

## Islington Olympic Board 19 January 2009 minutes

Tour of Olympic Park then  
Meeting Room, London 2012 offices, Pudding Mill Lane, Stratford, E15

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

### 1. Tour of Olympic Park

The Olympic Board went on a coach tour of the Olympic Park, which was hosted by Neil Walker, Community Relations Manager, London Organising Committee for the Olympic and Paralympic Games (LOCOG).

Also on the tour was John Foster, Chief Executive, Islington Council; Taylor Doherty (St Aloysius College) and Zara Coe (Holloway Sports College), London 2012 youth ambassadors for Islington; and Kara Churchward, School Sports Co-ordinator, Islington School Sports Partnership.

After the tour the Board went to a meeting room in London 2012 offices next to the Olympic Park at Pudding Mill Lane, Stratford, E15.

## **2. Meet with representatives of London 2012**

The Board discussed the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games with Neil Walker and also Maddelyn Sutton, External Relations Manager, Olympic Delivery Authority.

Key points in discussion:

- 34% of the Olympic Park workforce is from London outside the five host boroughs. Figures for individual boroughs are being worked on
- 800 companies have won London 2012-related contracts, of which 41% are from London outside the five host boroughs and 36 are from Islington
- 55,000 companies have registered on the CompeteFor database, of which 16,000 are in London
- People who register to be a volunteer receive a quarterly newsletter. The volunteer recruitment programme will be launched in 2010
- Accredited media will stay in Bloomsbury. Could King's Cross St Pancras serve as a transport depot?
- Arrangements for non-accredited media are the responsibility of the city, not London 2012
- LOCOG will start a local environment programme in the four boroughs that make up the Olympic Park. If successful, could this be extended to the rest of London?
- Two boroughs have their accessible community transport vehicles taking people around the Olympic Park
- The Games are an opportunity for boroughs to work out what they want to solve with the Games, and to disseminate information
- Interested groups and individuals can register for a London 2012 update newsletter at [www.london2012.com/communityupdate](http://www.london2012.com/communityupdate)
- Loss of funding to the voluntary sector due to changes in funding criteria by the LDA and the lottery because of the Games.

## **3. Minutes and matters arising from the last meeting on 2 October 2008**

The minutes were agreed. An Olympic Board member from Cambridge Education @ Islington / Children's Services had not yet been identified.

## **4. 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:

- Action point 8. Promotion of Islington as a visitor destination. There is much in Islington to promote, which is a major opportunity for the borough
- 32. Workforce development. Skills Active should be listed as a partner. The deadline to have a plan in place by the end of March 2009 may be unrealistic
- 36. London 2012 training locations. London Metropolitan University has applied to be a training venue. Arsenal has decided to not put itself forward. There would be concern if the Islington Tennis Centre was put forward as it would mean the closure of the centre to users. Jonathan Gibb will be involved in any decision about this
- 42. 2012 Islington Pupils for 2012 Games. This is due to go ahead shortly. Islington's London 2012 Youth Ambassadors Taylor Doherty and Zara Coe, who had been on the tour, had said that they wanted to get involved in this action
- 44. London 2012 film. This action should be promoted to the voluntary sector. London Metropolitan University has media students who could engage with the action
- 51. Promotion of languages. This is as part of a London-wide project called Routes into Languages. London Metropolitan University is the lead institution for the project.

The meeting felt that the action plan was going in the right direction and that it now needs to be turned from a council document into one that properly reflects the Olympic Board.

It was agreed to take forward the draft action plan with the changes above. The next stage is for the Olympics Officer to meet everyone on the Olympic Board individually for their input, and then to bring the action plan back to the next meeting.

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

The date of Wednesday April 15, 10-12 was agreed subject to this being acceptable to the members who had not attended the meeting. David offered a Children's centre as a venue.

Kevin (Kumar), who cannot attend on April 15, offered London Metropolitan University as a venue for the subsequent meeting, which is likely to be in July.