



**Peers Connections Group (for learning disabilities)
Meetings minutes of 03 April 2017, 10am
Emerald Suite, Open Door, Albion Street**

Welcome

Chair welcomed those in attendance which started at 10:00 am. He mentioned to those in attendance about the housekeeping rules, (fire safety procedures, toilets, refreshments, bags, sticks and mobile phones).

Attendees

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

Apologies

Robert Dumbrell (Member), Sara Noding (Secretary), Sebastian Turkington, Pauline Long (Researcher), Verena Harris (Communications Assistant), Barry Jones (Member), Mick Inkson (member), Nona Inkson (Co-Public Relations), Kenneth Loraine (Member), Mary Loraine (Member),

Minutes of previous meeting

Chair handed minutes from the last meeting dated 06 March 2017. The minutes was proposed in agreement by all.

Amendments

There were no amendments required at present.

Matters arising from previous minutes

No matters arising at present.

Update

Chair

Phill mentioned about the website was updated with links to some common disabled toilets. Produced handouts on the DWP.

Red Heart Appeal

The Red Heart Appeal is still going strong. Producing an Easter Raffle which is drawn in the 15 April at 3pm in the Freeman Street Market.

Getting some more stuff from the hospital, including letters, posters, collection boxes and so on. Earmarked to produce an article in the Grimsby Telegraph.



SB- No reports to date

AD-Toilets. At the end of the month, Garibaldi Street will be closed. Now all Neighbourhood Watch meetings meet at Cromwell Road Fire Station as costs are tight.

HA-Still thinking about a medium / psychic event sometime in the summer. Spiders Web or other ideal venues for the event. Still organising more items connected to jewellery for the Big Red Heart Appeal.

JM-As from last month, looking for potential new premises for Cheerful Chums, hopefully successful with someone looking on their behalf.

SR- Considerable Health and Safety issues with top town.



Break Time

The group had a small break for 5 minutes. This was from 11:05am – 11:10am.

A.O.B

Sara Noding

As Sara has moved to a new town, she is no longer secretary of the Peers Connections Group.

Mental Health

New support group to begin and needs advertising for Peers Connections Groups Mental Health Support Group. This will start from July after Junes AGM.

Christopher Shipway

It was discussed in the meeting, even of his absence, the chair mentioned about his behaviour of alleged malicious communications of a bomb threat, which he admitted in writing. The group members were asked on what to do with him. The members then decided to ask the chair to write a formal letter and end his membership due to gross misconduct.



Dates for Diary

Date	Time	Event	Venue	Further Info.
Sat 1 April	11am to 2pm	VANEL's Big Board Game Day	People's Park	to raise money for NSPCC
Sun 2 April	11am to 5pm	Charity Walk	Humber Bridge	To raise money for Carers Support Service
10 April	1pm to 3pm	Diabetes support group	Open Door	Diabetes holding a support group
10 April	10am to 4pm	Climb 4 Holiday Club	The Warehouse	Arts, crafts, drama, dance and music for ages 4-16
18 April	10am to 4pm	Free Woodland Crafts	Duke of York Gardens	Woodcrafts and carving in the park
29 April	9am to 4pm	FOCH History Bus Trip	Armouries, Leeds	Friends of Cleethorpes Heritage Bus trip- Royal Armouries
12 May	2pm to 4pm	Total Transport Focus Group	Grimsby Town Hall	Focus group about transport
10 June	All day		Freeman Street Market	Festival of music, arts, organisations, and so on
16 June	7pm to 11:45pm	Charity Summer Ball 2017	Forest Pines Hotel & Golf Resort	Black tie fundraiser, 3 course meal, £45pp in aid of Carers Support Centre

∞ Further dates at the Information Centre in the Freeman Street Market

Meeting Closed

Close of meeting 11.30 am

Dates, Times and Venue of next meetings

04 May 10am Emerald Suite, Open Door, Albion Street, Grimsby

05 June 10am Emerald Suite, Open Door, Albion Street, Grimsby AGM

03 July 10am Emerald Suite, Open Door, Albion Street, Grimsby