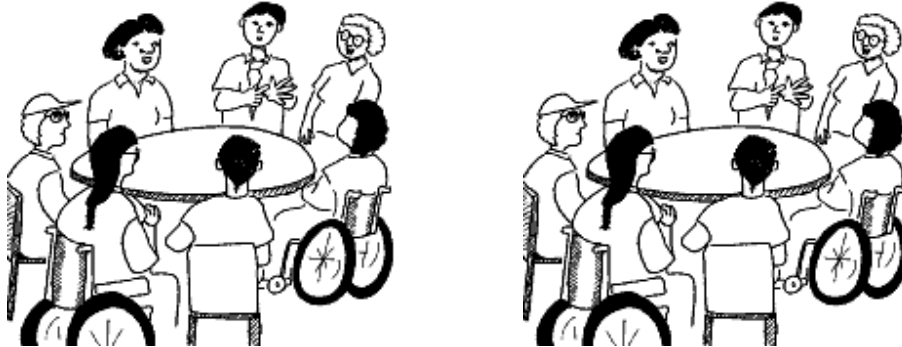
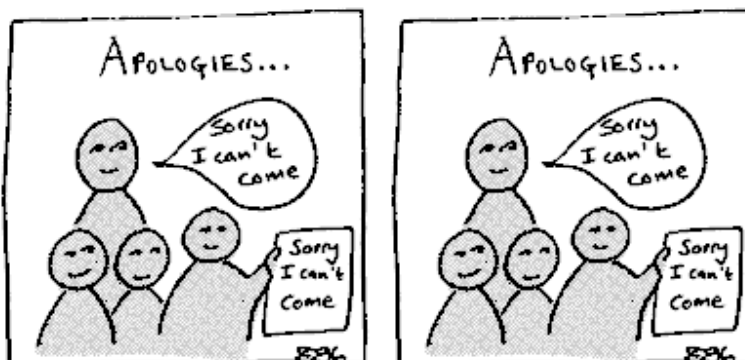


Disabled People's Forum Steering Group Meeting Notes 3rd April 2008



Present: Jill Grant (Access Action), Jagtar Bahra (People First Keighley & Craven), Dennis Rowland (Ataxia Support Group), Rebecca Ward (Bradnet), Phil Cutler (BACC), Lionel Lockley (Temple Row Centre), Neal Heard (BACC & Minutes)

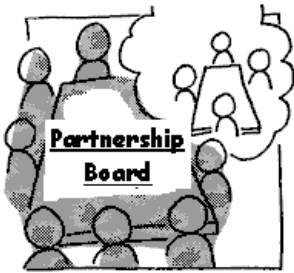
Apologies: Paul Anderson (Contact), Jenny Collins (RSI Group) Emmerson Walgrove (Mental Health Forum)



Introductions were made.

Neal gave some background to the forum & what it's working to achieve: -

- Create a stronger voice for disabled people.
- Bringing groups together across the district.



Has representation on the Strategic Disability Partnership Board & its Action Groups. These are: -

- Employment
- Involvement and Participation
- Hate Crime
- Information
- Housing & the Environment

The Forum has also been involved in campaigning around: -



- Information

- Accessible taxis

Through distributing petitions, lobbying & publicising information on the website.

The Forum has also been involved in the Easier Access conferences – running a workshop at last years.



Phil gave some information on funding: -

- Funding for the forum ended on the 31st

March

- Part salary funding available until June 30th from Safer & Stronger Communities Partnership Board. Nisa Almas from BACC would now provide development support to the forum until then.
- Funding in the whole voluntary sector currently uncertain – lots of reviews and change

- Paul Anderson (from Contact) & Phil are due to meet with Selina Ullah the BMDC assistant director with responsibility for the stronger communities areas of work on the 17th April to discuss the future of the DPF.

Lionel raised that Temple Row has some funding to develop a forum for disability



groups in the Keighley constituency area (this includes Ilkley). There was some discussion around this. It was agreed that: -

- This work needs to compliment and feed into the wider Bradford & District Disabled People's Forum.
- Everyone stressed the need to work together
- Need to develop clarity about how we work together and avoid confusing people
- Lionel agreed to contribute up to £500 for transport costs for Keighley groups

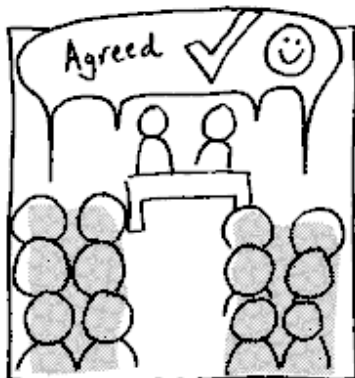
to attend Bradford & District DPF meetings.



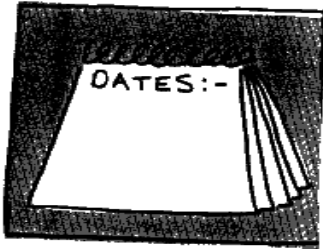
Equality Forum meeting on 15th April. Housing theme, agreed to forward the following issues to the Disability hub to be raised: -

- Lifetime homes
- Harassment & hate crime in communities particularly towards people with a learning disability
- Long delays for assessments and grants

Priorities for the forum over next 3 months would be: -



- Funding & constitution
- Campaigning
- Involving Disabled People event – 18th July.



Next Meeting: -

Discussed that next 2 meetings should be in Shipley as this was a middle point in the district and would encourage maximum attendance. Neal to book Cellar Project. However Cellar Project not available on first agreed date.

Thursday 15th May 10.00am Room 71
Carlisle Business Centre.

Thursday 19th June 10.00am Cellar
Project Shipley.