

WAAFA Minutes 20140515

Winchester Area Access for All (WAAFA)

Minutes Tuesday, 15 May 2014

Present

Keith Hatter (Chair, Sight Loss), Judith Finch (Help for Heroes), Christine Winsborough (Help for Heroes), Andy Cadle-Mills (Spinal Injuries Association), Emma Snagge (Winchester GOLD / Minutes)

Apologies

Penny Parkinson (Osborne School), Kim Wallsgrove (HCC Senior Access Manager), Margaret Gunn, Cllr Jackie Porter (HCC), Cllr Victoria Weston (WCC), Janet Chierchia (Winchester Go LD), Valerie Brown

Minutes of the last meeting and Matters Arising

No further comments

Help for Heroes (HfH)

Judith explained HfH was set up in 1 October 2007 to raise funds for wounded, injured and sick soldiers post 9-11. She volunteers to raise awareness and funds for East Hants and Isle of Wight. The Band of Brothers is a support network amongst wounded and sick soldiers and the Band of Sisters are the families, friends and supporters.

Simon Harmer is a local member who is happy to be involved in events for HfH to raise awareness of the challenges faced by amputees.

Actions

- Judith agreed to request a ball park figure of HfH affected in the Winchester district.
- Keith to send WAAFA E-news link to Janet who will forward on details for local members

Access Awards

Following a successful first phase of WAAFA surveys which covered 60 shops in the High Street, 29 stickers were awarded, including one gold for Clarkes Shoe Shop. This survey was completed by members of Osborne School Yr 11s with Penny Parkinson, Ian Gilchrist, Andy Cadle-Mills, Keith Hatter and Zanell Neethling. Each shop is only surveyed by one person or team, but they can return more than once during the process.

The second phase of surveys is due to start this summer for shops in the High Street between HSBC and the Westgate, Jewry Street, Parchment Street, City Road and the lower part of the High Street The Broadway and Bridge Street to Chesil Street.

This phase of the survey will not include pubs and restaurants but will include Estate Agents and any walk in businesses, ie employment agencies. ?churches??!

Actions

- Emma and Janet to produce easy read version of survey for Go LD members and forward to Keith
- Keith to organise a press release to raise the profile of WAAFA and look for survey volunteers for local press and possibly local radio
- Keith to put advert on the volunteer website for surveyors
- Keith to ask Kim for list of shops in the 2nd phase

E-News

Keith has requested news articles from Winchester Talking Newspaper, Discovery Centre reading groups and Southampton Art Gallery Touch Tours.

Communication with Other Organisations

Walking Strategy Group

This is a group set up by Winchester District Strategic Partnership on Transport to make Winchester more pedestrian friendly for anyone who is using the pavements. There is a draft Walking Strategy which is trying to persuade those who finance infra-structure to look at routes as whole rather than individual areas. This includes removing obstacles from pavements, making paving good enough quality, including benches and to make a route attractive to the senses (ideally with less traffic).

The draft strategy has been approved and is out for consultation. The consultation meeting for WAAFA is Monday 28 May at the Discovery Centre with Cllrs Weston and Hutcheson. Margaret and KH will be there.

There is another meeting on 16 May regarding the station and the new decked car park. The Station Manager will be there. The aim is to resolve how the route through can be more pedestrian friendly and to look at the positioning of disabled parking spaces as well as accessibility and position of the parking ticket machines relative to disabled parking spaces.

There is also to be an "Access Day" for the Station new bridge with lifts etc. and WAAFA members have been invited to attend.

Parking – WCC/ Winchester Police

Keith is still logging and reporting the issue of parking on pavements. Guide Dogs are also doing a national campaign on this. Legislation comes under the 1983 Road Traffic Act but it seems to be at the discretion of the local authority and there are caveats. For instance WCC have said parking on a pavement is allowed on Sundays in some locations. Keith is encouraging people to report to police via the telephone number 101. Alternatively he has a local contact at North

Walls who is logging them under one incident number. So if anyone has any information Keith will pass this on. There is also an online reporting facility.

Winchester Spotlight on Dementia – 3 June

Vessi Wharton, Dementia Friendly Communities has a session on 3 June in Winchester to launch the campaign. All shops and interested organisations are invited.

Action

Keith to circulate details

Mixer Event, HCC – 11 June

HCC are organising a networking event for community organisations at QE2. Organisations are invited to have a stall or table and there is an opportunity for a 3 minute presentation to the room.

Action

Keith is going on behalf of WAAFA and will organise and print flyers

Discovery Centre re Room Hire

The Discovery Centre would charge £20 /hour for a meeting room. It is hoped that HCC or WCC could provide a monthly meeting room for WAAFA more cheaply or even free of charge.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 19 June (Colebrook Centre), 15 July, (Ashburton Hall, QEII Court)