



**Peers Connections Group (for learning Disabilities)
Meeting minutes of 01 Aug 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), Barry Jones (Member)

Apologies

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

Welcome

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

Minutes of previous meeting

Chair handed minutes of the last meeting dated 06 June 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 June 18 2016 was a total of 4,207 hours, which is a so far total of £35,755.25



Website

Phill mentioned that the website is updated weekly. New photos, blog, school time/holidays and slight re write.

Any suggestions please contact him in the usual way.

Peers Connections Group Events

Phill asked those in attendance of their reaction to why did many organisations did not turn up at the groups venues.

This was then to be put forward by asking the Communications Assistant (Verena Harris), to put that question across to the organisations. To get their feedback.

The next events that PCG are in attendance are the following:

Grimsby Rugby Club-Scartho, 03 Aug at 10am until 3pm

Weelsby Woods-Weelsby Road, 21 Aug at 12pm until 5pm

Group and organisational updates

Barry who is new to the group has updated on his work with Alzheimer's and Children with Asperger's.

Sue updated the group on the progress of researching the new Health and Safety Procedures for the volunteer sector.

Ronnie mentioned that he is now Chairman of the Red Heart Appeal which is waiting for funding to reopen up a charity shop. The Disabled Disco in which he is fighting for a proper and cheaper venue for the disco. He is also in the middle of writing his first book about he has achieved what he couldn't achieve through mental health.

John updated the group of Cheerful Chums. They just come back from a trip to London. 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.

Alf told the group that he has been involved with Neighbourhood Watch for at least 6 years and lives in an area with many elderly residents.

Still waiting for the funding to come through for HSAG (Housing Support). This helps Tenants and Residents in the borough of North East Lincolnshire, receive the right support in housing needs from their Private or Local Housing Association Landlords.

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Invitations

Inviting guest speakers to these meetings will benefit the LD groups. For instance:

Highways

Traffic

Crisis Team

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Magazines

Verena has come up with an idea of producing our own community magazine. It will also be funded through advertising.

Meeting Closed

Close of meeting 11:30am

Date, Time and Venue of next meeting

01 Aug 10am Emerald Suite. Open Door, Albion Street, Grimsby

05 Sept 10am Emerald Suite. Open Door, Albion Street, Grimsby

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