



**Peers Connections Group (for learning disabilities)  
Meetings minutes of 03 Oct 2016, 10am  
Emerald Suite, Open Door, Albion Street**

**Attendees**

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

**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 am. And mentioned the housekeeping rules.

**Introductions**

The members of the group introduced themselves. Chair introduced the new member to the group. Her name is Sara Noding. It was agreed that she was to be appointed as Secretary of the group. Sara will now continue until things change in the future.

**Minutes of previous meeting**

Chair handed minutes from the last meeting dated 05 September 2016. They were agreed by everyone and seconded by everyone.

**Matters arising from previous minutes**

No matters arising from previous minutes at this present time.

**Chairs Update**

- ✚ Volunteer Hours to date
- ✚ Finance Completion
- ✚ Website
- ✚ Next Lottery Project
- ✚ Social Enterprise



### Volunteer Hours

Chair circulated a copy of the “Grand Total volunteer hours,” dated from 13 Sept 2015 to 10 Sept 2016 were as follows:

	Total Hours	Hourly Rate	Grand Total
Information Centre	3,174	£8.50	£26,974.75
Outreach Venues	119	£8.50	£1,011.50
Consultations	181	£8.50	£1,534.25
Events	364	£8.50	£3,089.75
Secretarial	2,184	£8.50	£18,564.75
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>6,021</b>	<b>£8.50</b>	<b>£51,174.25</b>

### Finance Completion

Phill mentioned that he spoke to the Lottery about the project, which had recently closed on 08 September 2016. There was a mention about the allocated funds left available. This was agreed and to continue to finalise anything connected to that project. It was also agreed that Peers Connections Group can apply for further funding at any time.

### Website

Phill mentioned that he had re-jigged the website. There a couple of video links on the website for awareness. There are now 5 buttons on the website for NELDA instead of 4 and there is a new email address for the group has been added, which is now [info@peersconnectionsgrrouponelincs.org](mailto:info@peersconnectionsgrrouponelincs.org).

### Next Lottery project

Mental Health with LD explained. This will be the new project with Peers Connections Group.

People / organisations taking part are:

-  Heart beaters
-  HSAG
-  Julie Martin – Psychic Reader
-  Kelly Chester – No Nonsense Fitness Groups

### Social Enterprise

The new enterprise is to work alongside Claire Wollington and the Demolition Experts from HOPE (Falls Prevention and Respiratory Service) to help with the effects of the demolition of the houses and high rise flats behind Freeman Street. She is going to assist the group in setting up the enterprise at a reasonable cost. This is with the last projects funding. Help is needed to design a logo for the Enterprise. The Name of the new organisation will be “Positively Disabled”, which is going to be an umbrella group and will look at the positive side of being disabled, autistic etc. and



having other groups on board to communicate with each other. Included with the enterprise, will also include activity groups.

### **Membership**

There has been a restricted spending on certain criteria. If we join VANEL as a group, there will be a £25 charge. Then there may be some considerations of discounts for any training we want to do through them

### **Events and Outreach**

Phill mentioned that if the lottery bid was successful, the Peers Events will include Fundraising and support other mental health charities in the area.

He also handed out The Alzheimer's Society October Newsletter 2016.

N.E.L.D.A's next meeting is 24<sup>th</sup> Nov 10-12.30 pm at Open Door.

Autism Forum is 17<sup>th</sup> October 9.30-11.30 am at Open Door.

Keep Fit at Open Door 5-6.30pm.

### **Other Handouts**

There were other handouts that was given to the members. These included; Detailed projection of a financial report, DWP latest update dated Aug 2016 and Sept 2016.

### **Updates**

**Sara** asked about the DWP stopping reassessments for long-term sick, updates can be gained from Ian Hammond every month

**Sue** asked if there could be more info with regards to closed groups, people are having their mobility taken away and leaving them housebound.

**Ronnie** stated that he had his meeting with David Roberts and is trying to get more people involved with the Red Heart Appeal.

**John** updated us on how Cheerful Chums was going, one of their members was feeling suicidal before attending the group and now after attending sessions they are starting to feel better. Cheerful Chums are at Open Door Monday 9-4, Wed 9-4 and Fri 12-4.

**Alf** is waiting to put in another bid from the Big Lottery for the H.S.A.G project as one bid failed. He will be attending the Neighbourhood Watch Meeting at Town Hall on December 16. The Police Commissioner is to discuss new policing, more police on the beat and P.C.S.Os. Neighbourhood Watch Groups are expanding more in the UK than in America.

**Stephen** had received complaints from Asda customers with regards to cars parked side by side on drop kerb on Cobden Street, the council deals with this while the zebra crossing is dealt with by Asda. Phil advised to contact Martin Asquith at Highways.



### **Dates for Diary**

Older Peoples Advice Day 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016, 10 am – 3pm

### **A.O.B**

Discussions took place with regards to information centre, too many people??? A mobility scooter parked in front of centre; need to find somewhere else to park it so people can see information on offer.

### **Meeting Closed**

Close of meeting 11.30 am

### **Dates, Times and Venue of next meeting**

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

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

02 Jan 10am Emerald Suite, Open Door, Albion Street, Grimsby