

**WAAFA Minutes 20140715**

**Winchester Area Access For All (WAAFA) Meeting**

**Held Tuesday, 15 July 2014 at 2:00pm**

**Denning Room, HCC HQ, Elizabeth II Court, Sussex Street, Winchester**

**1. Present:** Keith Hatter (Chair, Visual Impairment), Zanel Neethling (Minutes Secretary), Rhodri Dean (HCC Access Team), Kim Walsgrove (HCC Access Team), Mike Green (WADSAD), Andy Cadle-Mills (Spinal Injuries Association), Margaret Gunn (Wheelchair user), Janet Chierchia (Winchester GOLD).

**2. Apologies:** PCSO Dawn Gretton (Northwalls Police Station), Penny Parkinson (Osborne School)

**3. Minutes:** Of meeting held 19 June 2014 were read and agreed.

**4. Matters Arising:**

**4.1 E-news:** Article received from RD, shows diversity of facilities to which access is maintained for all. Promise received by KH for an article from HCC employee who is a European Athletics Triathlon winner who is visually impaired. In September 2014 he is competing in World Championships in Canada and KH will interview him after this.

**4.2 Parking on pavements:** PC Craig Shears's successor, PCSO Dawn Gretton, had agreed to attend the meeting, but was unable to attend.

**4.3 Future meetings:** KW has kindly offered to find space for meetings here at HCC HQ, mornings were suggested at 11.30am – 1pm. This will be confirmed. Not necessary to read minutes suggested and to capture action points at end of minutes.

**4.4 Hampshire household waste recycling centre (HWRC):** Havant Access Team has issues with parking at Waterlooville centre, reason they are located at either end is because that is where the staff are located and easier to see if they need assistance, reason don't want to put in centre as access group is suggested: 1. If a van is parked in front, they won't be able to see them and 2. Worried about it causing a tripping hazard (the path). Access Team are looking at these issues.

**4.5 Welfare Reform Act event:** Looking at March 2015, made enquiries about WCC "Have Your Say" Grant and we have been reassured, although money has to be spent in 6 months, next March should be ok for us. Note on September meeting: to contact CAB (Citizens' Advice Bureau) for benefits advisor to come and talk and update people to confirm date for event. Also idea for workshop later this year in October/November to help/discuss problems of going through application process. Decision to concentrate on next March 2015.

**4.6 Google Webmaster:** ZN will register WAAFA on the Google Webmaster.

**4.7 WAAFA Access Award Film:** Have not heard from Garry about response for producing a film. ACM knows someone in the Media course at Winchester University, suggested to contact tutor to write in September if anyone would be willing to do a film.

**4.8 Walking strategy group:** Have incorporated a route through car park into Andover Road to Station. Will be submitted as part of draft walking strategy. WCC is going to be presented with, any time now, in the hope that they will adopt it and do something about it. Next meeting of Walking Strategy Group on 28 July at which strategy will be discussed and finalised and submitted to WCC (includes suggestions by ACM of accessibility of parking ticket machines and positioning of disabled parking bays etc.).

**5. Treasurer's Report:** n/a

**6. PCSO Dawn Gretton (Northwalls Police Station):**

Taken over PC Shears's role in community safety team at Northwalls Police Station. KH is continuing to log these incidents of parking on pavements and submitting them to Dawn every few weeks. The situation is complicated; as KH understands it is not strictly illegal to park on pavements, unless in London (Code60). In most cases here in Winchester, from what KH has been told by Richard Hein (Parking Manager) the pavements in Winchester, and other places outside London deemed to be part of the road, public highway. If causing an obstruction or parking on yellow lines or parking restrictions apply they will be issued with a fixed penalty notice. Apart from that it seems it is lawful to park on pavements. PCSO Dawn Gretton will shed more light on this at next meeting Agenda item. Scaffolding and skips have guidelines, but rules are not enforced. KH has encountered problems with this too. Also on parking on pavements there are two national campaigns: RNIB and Guide Dogs for the blind to make parking on pavements illegal. In November 2013 Communities' Secretary Eric Pickles said that people should not, even where it is the law, be prosecuted. On 21 June 2014 there was report on Today programme that Eric Pickles was going to seek to enact, or invoke provisions within existing, legislation to prevent local authorities using mobile CCTV to detect parking offenses.

