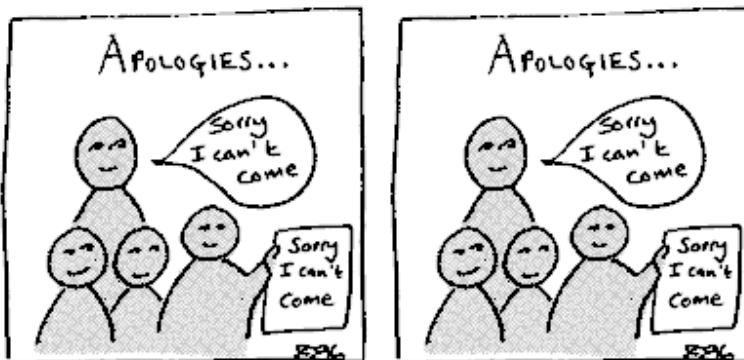


## Disabled People's Forum Steering Group Meeting Notes 28<sup>th</sup> June 2007



**Present:** Jenny Collins (Bradford RSI Group), Paul Anderson (Contact), Cath Stevenson (Workers Health Advice Team), Jill Grant (Access Action), David Parr, Sophie Watts (People First Keighley & Craven), Rebecca Ward (Bradnet) Neal Heard (BACC & Minutes)

**Apologies:** Bruce Barnes, Jagtar Bahra, John Anderson, Gill Bowskill, Mandy Lewis



## Matters arising from last meeting:

- DVD of TV show involving Contact volunteer now available from Paul.
- BAVIP may be interested in sending a representative to the forum steering group.

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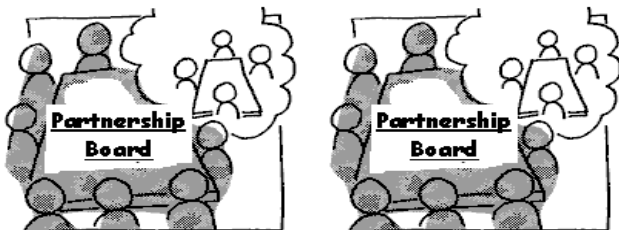


- Reminder to everyone to fill in questionnaire that has been distributed and to send Attia photographs – **this is now very urgent!** Neal to resend questionnaire/template
- Carlisle Business Centre main hall booked for 20<sup>th</sup> September between 10am & 3pm.
- Speakers confirmed Nina Stansfield – 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.

- Agreed on sandwiches, fruit, samosa's for lunch.
- Next meeting of steering group will be at Carlisle Business Centre which will give everyone a chance to have a look at hall.
- Need to book signers now – Neal to sort this out.
- Agreed to send flier and booking information out in early August. To meet with Attia to arrange design ASAP.
- Good idea to offer people freebies – Jill to talk to Daryl (Council Disability Equality Officer).

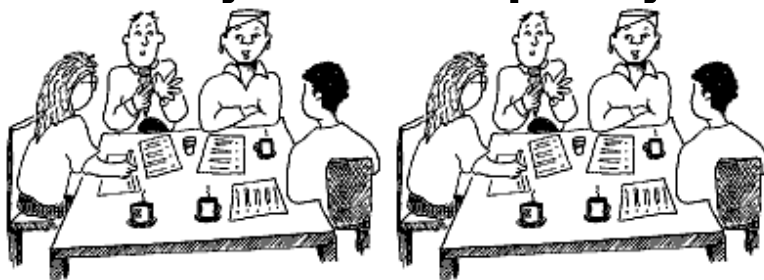
## **Strategic Partnership Board Action Groups**



- Housing Adaptations Group – cancelled
- Information – all unable to attend
- Involving Disabled People – Attended by Paul, Jill & Neal. Minutes not detailed enough to raise at next meeting 11<sup>th</sup> July.
- Paul received draft copy of Economic Strategy from Neville Roland (consultant supporting strategic partnership board) but given only a few days to send comments – this time frame was impossible to meet.

