

Islington Olympic Board 15 April 2009 minutes

The Factory Children's Centre, 107 Matthias Road, N16 8NP

Attendee	Organisation	Position
Kevin O'Leary, Chair	Islington Council	Director of Environment and Regeneration
David Vandivier	Islington Community Network	Chair (and vice-chair of Islington Strategic Partnership)
Howard Barnes	Islington Council	Assistant Director Cultural Services
John Mackinnon	Sport Islington	Chair
Jonathan Gibbs	Aquaterra	Chief Executive
Louisa Bolch	NHS Islington	Non-executive Director
Cllr Ruth Polling	Islington Council	Executive Member for Leisure and Equalities
John Thorne	Islington Council	Olympics Officer (minute taker)
Apologies		
Andrew Mortimer	Islington Chamber of Commerce	Manager
Frances Morrell	Creative Islington	Chair
Kevin Kumar	London Metropolitan University	Corporate Projects Manager
Samir Singh	Arsenal FC – Arsenal in the Community	Museum and Education assistant

1. Welcome and introductions

The Chair, Kevin O'Leary, welcomed everyone to the meeting. A round of introductions followed.

2. Minutes and matters arising from the last meeting on 19 January 2009

The Board agreed the minutes of the last meeting. Matters arising:

- Another visit to the Olympic Park could take place in a year's time

- Kevin O’Leary will discuss up with Eleanor Schooling whether she could become an Olympic Board member on behalf of Cambridge Education @ Islington / Children’s Services.

3. Islington 2012 Action Plan

A draft action plan and background paper had been sent with the agenda.

John Thorne introduced the draft plan and highlighted particular actions. Key points in discussion:

- John Thorne had met with almost all members since the last meeting to discuss the action plan. The draft action plan reflected those discussions
- Action point 4. Islington 2012 volunteer taskforce:
 - This is a key action point but one that will need a lot of work to pull together. It was **agreed** to set up a sub-group to take forward the action, which will be led by Islington Voluntary Action Council (IVAC). IVAC have agreed in principle to this. David Vandivier, patron and former chair of IVAC, John Thorne and Cedric D’Amico (who leads on volunteering within the council) will meet with Mike Sherriff, chief executive of IVAC, to discuss further
 - Funding may be available for volunteering from a recession package that is being put together by the council. John Thorne will follow this up
- 7. Promote CompeteFor. One thousand local businesses have registered on this London 2012 business database, the second highest of any London borough
- 35. Engage in regional and national strategies for physical activity. The Department of Health has published the strategy *Be Active, Be Healthy*. This should link with Dance (action point 11)
- 41. London 2012 education programme. Seven local schools have registered with the programme. John Thorne is undertaking work to significantly increase this figure
- 46. Funding opportunities. There is a risk that lottery money will go to London 2012 that will be taken from voluntary organisations. It was **agreed** that John Thorne will map out potential sources of funding for the action plan and will bring this back to the next meeting
- 48. Communications plan. John Thorne is re-writing the Olympics section of the council website and will tell members once this is done
- 50. Strapline. London 2012 has recently agreed that councils in London can use a London 2012 logo that states host borough underneath. This is subject to the council signing a licensing agreement with London 2012.

The meeting **agreed**:

- The Islington 2012 action plan
- That the Islington 2012 action plan goes forward to senior council officers and councillors.

4. Forthcoming Events

The annual **ProActive Festival** takes place on Saturday 20 June 2009, 12-6pm. There are four zones: sports, health, cycling and family. The sports zone includes fencing, karate, parkour, basketball, football, netball, cricket, and a climbing wall. The health zone includes cancer awareness, healthy eating, and the MEND (Mind, Exercise, Nutrition, Diet) scheme. Thirteen thousand people attended last year. The event takes place at the Podium, Emirates Stadium, and includes many of the partners on the Islington Olympic Board (NHS Islington, Islington Council, Arsenal, Aquaterra, London Metropolitan University, Sport Islington). John Thorne will have a stall at the festival.

The **Cultural Olympiad Weekend** takes place on Friday 24 to Sunday 26 July 2009. Islington's contribution is called Islington's Open, in which arts and sports organisations will be encouraged to participate by opening up their venues to the public. John Thorne is co-ordinating Islington's Open.

5. Date, time, location and agenda for next meeting

At the last meeting Kevin Kumar had offered London Metropolitan University as a venue for the next meeting. As Kevin had not been able to attend this meeting, it was agreed that John would fix the date of the next meeting with Kevin, and that it would be shortly after 18 June when the council's Executive may have discussed the Islington 2012 action plan.

It was agreed that a forward plan for meetings would be brought to the next meeting. The forward plan could include looking at a section of the action plan, such as volunteering.