**7. Access Awards – Phase II:**

The forms have arrived from printers. MENCAP have put dates in diary and are going to support people to do it before and after groups meet on Tuesday and Friday at Discovery Centre; all of City Road, Jewry Street and up to Broadway by end of August. JC will report back in September 2014 at meeting. 50 premises in total. That leaves; Parchment Street, St George's Street, Southgate Street, Upper Brook Street, Middle Brook Street, and top bit of High Street. Suggested to perhaps have another Award Ceremony in Autumn 2014 and then another in Spring 2015. No response from Toby North as yet. Also won funding award for Adobe XI Pro programme for converting the Questionnaires into PDF. Awarded £313 and suggested to obtain rest of money from WAAFA funds (total for programme £449).

**8. First Independent Review of the Personal Independence Payment (PIP)**

**Assessment:**

Questionnaire for claimants and people acting on behalf of claimants about the process of claiming. If you haven't had to do it, then you cannot complete the questionnaire. The questionnaire seems to be fairly open ended; about face-to-face interviews, getting there, competency of interviews etc. Scope to identify and describe difficulties, rather than

anticipated difficulties DWP thought of.

### **9. Communications with other organisations:**

Most which are relevant have been circulated.

**9.1 Campaign by RNIB:** About busses and driver awareness; for people with all forms of disability. Mention drivers pulling away before people with disabilities have had opportunity to get to seat or wheelchair anchored. In April 2014 government declined opportunity to sign up to European legislation to make disability awareness training mandatory for bus drivers, bus companies say they do it anyway so what is point of using legislation; however, as ACM has pointed out and KH experienced, this is the sort of thing that needs to be covered in awareness training. RNIB campaign: 'On Board' to persuade bus driver companies to do driver awareness training.

**9.2 Talking busses:** Now available on Winchester – Southampton route. This is ongoing national campaign.

**9.3 SENDPO:** Have next meeting on Friday 18 July at Caxton Hall in London along with a launch event for Mission Resources – Confidence (scheme whereby they are going to assist or train ULO's in negotiating with funding bodies). Potentially could be useful, but will presumably be holding workshops etc. more locally throughout the area. SPECTRUM CIL have contract with HCC to deliver workshops, have already had two on funding and social media, also another one of July 2014.

**9.4 Winchester Deserves Better (Silverhill Development):** Cllr Gottlieb - against the consensus for Silverhill Development. The plans are on display at Guildhall until Friday this week. Cllr Weston has assured us she is aware of the need for a changing places toilet to be incorporated. Plans in place to get one in Discovery Centre.

**9.5 Dementia Friendly Communities Action Group:** Vessi Wharton sent email requesting if people wanted to sign up to the Action Group.

### **10. AOB:**

**10.1 Event attended by ACM:** Visiting HCC establishment, Lepe Country Park, went to use the toilet on a Sunday; all was open except the disabled toilet. KW said that if no warden on duty, there is no one available to assist disabled person and there would be no one to assist you. KW thought mobile pager system was going to be used, she will look into this and what was wrong with the disabled toilet.

**10.2: Colleague in environment dept.:** MSc in inclusive shared services – to put in touch with WAAFA about how services affect them etc.

The meeting ended at 3.40pm.

Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 18 September 2014 at HCC HQ, Elizabeth II Court, Sussex Street, Winchester, SO23 8UJ (time and room to be confirmed **by email**).

### **Action Points:**

**4.1 KH will interview HCC employee for e-news in September 2014.**

**4.2 PCSO Dawn Gretton still agenda item for next meeting.**

**4.3 KW will confirm venue and meeting dates.**

**4.5 September to contact CAB (Jenny Meadows) to confirm date for Welfare Reform Act event.**

**4.6 ZN will register WAAFA on Google Webmaster.**

**4.7 September to contact Winchester University Media tutor for producing a short film on Access Awards.**