

Minutes of WAAFA Meeting 13th September 2012 at 14:00
The Colebrook Centre, Colebrook Street, Winchester, SO23 9LH

Minutes

Zanell Neethling (Administration Assistant)

Present

Keith Hatter (Visually Impaired Groups & Chair)

Davina Glanfield (Access HCC)

Janet Chierchia (Carers Forum)

Ian Barrett (WCC)

Margaret Gunn

Andy Calde-Mills (Spinal Injuries Association)

CLlr Vicki Weston (WCC)

Bruce White (Mental Health Befriending Service, WACA)

1. Apologies

Nick Coe (HCC Access Manager)

2. Previous Meeting's Minutes (19th July 2012)

These were read by Zanell Neethling and agreed to be correct.

Small amendments made regarding spelling of names; CLlr Felicity Hindson, Andy Calde-Mills, Ian Barrett, Vicki Weston.

3. Matters Arising

Steve Brine will be unable to attend event on 16th November 2012, invitations have been recently sent to Rachel Harrison etc., awaiting reply.

Letter re: benches

Not yet written about specific issue of the raised benches adjacent to the market stalls, some additional space created with removal on market days; lifted out to accommodate parades.

Action: Keith Hatter to write letter to Estates Manager (Kevin Warren) as to whether they can be removed on market days; which one's and how much space will be created?

Andy Calde-Mills Update

Contacted bus companies to find out which are most accessible, low floor and easy access. Buses were lent to paralympics "right thing to do at this time".

Dial-a-ride: costs & availability (pre-book, plan routes and allow plenty of notice).

2016 – access for busses

2020 – access for coaches (discussion)

4. "How Accesible is Winchester?" – Update

New venue confirmed for St Peter's Church Centre, Jewry Street, Winchester booked effectively and quickly via Bruce White. The Centre is a new centre, open since Christmas 2011. Parking: there is a drop-off and/or collection zone located in the church ground, alternatively there is parking available on North Walls, Tower Street or behind the Discovery Centre (8 disable parking bays available).

Additional panalists: to include Richard Holland (North Walls Police Station – local traffic) and Donna Green (Deputy Chief Executive of Basingstoke and North Hampshire Hospitals NHS Trust). Awaiting reply from Cllr Felicity Hindson (HCC) and Steve Tilbury (WCC).

Questions

Accessibility of hospitals and buses.

Ongoing campaign about guide dogs, cycling on pavements, vehicles stopping at pedestrian crossings, parking on pavements.

Action: KH to contact the access and infrastructure team of WCC (email – Andy Hickman).

5. Wheelchair Access to Winchester Station

The installation of lifts at the station is keenly anticipated, but nobody knows when this will be.

Action: Ian Barrett to look at stats regarding use of trains by access users.

6. Electric Cars

Campaign by 'Guide Dogs for the Blind' to ensure legislation requiring audible signals electric cars: "Is one second long enough..." - as in normal traffic conditions can only hear one second away from you.

7. Hampshire Chronicle – Andy Cadle-Mills Update

On back of paralympics and its legacy it would be worth suggesting having a regular feature on accessibility in Winchester in the Hampshire Chronicle.

Action: ACM to write to editor at Chronicle.

Mencap report: medals were awarded for attendance by the mayor, will be featured in the Hampshire Chronicle in the next few weeks. Consideration to make this an annual event with the community to be involved.

8. AOB

Tuesday 25th September 2012 at the Guildhall, Broadway in Winchester, Southern Health are hosting an event 'Interactive Health Fair' at 3-5pm followed by tea and members meeting.

Next Meeting will be held on 18 October 2012

At 2.00pm

WACA's Volvo Room

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