



**Notes of the Disabled People Forum held on Thursday 8 December 2011 held at the Carlisle Business Centre, 60 Carlisle Road, Bradford, BD8 8BD**

**Present:**

Cath Stevenson (Chair)	Janet Cuff
Emmerson Walgrove	John Boyle
Titch Kavanagh	Nausrat
Paul Deary	Teyebb
Geff Watson	Gill Bowskill
Maureen, Graham, Mick (Whetley Hill)	

**In Attendance:**

Sandra Brown - BACC  
Alexia Blohmpian, John Parker - BSL Interpreters

**Apologies:** Phil Cutler, Susie Farrar

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

Cath welcomed everyone and apologies noted above.

**2. Notes of the Forum Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2011**

The notes were read out by Emmerson Walgrove.

**3. Matters Arising**

Car Parks - Sandra to still follow this though

BISON Funding - Neal to chase this up

Hate Crime - Members agreed for someone to come to the Forum to talk about this issue

Page 3 of the minutes paragraph 6 regarding LINKs designing health questionnaires, Emmerson informed the group that this did not come from Bradford LINKs.

#### 4. **Group Activity**

It was decided by to do the activity as a whole group because attendance at the meeting was low and there were not enough members to split into smaller groups.

After a lot of discussion by the group it was agreed to have the MP Question Time event later in the New Year to be able to have more time to plan, and prepare.

The group began discussing the issue regarding the closure of Whetley Hill Resource Centre. Emmerson informed the group that he will arrange a meeting with Moira Stewart regarding this. Cath and Emmerson will find out when the dates are for the Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

The Forum members agreed that the questions and subject areas should be sent out to members early, and ask them to email or phone in their questions.

Members asked for the headings / themes to be simple, and to work on them with Sue Crowe from Bradford Talking Media to get the right angle on the topics so that Forum members are not made to feel embarrassed.

With regards to the topic on employment, it was suggested that for the next Forum meeting a speaker should be invited to speak on access to employment. Gill informed the group that she will ask an advisor from the Job Centre to come to the next Forum meeting, as she sits on the Employment Group. It was decided

that the next Forum Meeting will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012, 11.00am - 1.00pm. The Theme of the meeting should be on Employment.

It was also suggested that the AGM should be an agenda item for the next meeting. Cath suggested that the BISON money can go towards the Diamond Jubilee Celebration to do something similar to the 'We Can Do Event'.

#### **5. Future Dates of Meetings**

To sort out at a later time

#### **6. Any Other Business**

There were some discussions around bus passes. There seems to be some disparity for Disabled People. As from the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January 2012, disabled people with a pass will have to pay half fare. More information is on the DPF website.

Janet Cuff talked about a patient who had to pay for her nebuliser, this issue was taken to Lynne Carter as an equality issue and was told she had to go through PALS.

Titch mentioned that Metro have produced a leaflet with information on places visually impaired people can travel to. Titch also informed the group about the Go Outdoors Magazine features special protective footwear, which is especially good for icy pavement. The cost of the discount card is £5.00.

#### **7. Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012, 11am - 1pm at the Carlisle Business Centre,

