

Minutes for meeting of Access 2 All

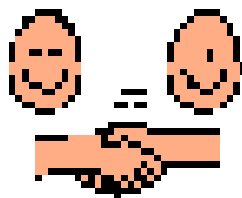
Areas : Friday 16 January 2015

11.00 am to 1.00 pm

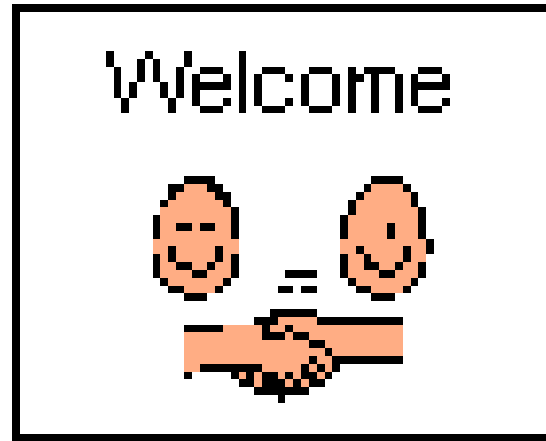
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Welcome

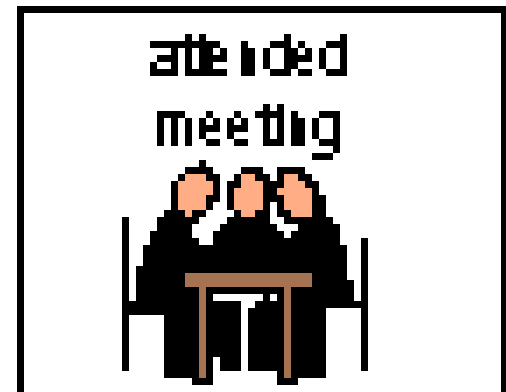


Let's say our names



Who was at the meeting?

Burt, Elaine, Kirsty, Marion, Alison (CVS), Barbara, Cath R, Jane (City West), Sue Fisher, Terri, Carole, Catherine (Health Watch), Roy, Lillian, Andrew, Maureen, Mark, Aaron (GMP), J, Brandon Jones and Ray Senior (First Bus), Mourad Kemmar, Ben, John Broderick, Carolyn, Jane B, Councillor Lea, Neville, Geoff, Andy (BSL)



Who could not come to the meeting?



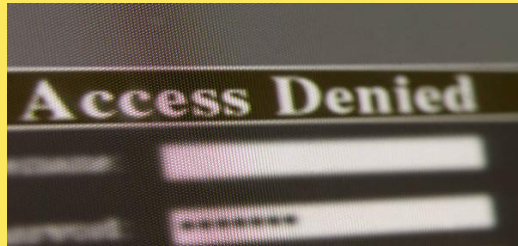
Councillor McIntyre, Andy, Pat

Tommy Healey - memorial

Marion outlined an idea for the group to remember Tommy in everything they do. A logo/ kite mark will be designed with Tommy's name and photo and this will go onto all access audit reports. A certificate will also be considered. This was agreed.



Access audits



- Russ said he has agreement for a member of Access 2 All Areas to represent disabled people on the Planning Forum.
- He also said that he was in discussions for Access 2 All Areas to regularly receive planning applications
- He asked if the group could do an audit of the Guild Hall Community Centre

First Bus

- Brandon Jones and Ray Senior from First Bus attended the meeting. They explained the First Bus approach to accessibility on their buses.
- Ray talked about pending developments such as audio/visual displays and smart phone systems where you can plan when a bus is due
- There was a discussion about whether the wheelchair space on a bus should be enforced, in the light of a recent legal judgment. Brandon explained the First Bus policy, which is to strongly request people to move out of the space and the legal position which prevents them from forcing people to move out of the space



Health

Lillian updated the group on work she is involved with at Salford Royal hospital, as follows:

- Reasonable adjustments for staff
- The recent event at the hospital where she was able to provide information about Access 2 All Areas and the speaking medication tool

J told the group about the automated medication box, which sounds an alarm to remind people to take their medication

He updated the group on the talking medication tool. He said that he has contacted Hazel Blears about the tool and she has been in touch with the CCG and the Department of Health

Greg talked about the Venalink packs which are available on request from your Doctor which organise all your medication by day and time

Greater Manchester Police

Mark explained a GMP leaflet which explains how to call 999 by text – you have to register (to be sent out with the minutes)

Andy said that you can also e-mail police on 112 999 from a smart phone

He updated the group on the disability Hate Crime figures which were low as people were not reporting incidents

He promoted Hate Crime Awareness week from 24 January and talked about work the police were doing with Salford Royal hospital



Access 2 All Areas - constitution

All members agreed the new constitution.



Care Act 2014 - engagement



Ben Colman explained changes to care and support in the Care Act 2014:

- Getting the right care and support (and can move councils)
- Support for carers
- Deferred payment agreement (if have to sell house when go into care)

He explained how these changes will be publicised, including; on the radio, in magazines, leaflets in GP surgeries

Ben asked Access 2 All Areas to share the message with other groups

Local Link Service



Mourad Kemmar from Transport for Greater Manchester talked to the group about the Local Link service (details to be sent out with minutes)

He explained that it is door to door transport, similar to Ring and Ride but available to all

He said that the fares were cheap - £1.00 one way £1.60 return - and it was a bit like getting a taxi, but with other people

Any other business?

John explained how he had been disturbed at home by members of the Fire Service checking up on him. Ben said he would pass on his concerns to the Community, Health and Social Care directorate.



Next meeting

Friday, 6 March, 11.00 am to 1.00 pm, Salford Suite, Civic Centre, Swinton



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