**Partnership Board meets next 25<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Involving Disabled People Action Group**  
**meets next 11<sup>th</sup> July**

## **Disability Hub & Equality Forum**

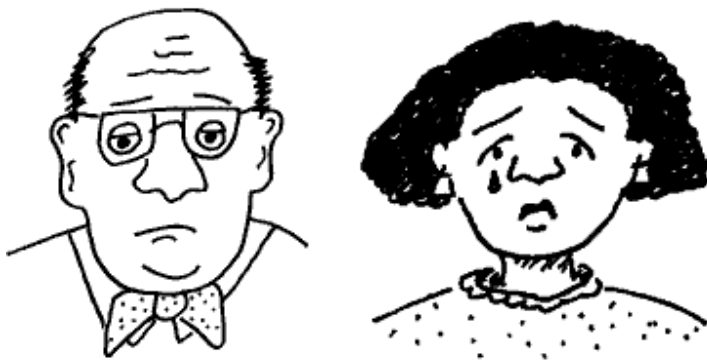


The issues raised at the Equality Forum on May 15<sup>th</sup> were raised: -

- Accessible taxis – the need for Disability Awareness training for drivers.
- Disability Awareness Training – should be disabled people driving this forward and delivering training for council employees. The first 2 issues were raised at request of the forum.
- Access to Bradford Theatres – and how this is an example of how services for disabled people are available but front line staff not aware of these!

It was felt that this sort of issue has been raised time & time again.

People felt quite sure that there wouldn't be a satisfactory response. For example: -



- Taxi licenses are issued to vehicles not drivers – so one taxi might be used

by 3 or 4 drivers. So even if training was introduced for new licenses lots of drivers would be missed. It was felt that taxi drivers are a very powerful lobby in Bradford. Jill to give Neal a copy of Access Action Taxi Survey to take to Equality Forum.

- Small theatres outside Bradford have much better access for physically disabled people.

### **Issues to take to next Disability Hub**

- What's happened to the Council Disability Equality Scheme – should have been in place in December 2006. Most other public services e.g. Police, Fire, PCT, Hospital Trust, University etc have published them.
- Revisit Taxi issue & Access issues at theatres.

**Disability Hub meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Equality Forum meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July**

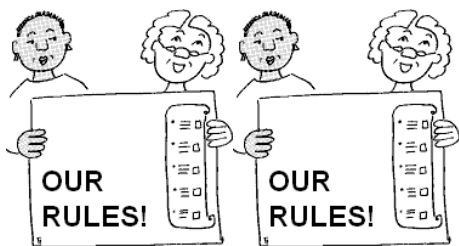
## Easier Access Event



Jenny went through main issues raised at Easier Access workshops. Neal to circulate flip chart notes.

It was felt that things had come a long way in 4 years. But Easier Access is the only district wide event that celebrates disability. Tokenism is a big issue.

## Constitution



Paul & Neal have met twice to look at the constitution.

The steering group have decided that the forum should be open to individuals &

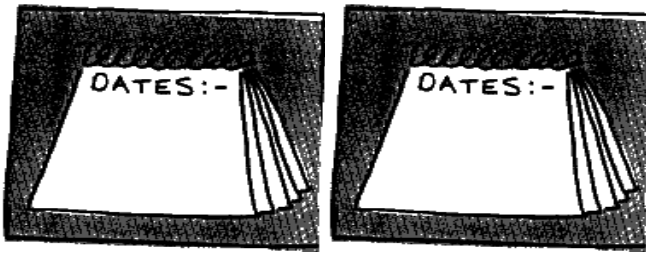
groups to join. This creates a problem if a vote ever has to be taken. What's to stop an organisation having its members join the forum as individuals and in effect having more than one vote. Model constitutions seem to be aimed at individuals or groups not both.

It was agreed that we would try & find another organisation that was open to both. Everybody to have a think about this issue.

## **AOB**

- The Learning Disability Partnership Board have established 2 task groups
  - Looking at GP's services for people with a learning disability. People First Keighley & Craven will be attending this.
  - Emergency planning for people with a LD.

Contact Mandy Lewis at MENCAP for Further information if you can make a Contribution to these groups.



**Next Meeting:** 10.00am Thursday July 19<sup>th</sup> room 71, Carlisle Business Centre.