



Bradford & District  
disabled people's forum

Notes of the meeting of the Forum be held on Thursday,  
28 April, 2011 at the Carlisle Business Centre, BRADFORD

**Present:** Cath Stevenson (Chair) Rita Exley  
Paul Anderson Susie Farrar  
Abdul Adeem Joan Fenton  
Amina Aham Mehmoudah Hadi  
Stephen Bailey Linda Hanson  
Lee Bottomley Craig Hudson  
Gill Bowskill Bashrat Malik  
Alice Brown Imtiaz Naqvi  
John Brown Teyyeb Rashid  
John Cooper David Swanborough  
Janet Cuff Jean Walker  
Paul Deary Geoff Watson  
Halyna Dowhan

**In attendance:** Nisa Almas, Kath Beer, Phil Cutler  
(Bradford Alliance on Community Care)  
Two BSL Interpreters

**Apologies:** Mike Allcock, Sheila Allcock, Rita Berry  
John Boyle, Sue Crowe, Trevor Ramsay,  
Peter Warwick and Emmerson Walgrove

**1. Welcome and Introduction:** Cath Stevenson (Chair)  
thanked everyone for staying on for the  
meeting which followed the Annual General  
Meeting.



2. Notes of the meeting of the Forum held on 3 February, 2011 - The notes were agreed as a correct record except it was noted Julie Thompson, BSL Interpreter was present and not Karen Seabrook.

### 3. Matters Arising



a) **Pavement Obstructions:** Cath reported that she and some representatives of the Forum had attended the meeting of the Council's Executive Meeting on 11 February. She had been able to ask a question formally about the proposed Code of Practice for Advertising Boards and Pavement Displays. The new Code of Practice had been adopted and information and publicity would be going to shopkeepers. The telephone number for members of the public experiencing access problems to ring is: 01274 431000.

b) **RADAR Empowerment Event - 17 March at Manningham Mills** A number of members had attended this event and found it informative, although there was some disappointment that some of the suggestions for topics for discussion had not been included. The Forum were instrumental in supporting RADAR to bring this event to Bradford. Paul and Emmerson had given a short presentation on the work of the Forum. Sue Haddock and Daryl Smith gave a presentation about the Disability Partnership in Bradford. There were other presentations on

the work of RADAR, hate crime, equality duties and campaigning.

c) **Taking Control of the Agenda Event - 27 January, 2011** - Copies of a short report from this event were available. It was hoped this piece of work would be taken forward by the organisations involved: BACC, Bradnet, Choice Advocacy, Contact and Disability Advice Bradford.

**4. Changes to delivery of healthcare - GP Commissioning and Consortia** - This was a key issue that Forum members had agreed should be kept on the agenda for meetings. Paul Anderson said there had been a presentation to the Strategic Disability Partnership by Damien Kay, GP Commissioning Development Lead from NHS Bradford and Airedale. He had copies of the presentation and said he could take questions back to the SDP.

Members agreed they would like more information and that they would like to have a guest speaker or organise a specific event. Susie Farrar kindly agreed to approach her GP practice - Windhill, Shipley - as she understood some of the GPs were involved in developing the GP consortia. Cath thanked Susie for the offer and asked her to liaise with Kath Beer.

**5. Benefits, cuts and other national campaigns** - Paul Anderson said disabled people were affected by national issues and it was important to keep in touch with campaigns and participate where possible. A national march, rally and lobby of Parliament 'THE HARDEST HIT:

Defending disabled people's futures' - was due to take place in London on 11 May organised by the UK Disabled People's Council (UKDPC).

He also encouraged people to take part in the HITS Campaign.

## **6. Any Other Business**

a) **Big Lunch - Sunday, 5 June** - Members were invited to bring a picnic and something to sit on at the 'Big Lunch' at 1.00 pm on Sunday, 5 June in Lister Park to join members of the Involving Disabled People Action Group. Contact Bradford Access Action for more information.

b) **Grass Roots Funding - Special Event for Forum Members** - Kath Beer reported that the Forum had been awarded £2500 from Grassroots Funding to hold a special event to celebrate disability. The event was for members - groups and individuals - to demonstrate their achievements and promote the Forum. It was agreed it form a small planning group and people were invited to give their names if they wished to help in planning the event. (Janet Cuff, Linda Hanson, Stephen Bailey, Paul Anderson and Cath Stevenson gave their names to Kath Beer.)

**7. Date of Next Meeting of the Forum** - 16 June, 2011 at 10.30 am in Rowntree 1 at the Carlisle Business Centre.