group had raised issues with kissing gates at the previous meeting of the group. This was reported to Shaun Holyland in the absence of a representative from the parks team.

7. WORK OF HANDSTAND

Janet Parry reported that she and Billy Parry would be visiting St Christophers Park in Ellistown to look at accessibility.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A member raised concerns regarding the future of the mobility centre in the market, and the cuts to funding levels from the Council.

Chhaya McDonald agreed to investigate and provide figures for the next meeting.

The group discussed holding an event to raise awareness of disabilities. It was agreed that this should take place in December to coincide with the International Day of Disabled People.

The meeting closed at 7.32pm.