



**Peers Connections Group (for learning Disabilities)
Meeting minutes of 05 Sept 2016, 10am
Emerald Suite, Open Door, Albion Street**

Attendees

Phillip Dumbrell (Chair/Treasurer), Ronald Bull (Vice Chair), Stephen Blackburn (Volunteer & Recruitment), Alfred Dumbrell (Events Officer), John Marsh (Events Assistant), Susan Wright (H & S Officer),

Apologies

Julian Porte (Member), Robert Dumbrell (Member), Barry Jones (Member)
Mick Inkson (Member), Nona Inkson (Co-Public Relations), Kenneth Loraine (Member),
Mary Loraine (Member), Pauline Long (Committee),

Welcome

Chair welcomed those in attendance which started at 10:00am.

Minutes of previous meeting

Chair handed minutes of the last meeting dated 01 August 2016.
It was agreed by Alf Dumbrell and seconded by John Marsh.

Matters Arising from previous minutes

No matters arising from the previous minutes.

Chairs Update

- Volunteer Hours to date
- Lottery Finance Update
- Website
- Events

Volunteer Hours

Chair circulated a copy of the completed hours that has been completed since September 2015.

Included are:

- Information Centre
- Consultations
- Events
- Outreach
- Secretarial

From September 2015 until 13 August 2016 was a total of 5,452.5 hours, which is a so far total of £46,346.25



Financial and Lottery

Up until 31 August 2016, there was £3,045.51 unspent allocated funds in the Treasurers Account.

Website

Phill mentioned that the website is updated weekly. Updated on the layout of the website background.

Any suggestions please contact him in the usual way.

Sue updated the group on the progress of researching the new Health and Safety Procedures for the volunteer sector, which the portfolio is still growing.

Ronnie mentioned that he met up with David Roberts, who is the Managing Director of the NHS and he went to see him about the update of the Red Heart Appeal. Ronnie also added the Phill is now the Vice Chair of that group. Whilst Verena is now Secretary.

John updated the group of Cheerful Chums. They just come back from a trip to London for Bank Holiday. If you want to join Cheerful Chums (Based at Open Door on Mon 9-4, Wed 9-4 and Fri 12-4), you can join the many who help all disabilities that attend, they also do arts and crafts and Bingo, with more besides. They are also planning their next trip.

Verena updated her communications report from the last forum meeting. These included:

- ☺ A poster of the Timeline Event
- ☺ Requiring permission from the Freeman Street market management
- ☺ Emailed Geoff Bedam, Richard Boldersen and George Black from Bygones
- ☺ More work is being done to advertise Cheerful Chums
- ☺ More is being done to advertise the Info Centre

Phill updated the group on his progress. He is now a Community Health Champion promoting getting the general public to have a healthier lifestyle, and mentioned about the potential new project that the lottery could fund over the next 12 months. This will be "Mental Health with LD explained"

Alf is still waiting for the funding from the Big Lottery for the H.S.A.G. project. Has a Neighbourhood Watch meeting at the Town Hall on 20 Sept. They will mention about the update of the website and have a guest speaker.

If you want to have a Neighbourhood watch in your area, please get in contact with him and he will point you in the right direction.



Break Time

There was a brief refreshment break before the meeting took its second part.

Events & Outreach

Phill handed out the latest magazine of the PCG.

There are outreach venues that PCG goes to:

- ∞ Grimsby Library – 1st Tuesday of the month
- ∞ Cleethorpes Library – 1st Wednesday of the month
- ∞ DPoW – TBC
- ∞ Open Door – 1st Thursday of the month

For the events, the group discussed on the days available that the future events are held on and the possible different venues.

There will be 5 PCG fundraising events instead of 8, held from May until Sept or Oct and based on Mental Health organisations.

There will be a Christmas Raffle organised with the assistance of Verena. The funds will go to 2 charities. These are Cystic Fibrosis and KDARS (Kidney Disease and Renal Support)

Dates for Diary

Check out the Information Centre for all event dates at the Freeman Street Market. Open Tuesday's, Thursday's, Friday's and Saturday's.

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Invitations

None at present

Meeting Closed

Close of meeting 11:30am

Dates, Time and Venue of next meeting

03 Oct 10am Emerald Suite. Open Door, Albion Street, Grimsby

07 Nov 10am Emerald Suite. Open Door, Albion Street,

05 Dec 10am Emerald Suite. Open Door, Albion Street,

02 Jan 2017 10am Emerald Suite. Open Door, Albion Street,