

From: Cllr Michael McVeigh
Sent: 29 September 2005 17:21
To: Jane Murray

Subject: Report to performance and resources: cumbria play field.

M A Mc VEIGH
15 WHITEGATE
EGREMONT

This is a report from the AGM of the Cumbria Playing Fields Association, of which I represent Copeland Borough Council. The meeting was held at Penrith R U Club, Winters Park on the 15th of September 2005.

The normal procedure after the business of the day is dealt with is to have guest speaker who gives a presentation on a relevant issue that appertains to members of the said body. The speaker this year was Ms Jane Steventon who gave a very interesting presentation on the Disability Sport in Cumbria action plan. Ms Steventon is the Sports Development officer for Cumbria disability forum.

The plan covers the period from 2005-2008. The plan has been devised from the audit of sports opportunities for children and adults with a disability in Cumbria. Sadly as one would have expected the audit found there is a severe lack of main stream sports clubs in Cumbria, which are able to welcome children and adults with a disability.

Ms Steventon went on to give us figures of how many people in the county are classed as disabled. It is fair to say that when she gave the figures borough by borough we were astounded at the numbers, our own figures for Copeland alone were in excess of 14,000! It certainly created a debate among those present on where the figures came from but she assured us that it was a bona fide audit.

It would be unfair to try and give a full transcript on the presentation without using her own action plan, which can be obtained from Jane. Her email address is:
jane.steventon@barrowcrc.org.uk.

I am not sure if members are aware that there are small grants available up to £250 for various sporting outlets, scout groups, girl guides etc. If members wish for any further details please feel free to contact me.