

Bracknell Forest Voluntary Sector Forum Meeting

held at the Easthampstead Baptist Church
on 13 January 2009 at 9.30am

Minutes

Barbara Briggs (Carers UK)	BB	+	Graham McMoneagle (Building Bridges)	GM	-
Ed Glasson (Federation of Community Groups)	EG	+	Martin Gilman (BFVA)	MG	+
Judy English (BFVA)	JE	-	Joyce Ward (BFVA)	JW	-
Chris Cowap (BFVA)	CC	+	Catriona Mitchell (Konnections)	CM	-
Madeline Diver (Churches Together)	MD	+			-

Present (+) Absent (-)

			Action
1	Welcome and apologies	Apology received from CM.	
2	Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising	The minutes were accepted. Matters arising: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC has contacted Helen Tranter at BFC, who has agreed that Bracknell Forest Society have a place on the Cultural Partnership. Climate Partnership membership not yet sorted. • Grassroots on the agenda 	
3	Focus Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability Focus Group - 1st meeting following this committee meeting • H & SC – many items discussed at last Partnership meet – anti bullying strategy, the lack of up take of social care, increase in domestic abuse, procurements bidding for the health space underway. • Transport – currently this group is not meeting as there is no chair. • CYP – Catriona not present 	CC/BB
4	Future plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An application for Grassroots funding will be submitted for the development of more focus groups, pursuing the election of representatives to the partnership boards and producing a quarterly newsletter. CC preparing bid to be submitted next month • Open meeting invites sent out for 4 February. Being held at EBC with lunch 	CC
5	Consortium/BFMA/Fed updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consortium – Consortium will meet to agree and approve BF workplan to enable participation in Consortium Development Grant programme. This is for £22,000 a year from 2008 – 2011 for Consortium development which will pay for salaries for CC and JE to support the Consortium and the 3 projects, and other related work • BFMA – AGM and open event being held on 4 March at EBC with speakers from the Police (Simon Bowden) and MD and BB re LINKs • Fed – tabled at meeting 	

6	AOB	None	
10	Date of next meeting	To be confirmed	