

Minutes for meeting of Access 2 All

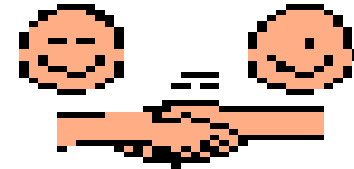
Areas : Friday 30 October 2015

11.00 am to 1.00 pm

Accessible Information



Welcome



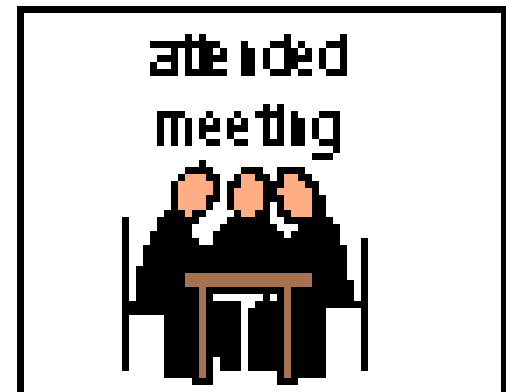
**The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service**

The MBE for volunteer groups



Who was at the meeting?

Burt, Elaine, David Backhouse, Caroline, Carolyn, Terri, Di, Kay Fairhurst, Geoff, Barbara, Andy (BSL), Peter Baimbridge (Autism Group), Siobhan Foley (CVS), J, Tina, Aaron, Andrew, Maureen, Greg, Alison (CVS), Lillian and Roy, Ben, Carol, Murad, Sue Fisher, Chris W, Maria



Who could not come to the meeting?



Jennifer Burgess (Dementia Action Alliance), Jane Howes (Citywest), Angela Haydock (GMP), Neville, Mark Marsden (GMP), Joan and Brendan (Dementia Group), Pat, Andy, Helen Madden (Stroke Association)

Access audits

The group were informed that Russ has recently left Urban Vision. Burt said that a card would be sent to Russ on behalf of the group to thank him for all his hard work and support. Burt said that he was looking into who was replacing Russ so that he could invite them to a future meeting



Burt said that he was looking into the recent invitation for him to sit on the council's Planning Panel. It is thought that the previous occupant, Jim Wheelton however will return to the planning panel.

Updates



- Speaking medication tool – J informed the group that he had found that the tool may be out of production with Boots. He added that he was working with a lady from Salford University whose remit is to develop technology and he had asked her to come to a future meeting of the group. Ben suggested identifying a small number of Boots chemists and getting people to keep asking for the tool.
- Salford Royal Hospital – Lillian updated the group on Salford Royal's "Meet and Greet" service. More volunteers have been recruited and you can now book a volunteer in advance. The volunteer will stay with the patient while a car is being parked and throughout their hospital visit.
- Integrated Engagement Board – Caroline informed the group that the IEB had recently advised commissioners on how to consult on the Carers Engagement Strategy. She said the group was also looking at the devolution agenda to ensure that everyone gets a say.
- She advised the group of an access audit that had been done at Worsley Swimming Baths for people with dementia which had resulted in more sessions for disabled people.
- Accessible Transport Directory – Ben advised the group that he would be doing a workshop at the next meeting. Caroline mentioned that she was looking into accessible transport for people with dementia and in particular whether they would be able to obtain a blue badge.

Greater Manchester Police



Aaron reported that 67 hate incidents had been reported since the last meeting, 2 of which were disability related.

Accessible Directory and hydro pools



An update from Councillor McIntyre will be given at the next meeting

Website for Access 2 All Areas



An update on the development of a website for Access 2 All Areas will be given at the next meeting. The website link has been sent to the group for comments.

Autism in the community



- Peter Baimbridge talked about autism and how it can be as isolating as being deaf or blind. He described his own experiences. He told the group that most support is focused on children, although anyone of any age can be autistic. He said that people with autism don't want to mix with others as they are seen as different. He explained that autistic people may have difficulties understanding systems, for example council recruitment procedures. He said that people could help by understanding the condition and engaging with organisations to inform them about autism.
- His autism group meets on the 1st and 3rd Friday of each month, 10.00 am to 4.00 pm at Eccles Town Hall. (Training room)

Salford Disability Forum



- Kay Fairhurst and Geoff updated the group on the work of the Forum following the sad death of Josie Browne
- The Forum will be considering what they will be doing in the future
- Kay said that the Princes Park Garden Centre had taken up a lot of time
- She said that in January Councillor McIntyre will be involved in restarting a drop in service at the Broughton Hub
- Kay invited group members to a Memorial event for Josie which was taking place at St George's on 28 November. Further information will be circulated
- She advised the group that at the Salford CVS awards on 27 November, there will be a special Josie Browne award for people who volunteer in Salford

Salford CVS



- Siobhan Foley from Salford CVS explained that she is the volunteering coordinator for older people and is involved in; Devolution; Salford Royal Meet and Greet service; and Salford Together CCG (which is looking at integrating services).
- She recruits volunteers to work on older people's projects.
- She is currently recruiting Well-Being Champions and is happy to do a workshop about this.
- Alison informed the group that it was the last chance to nominate someone for a Hearts of Salford Award.
- She also told the group about a Big Fat Festive Quiz social event, taking place on 16 December, 6.00 pm at Eccles Town Hall, tickets £5.00.

Any other business?

- Burt told the group that Access 2 All Areas Christmas Party was on 4 December, 12.00 noon to 4.00 pm at the Borough Social Club. He advised the group that Glynnis had kindly offered to pay for the buffet.



- Terri told the group about some overhanging trees near to the Swinton Golf Club that were causing accessibility difficulties. Ben said that he would speak to the Planning Team who are working on cycle paths
- She also mentioned that there are no rotating cones on the pedestrian crossing at the front of the Civic Centre.
- The group were informed about a new Deaf Support service at the new Swinton Gateway.
- Ben reminded the group about the Fab Lab events



Next meeting

**Friday, 22 January, 2016, 11.00 am to 1.00 pm
in the Salford Suite at the Swinton Civic
Centre**



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