

# **WAAFA Meeting March 6<sup>th</sup> 2012.**

## **Minutes**

**Apologies** - received from Ian and Derek.

## **Previous Meeting Minutes**

These were distributed at the meeting by SB

## **Local Police**

As agreed with the local Inspector Julie Allan, 2 of her Police Community Support Officers attended the meeting and gave us a talk on their role in the community. They gave us some contact details (other than 999) for times when disabled people might need some help. These are

- Ring number 101
- Send a text message to either 999 or 101

Using these methods will get people directly into contact with the City Centre Team of PCSO's.

They said that there was a very low incidence of disability hate crime but feared that many instances are not reported.

They visit lots of groups and asked if we can supply them with the details of the 85 groups whom we supply CT Services to. Action SB

We discussed the obstruction caused by ticket machines at the entry barrier to The Brooks Car Park being at the top of the ramp where there is only room for 2 cars before the queue spills onto the onto road. SB will contact WCC and see if these can be moved to the bottom of the entry ramp to avoid this issue. Action SB

There was also a discussion on parking on pavements and it transpires that the offence, although there are some local variations, is only one of causing obstruction and so if there is still a lot of room on the pavement the PCSO's are powerless to act. Delivery vehicles are given a fairly free hand but sometimes abuse this by parking up and then going to lunch.

The 2 PCSO's explained that they are primarily there to solve problems as opposed to chasing criminals.

### **Safer Places**

Janet explained that Safer Places is going to be launched in Learning Disability Week – w/c 18<sup>th</sup> June and they will be handing out maps/cards/telephone nos. of showing all the safe places that a disabled person can access in Winchester if they feel in need of some support whilst out.

### **High St – Market Stalls**

SB will run a survey of Shopmobility users to get their comments about access issues in the High St market Action SB

### **WAAFA website**

SB will ask Andy Wales – website originator – to the next WAAFA Meeting. Act SB.  
SB sound out Maria Miller on her willingness to attend An open forum.

### **Silverhill**

SB will try to meet Andy Hickman to get the latest “heads-up” on progress Action SB

### **WAAFA PR Event – Early 2012.**

SB asked that those present email him with ideas for an event theme Action ALL

**HCC Staff Forum For The Disabled** – SB and Nick to contact HCC to see how we could set a meeting – possibility of working together

Date of next meeting April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2.30pm WACA Volvo room