

Minutes of meeting of Access 2 All

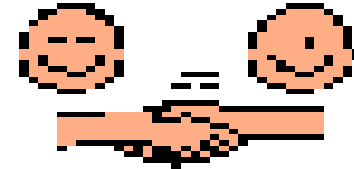
Areas : Friday 10 July 2015

11.00 am to 1.00 pm

Accessible Information



Welcome



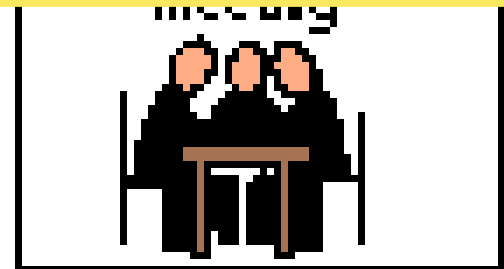
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Who was at the meeting?

Elaine, Jane (Citywest), Terri, Alison (CVS), Greg, Lilian and Roy, Mark and Jane and Angela and Aaron (GMP), Jen (Dementia Action Alliance), Gillian (GMW), Barbara, Geoff, Carol, Di, Andy, Burt (Chair), David Backhouse, Julie and Chris, Tina, Councillor McIntyre, Jim Wheelton, Susan, Maureen, Tom, Glynnis, Ben Colman, Taruna, Carolyn, David Brown and Mike (RNIB), Andrew, Glennys, Tom, Neville



Who could not come to the meeting?



J, Marion, Barbara, Kay, Peter Baimbridge, Jane B, Caroline, Sarah

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- Burt informed Access 2 All Areas that they have been awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service.
- A congratulatory letter from the City Mayor was read out.
- The group thanked Councillor McIntyre for his support
- Burt informed the group about the award ceremony on 3 August at Gorton Monastery.
- There was a draw to determine who could attend as there are limited places
- Jim mentioned that the Disabled Motorists group had also been successful and the group offered their congratulations

Awards for All England and Volunteer Expenses Fund (CVS)



LOTTERY FUNDED



- Andy summarised what equipment had been purchased with the lottery funding to date
- The group thanked Tina Antal for her support with the bid
- Alison from CVS was also thanked for her help in the group obtaining funding from the CVS Volunteer Expenses Fund

RNIB

- David Brown talked about the RNIB On-line Today project, which is supported by Awards for All funding.
- The project helps people with sensory loss get online and make the best use of technology
- For more information:

Tel: 0303 123 9999, email: onlinetoday@rnib.org.uk
web: www.rnib.org.uk/onlinetoday



Transport Directory

- Ben and Taruna asked the group for views about a proposed transport directory which will detail what people need to know about how accessible a taxi is when booking.
- The group gave comments, including the cost of taxis, taxis have different types of access, keeping directory up to date, making information accessible, support from driver to see you to your door
- Ben asked if anyone from the group would like to be involved in developing the directory and two people volunteered



Website for Access 2 All Areas



Mike B gave an update on the development of the Access 2 All Areas website and group confirmed what they would like to be included

Dementia

- Jen and Gill updated the group on the work of the Dementia Action Alliance (DAA). Jen outlined the group's four priority areas, which are; appropriate transport; easy to navigate physical environments; businesses and services and early diagnosis
- Members of Access 2 All Areas suggested that the DAA could also look into; considering the needs of deaf people and the RNIB 'On my street' campaign
- The DAA want to engage with transport providers

Greater Manchester Police



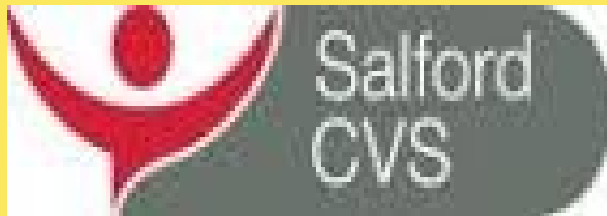
- Mark Marsden provided an update on what is happening in the local area.
- He explained that there had been 160 incidents relating to 'Hate' crime, three of which related to disability.
- He gave personal alarms and stickers to prevent cold callers to members of the group

Updates



- Lillian talked about the work she is involved with at Salford Royal Hospital, including issues with the booking system and problems encountered by people with a hearing impairment, i.e., texts not being answered. She asked the group to contact her (via Elaine) if they had encountered any access issues
- Elaine updated the group on Access 2 All Areas involvement with the new Salford Equality Network, in which the council, partner organisations and community groups in Salford will work together to improve equality in the city. Burt and Elaine attended the first meeting and will keep the group informed of this work.

Salford CVS



- Alison from the Salford CVS summarised how Access 2 All Areas can recruit volunteers, including volunteer drop-ins on Thursday in Eccles, and outreach work where volunteers are matched with volunteer opportunities. She also explained that opportunities can be promoted on the CVS website
- The group made some suggestions about what A2AA needed to consider, including; managing the volunteers and CRB checks
- Alison mentioned that CVS have a funding opportunity for volunteer expenses, which A2AA have been successful in obtaining this year
- Burt to arrange to meet with Alison to discuss further

Any other business?

- Andy told the group that Salford Reds had kindly provided A2AA with a signed Rugby shirt. He said that we will use it to raise some money for the group
- Neville suggested that Stagecoach (bus company) are invited to a future meeting
- He also recommended that the phrase 'able-bodied' is not an appropriate term and that 'non-disabled' is a more appropriate phrase
- Elaine promoted the Creative Communities Art, Writing and Poetry competition and encouraged the group to take part
- Andy encouraged the group to attend the 3D workshops that were taking place around the city



Next meeting

**Friday, 4 September, 11.00 am to 1.00 pm,
Salford Suite, Civic Centre, Swinton**



Contacts

If you would like to contact the group to put something on the agenda please contact.



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