



**Peers Connections Group (for learning disabilities)
Meetings minutes of 05 Dec 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), Lisa Postle (Member)

Apologies

Sara Noding (Secretary), 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 (Researcher)

Welcome

Chair welcomed those in attendance which started at 10 am. And mentioned about the housekeeping rules.

Minutes of previous meeting

Chair handed minutes from the last meeting dated 07 November 2016. The minutes was agreed my all-in attendance.

Amendments

There were no amendments required at present.

Matters arising from previous minutes

No matters arising from previous minutes at this present time.

Chairs Update

- **Lottery**-Funding refused due to similar criteria of the last funding and similar wording of the last project. Need to alter the criteria of the funding, so it involves those with LD. This will be over to you in the group to find out criteria.
- **Website**-Website pages include:
 - New contacts page with different types of contacts (please let us know who to add)-autism awareness, mental health, learning disabilities, other organisations
 - New background
 - Pinterest app
 - Winter Crime Prevention Document added for easy read
 - Changed the background of the website with Merry Christmas and Happy New year



- **Social Enterprise**-Received more hints and tip on the social enterprise and looking at potential buildings for alternative funding, including Heritage Lottery and Buildings fund.
- **Advertising Literature**-Produced 2 new literature and on the 3rd. these are; Blood Pressure Checks, New Peers Connections Group, and working on
- **Other**- Been to a Funding fair at Centre 4 in Wooten Road in Nunsthorpe last month hosted by and looked out for funding opportunities with Ronnie. Also, business enterprise.

Updates

Sue -No updates at this present time.

Ronnie -Read Heart Appeal still in progress. Toilets in DPoW Hospital will begin to take shape from Jan 2017.

John -There is still a bit of a struggle with advertising and receiving increased membership for Cheerful Chums. The group went Doncaster in December. Cheerful Chums are at Open Door Monday 9-4, Wed 9-4 and Fri 12-4.

Lisa- No updates to report at present.

Alf – H.S.A.G, waiting to hear from Lottery. NHW Thurs 8 from 6pm at Town Hall with new Police Crime Commissioner Keith Hunter as guest speaker.

Phillip- All in Chairs report.

Stephen-No updates at this present time.



Break Time

Phill left the meeting at 10:40. The group had a small break for 10 minutes. This was from 10:50am – 11am.

A.O.B

AD-Housing Strategy survey from the council.

Memory Tree for those who wish to remember their loved ones, based at the information centre in the freeman street market. Public to donate funds.

Christmas Raffle. Prizes to be one on 23 Dec at 2pm, £1 per strip. Money raised goes to Cystic Fibrosis and KDARs for Kids.

Name Cards. To help the funding of the group to survive. John will take name cards to Cheerful Chums to win prize.



Outreach Surgeries

Alf mentioned that there are outreach venues at the following places to advertise our disability group;

- Grimsby Library-1st Tuesday 1pm-3pm
- Cleethorpes Library-1st Wednesday 1pm-3pm
- Open Door-1st Thursday 11am-12pm
- Ice House-2nd Wednesday 11am-1pm
- Freeman Street Market-Every Friday 10am-2pm

Depression

Alf mentioned that depression can affect different people in different ways. In some cases, most people require extra help is needed. That is why we need to set up a forum for people with depression and mental health issues.

Meeting Closed

Close of meeting 11.20 am

Dates, Times and Venue of next meeting

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

06 Feb 10am Emerald Suite, Open Door, Albion Street, Grimsby

06 March 10am Emerald Suite, Open Door, Albion Street, Grimsby