

WAAFA Minutes 20150319

Winchester Area Access for All (WAAFA) Meeting

Held Thursday, 19 March 2015 at 11.30am

At HCC QE Court II, The Castle, Sussex Street, Winchester, (Nightingale Room)

1. Present: Keith Hatter (Chairman, Visual Impairment), Zanell Neethling (Minutes Secretary), Mike Green (WADSAD), Margaret Gunn (Wheelchair User), Andy Cadle-Mills (Wheelchair User, Spinal Injuries Association), Janet Chierchia (Winchester GOLD), Emily Messenger (Bluebird Care).

2. Apologies: Jim Morey (Gosport Access Group), Penny Parkinson (osborne School).

3. Minutes: Action Points from minutes of meeting held 19 February 2015 were read and agreed.

4. Matters Arising:

4.1 Stopping on pedestrian crossings: Police have sent letters to two drivers whose registration numbers KH obtained, no prosecution has been made, but letters have been sent to them in attempt to highlight seriousness of issue.

4.2 E-newsletter: New issue will launch next week.

5. Treasurer's Report:

JC advised to apply for Awards for All grant for amount of £9,850.00 and to open up our own bank account. JC, KH and ZN will register their names on the account. CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) registration instead of official registered charity; if a registered charity, Trustees are responsible for debt, but if CIO gives Trustees limited liability, but still covered by all rules and regulations of charity commission, but annual return only to be made to them solely.

6. Good Accessibility Scheme – Presentation Event, Next Phase:

Firstly, aware that we have had to move the Access Awards ceremony from 23 March to Monday 13 April 2015 at 6pm at Abbey House, Winchester. Osborne School surveys completed and collected at this meeting by ZN for transcribing. WAAFA has contacted Peter Symonds College about possibly assisting with volunteers, unlikely to have response in time for Phase 2. Worth contacting Winchester University about volunteers (MG).

Winchester GOLD will volunteer to complete some more surveys for Phase 3.

Photographer, Sarah Gascoigne, has been confirmed for the Award Ceremony in April.

Suggested for analysis meeting on Thursday 2 April in the afternoon – to be confirmed.

Action: Follow up request for volunteers with education institutions in Winchester.

7. Information Day Event 2015:

Hampshire Romany's unable to attend our meetings or event, they had provisionally asked for a stand, now withdrawn. West Hampshire CCG confirmed, and Ross Smith (Independent Consultancy) etc. Also registered online at Eventbrite. Emily Messenger will assist with a Press Release.

Action: email poster to Emily Messenger (Bluebird Care) for stand.

Action: to email poster to stand list of attendees requesting to advertise on web.

Action: contact Chronicle/Echo on 'what's on' – free for advert and Observer.

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Action: Radio (Winchester FM or hospital radio), Enham Trust etc.

8. Communications with other organisations:

8.1 Station Approach: Redevelopment consultation document issued in autumn 2014, however this is now extended to a series of Workshops, one of which KH attended on 10 March 2015, for residents and other stakeholders. Steve Tilbury (WCC Corporate Director) gave consultation on what envisaged this would be; nature of development and area. Basic idea: clearly it is right for development; there are 3 types of sites – unused, Local Authority owned and privately owned from Gladstone Street to Worthy Lane; development of sites should be encouraged. Used or reused by local authorities and private sites. The whole development to be private sector driven, council sites could be sold off, for appropriate private development, under monitoring and planning. WCC is assured that there is a high demand for private sector development (restaurants, café etc. and high quality office space). It could attract firms who want office space, easy to reach by rail, but will be carefully moderated to be consistent with area. Many stakeholders at the meeting thought the design brief should be based upon the area's being a "gateway to the City" when being put out to tender by architects.

8.2 Baroness Thomas: introduced 1 hour debate in House of Lords, encouraging and imploring that all hotels are asking the Government to have better facilities for disabled people. Monday 23 February 2015. Also campaigning hard on 'Moving About Descriptor' in PIP assessment with regards to 50metre issue, and for assessment companies (Atos and Capita) to specifically mention 4 reliability criteria included and used in the Act to clients.

8.3 Winchester Disabled Parking Bays: Cossack Lane in Winchester by Middlebrook Street, consultation from Ian Way (WCC Parking Department) which mentions increasing number of bays from 3 to 6, but also making them dual purpose for wheelchair and baby/pram/buggy user's as well. Brian Seaman, Andy Cadle-Mills and Kim Walsgrove (HCC Access Manager) have responded to this, and mentioned their concerns, on which Ian Way responded to say that it will be a trial to see if it works. Friarsgate Car Park is closing this week due to dangerous state of building.

8.4 HCC Adult Services Event: Implementation of Changes to Care Act (October 2014) how HCC will implement these changes, 21 April 2015 at The Discovery Centre at 10am.

8.5 Alison Hull from HCC Public Transport: One of her colleagues will come to future WAAFA meeting to speak about accessibility to public transport.

8.6 Personal Health Budgets: Received on 6th March from Rachel Tomlinson, Hampshire pilot scheme to assess, how personal health budgets have affected certain people.

8.7 WACA: is to be merged in April 2015 with Havant and East Hampshire Community First (CVS). WACA members invited to meeting on 31st March to vote this move through.

8.8 SENDPO members meeting: Next Thursday 26th March in Woking.

8.9 British Transport Police: KH received report of issue with vehicles parking on pavement at the station, also in connection to building work taking place, but still issue with vehicle blocking pavement towards the station, this issue seems to be sorted out for the moment.

9. AOB: MG (Margaret Gunn) and JC, Report in media of a partially sighted man hitting a roofer's van with his cane and damaging a wing mirror when he walked into it.

The meeting ended at 13:15.

Dates of next meeting – **Please note all meeting until November 2015 will be held at the Winchester GOLD offices at The Winchester Discovery Centre (library) – please ask at reception if you are unsure:**

Thursdays; 16th April, 21st May, 18th June, 16th July, 17th September, 15th October and 19th November 2015.

Action Points:

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