

Minutes of meeting of Access 2 All

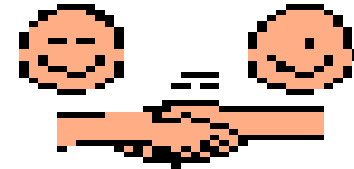
Areas : Friday 22 January 2016

11.00 am to 1.00 pm

Accessible Information



Welcome



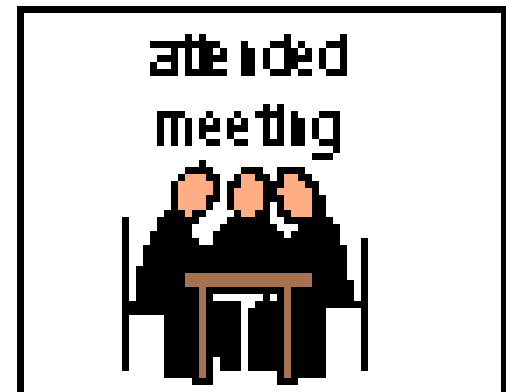
**The Queen's Award
for Voluntary Service**

The MBE for volunteer groups



Who was at the meeting?

Pat, Burt, Andy, Lorna (Disability Group, Sandbach), Di, Andrew, Pat (Healthwatch), Councillor McIntyre, Maureen, Julie (Sensory Team), Neville, J, Carolyn, Tina, Lucy (SRFT), Roy, Lilian, Andy (BSL), Stefan, Ben Colman, Sue Fisher, Mark, Aaron, Marion, Geoff Fletcher, Julie, Chris, Greg, Marie (Carer), Elaine



Who could not come to the meeting?



City Mayor, Terri, Jen Burgess, Barbara Hughes,
Marion Coleman, Peter Baimbridge, Angela
Haydock, David Backhouse

Heart of Salford Award



The group congratulated Burt who has been awarded the prestigious Heart of Salford Community Volunteer award for 2015 from the Salford CVS. Burt brought the award to the meeting and explained that it was in memory of Alan Henning. He stressed that the award was for the whole group. Burt also brought the Queen's Award to the meeting.

Access audits



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Andy explained that Russ was not going to be replaced and that there is now no budget set aside for access audits and accessibility improvements. Burt and Andy are to attend the council's Equal Opportunities Forum on 27 January where this issue can be raised. The group offered some suggestions including recruiting volunteers, applying for funding and expanding audits to private businesses.

Councillor McIntyre said he would raise the funding issue with Councillors Antrobus and Masheter

Planning Panel

Councillor McIntyre said that he would speak to Councillors Antrobus and Masheter about how accessibility could be included in the Planning Panel process

Accessible transport



Ben and Stephan did a workshop about accessible taxis and private hire to get feedback from the group about what disabilities should be considered and what accessibility requirements there are for people with different disabilities.

He also showed the group how they could contribute to the Euan's Guide – a guide where people can comment on the accessibility of venues, locations, transport, etc. The group tried the website by commenting on the accessibility of Asda in Swinton.

If members would like some help with using the Euan's Guide, Ben and Stephan can attend future meetings to provide advice.

Updates



- Salford Royal Hospital – Lillian introduced the group to Lucy who has been working on a new initiative for people with communication difficulties. Lucy explained that information could be collected from the PALS reception desk. Marion explained a problem with the intercom in Intensive Care for people with a hearing impairment. Lucy explained that she would look into the matter.

Councillor McIntyre



Councillor McIntyre explained that he was supporting an initiative to keep pavements clear of obstructions, bins, vehicles, overhanging vegetation, etc. He sent round a petition, asking the group to sign, which he will present to the City Mayor.

He also talked about advice surgeries for disabled people set up by the Salford Disability Forum, which he had recently attended.

Volunteers are sought for future surgeries. The next surgery is on 5 February.

Councillor McIntyre then talked about the project he is supporting to use Salford Community Leisure pools as hydrotherapy pools. The project will be reviewed in 12 months.

Greater Manchester Police



Mark from the Police updated the group on the latest Hate Crime figures, as follows:

- 107 since 20 November 2015
- 3 Disability Hate Crimes

He stated that week commencing 8 February was Hate Crime Awareness Week

He then explained that Burt had attended the Police Headquarters and that a video was being produced based around the song “Perfect Day” – people from different equality groups were interviewed for the video, the aim of which is to end Hate Crime.

He then sadly told the group that he was retiring from the Police Force after 39 years service. He said that as part of his Partnership Team work he had been attending Access 2 All Areas now for 3 years and that he had really learned a lot about disability.

Burt thanked Mark for his support and said that he would be sadly missed

Website for Access 2 All Areas



Andy updated the group on what had been added to the website, including information on the Deaf Support Service and improved fishing facilities. He said that he would include a link to the work that Councillor McIntyre is doing.

He said that all access audits were published on the website.

There is also a Tommy Healey memorial page.

Members are asked to check out the website

Link to website: www.a2aasalford.btck.co.uk

Burt's catch up corner



Councillor Walsh updated the group on the work of the Integrated Engagement Board. Burt is Vice Chair of the Board. He said that the Board was involved in improving Health and Well Being in Salford and ensuring that monies devolved to Greater Manchester was spent in the best interests of people in Salford.

He asked the group to let him know if they wished to raise anything at the Board

Any other business?



- Neville talked about language which is acceptable or unacceptable to people with a disability. He was asked to provide a glossary. Ben said that he could put this on the council website.
- Andy suggested to members that if they came across any access issues, they could capture these on their mobile phones and they could be discussed at future meetings
- Sue Fisher circulated a questionnaire from Healthwatch asking the group to let them know what their priorities should be
- She also mentioned that gym facilities and specialist exercise classes are being set up. If anyone is interested they should contact Ben Andrews direct on 07482 990378
- Ben told the group about an event that was being hosted by the Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust on 16 February. The event will discuss how technology can be used to produce accessible information.

Next meeting

**Friday, 11 March, 11.00 am to 1.00 pm in the
Salford Suite at the Swinton Civic Centre**



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