

**Notes from the Steering Group Meeting
15th May 2008, 10 – 12pm
Unit 71, Carlisle Business Centre**

Present: Jenny Collins (WHAT RSI Group), Paul Anderson (Contact), Neal Heard (BACC), Matloof Hussain (Equality Unit BMDC), Steve Grisag (BMDC Disabled Employees) Paul Dearly (Able All)

Apologies: Jill Grant (Bradford Access Action), Janet Cuff (Able All), Cath Stevens (WHAT), Dennis Boland (Ataxia) John Brown (Supporting People Service User Involvement Forum) Emmerson Walgrove (Bradford District Mental Health Forum)

Welcome and introductions

Everyone introduced themselves. Nisa said that she would be the new Development Support Worker to the Disabled Peoples Forum. Neal's main job now is developing the Supporting People User Forum.

Notes from the previous meeting

- Temple Row, Keighley

Neal explained Lionel from Temple Row, Keighley attended the last meeting and Lionel's work will compliment not replicate. the work of the DPF.

Paul explained Lionel had arranged a meeting in Ilkley and invited Paul as Chair of the DPF to collect the views of disabled people who live in Ilkley.

Paul explained that the residents of Ilkley were keen to have regular meetings in Ilkley (a sub satellite group).

Paul suggested the '&' in 'Bradford & District' should be removed. This generated some debate, it was decided that at present it would remain, however, it was agreed this would be revisited after consultation with people living in Ilkley and Keighley.

Matters arising



The Creating A Stronger Voice follow up event is on **17th July** not June.

Strategic Disability Partnership (SDP) Board and Action Groups



The Involving Disabled People (IDP) Action Group The IDP is looking to assist with the 17th July event.

Paul explained the contract for Janet and Neville has now come to an end and they are no longer part of the SDP.

Sue Haddock is now co-ordinating the SDP.

Ian Brooke Mawson is the new officer for the IDP Action Group.

The IDP is looking to assist with the 17th July event. The thoughts from Ian are that it should be an interactive event. Paul stressed the DPF should have a strong input The DPF thought to prioritise the feedback report that came from the Jan event and use this as a framework to plan the July conference.

Steve suggested the 'Who Wants to a Millionaire' type game. The game would raise awareness of disabled peoples issues.

ACTION: Jenny and Paul to meet and email the steering group with the main points from the 18 page January Stronger Voice Report, Steve would input his thoughts via email. (Deadline 22nd May 08)

- Housing Action Group – didn't meet.
- Hate Crime – hasn't met. Bradford Hate Crime Alliance is no longer in existence. Paul has recently got involved in national discussions of Hate Crime.

Equality Forum and Disability Hub

Neal circulated the Housing Issues that went forward..

ACTIION: Neal will feedback on developments in this area.





Website and information

Paul and Nisa are meeting Attia to discuss the different pages and what content need to go on/ be removed.

Campaigning

Current campaigns include Taxi's & training of drivers.

A date needs to be given to take the petition to a full council meeting, People are encouraged to complete & distribute the petition. For further info visit www.disabledpf.org.uk



AOB

- Future of DPF

Safer stronger communities have agreed to fund the development worker till June '07.

Paul explained he met with Selina Ullah at Jacobs Well. She suggested drawing up a budgets and report for the whole year and submitting it. Phil is currently doing this. Paul explained that Selina was really keen.

- Funding Issues

Jenny asked how many groups are losing funding?



Neal explained that HCFT is funded until Sept. The PCT and Council gave come to an agreement that they will put money into HCFT/SHIP money.

Jenny suggested the DPF write a letter Neal explained Alec Porter from the SDP was going to write a letter to the PCT but it still hasn't gone.

Should the forum write something and if so, who to? Paul agreed to speak to SDP Alec Porter and why the letter didn't go.

AGREED: The DPF needs to identify what it should do. Neal suggested talking to Access Action, Able All, People First and coming up with some case studies.

ACTION: Neal and Nisa will come up with the questions to draw out their experience of the funding process.

Neal added BACC had spoken to Simon Morett of PCT. Steve said Simon had been buddied up with someone at the Easier Access Event and was inspired by the experience. So much so he is interested in doing a similar Easier Access event with the PCT. Gill Grant explained to Simon that the money wasn't available anymore and there was some indication that the PCT may input.

Date and time of next meeting

12 June 2008, 10am – 12pm, Craft Room, Cellar Project.