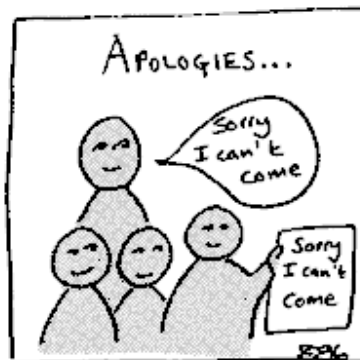
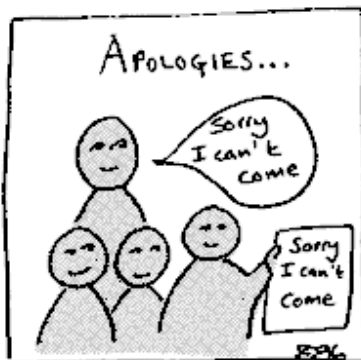


# Disabled People's Forum Steering Group Meeting Notes July 19<sup>th</sup> 2007 Room 71 Carlisle Business Centre



**Present:** Jenny Collins (Bradford RSI Group), Paul Anderson (Contact), Cath Stevenson (Workers Health Advice Team), Jill Grant (Access Action), Dennis Boland (Ataxia & Able All), Rebecca Ward (Bradnet) Neal Heard (BACC & Minutes)

**Apologies:** Keighley & Craven People First, Bruce Barnes (BAMHAG)



## **Matters arising from last meeting:**

None

## **Website Launch**

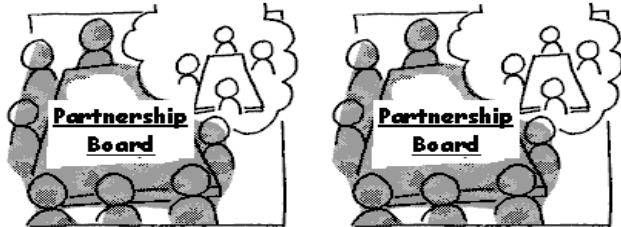


- Carlisle Business Centre main hall booked for 20<sup>th</sup> September between 10am & 3pm.
- Speakers confirmed Nina Stansfield – Regional Disability Rights worker & Steve Scott Equality 2025 – he may be replaced or joined by Dave McCormack. Neal to prepare briefing note on Forum for speakers.
- Neal to book signers now
- Agreed to send flier and booking information out in early August. To meet with Attia to arrange design ASAP.
- Agreed to arrange Carlisle Business Centre Conference Hall with 10 tables &

chairs/spaces for 10 people around each. So aiming for about 100 people to attend the event.

- **Website** – Need to confirm content by next meeting of the steering group at the very latest. Content ideas discussed include: -
  - Disability Rights Commission 10 priorities for action to improve life for disabled people.
  - Information on Bradford District Disability Equality Schemes
  - Access Action taxi report
  - Links to national organisations e.g. Radar, DRC
  - To ask Attia to look at accessibility & standards issues for deaf people.
  - Strategic Disability Partnership Board meeting notes, task groups notes etc
  - Links to local websites
  - Notes from steering group meetings
  - Issues raised by the forum & what's happened to them, how they progressing.

## Strategic Partnership Board Action Groups



There are 4 action groups meeting from the Strategic Disability Partnership Board - Paul outlined briefly the issue(s) each group is currently looking at:

- Housing & Adaptations Group – life time homes, register of accessible homes.
- Information – Accessible clear information, Easy read, variety of formats needed.
- Involving Disabled People – Looking at ways of helping organisations to deliver their Disability Equality Schemes, Encouraging organisations to use existing consultations & information.
- Tackling hate crime and discrimination – Establishing hate crime reporting centres, training for people & organisations to deliver hate crime

reporting centres, the need for these centres to be in places that disabled people feel comfortable in.

There followed a discussion on the partnership board. Early days yet it has been established less than a year. However issues are being raised. How issues are tackled & how this will be resourced is ongoing. Work on the partnership board & action groups is taking time & resources from voluntary sector groups.

## **Sustainable Community Strategy Event 11<sup>th</sup> July.**

The Sustainable Community Strategy (this is the key strategy for the district) will be launched in the near future & further consultation will take place. There are 10 key areas – older people, housing & environment, young people, Culture & leisure etc each supported by a Strategic Partnership Board. Disability is a ‘cross cutting’ theme and should therefore be

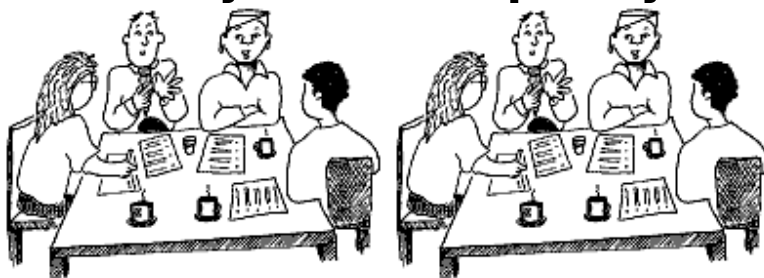
considered by all partnership boards. The Disability Strategic Partnership Board should also help this happen.

Paul attended event on 11<sup>th</sup> July representing the Disability Strategic Partnership Board and the Disabled Peoples Forum. A number of important issues came to light concerning Access at the event, accessible information, fire safety and the inclusion of disability issues in the strategy. Paul is to take this further & will circulate more information to the group.

Also see Health Net blog.

**Partnership Board meets next 25<sup>th</sup> July**

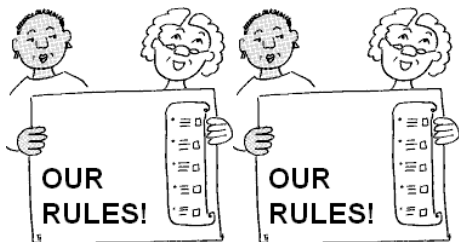
**Disability Hub & Equality Forum**



Equality Forum met on Tuesday night 19<sup>th</sup> July. Issues covered included: -

- Access issues at Bradford Theatres
- Consultation event organised on 18<sup>th</sup> July regarding needs of deaf community & IT issues – website etc. Neal to ask Attia to contact council officer Kevin Watson, Electronic Services officer (01274 437216) about this meeting.
- Bradford Council DES due to be launched soon 10 key areas.
- Training – Charles Dacres & Darryl Smith to meet with council's human resources department to look at providing disability awareness training for council staff that is provided by disabled people.

## Constitution



Constitution needs to be ready for website launch event on 20<sup>th</sup> September. Need to base this on the easy read constitution

developed by Keighley & Craven People first.

## **AOB**

- New members: -
  - Ataxia Self Help Group
  - Idle & Thackley Mens Forum
  - Diversity Exchange – as non-voting member.
  
- Bradford City Free bus – Jill reported that council decision on this has been delayed for 6 months. May be available by Christmas.

**Next Meeting:** 10.00am Thursday August 30<sup>th</sup>, Cellar Project, Shipley – venue confirmed.