

# Bracknell Forest Voluntary Sector Forum Meeting

held at Amber House  
on Wednesday 31 March 2010 at 2.30 pm

## Minutes

Barbara Briggs (Carers UK)	BB	+	David Putt (Be Heard) – Disability FG	DP	+
Ed Glasson (Federation of Community Groups)	EG	+	Martin Gilman (BFVA)	MG	-
Judy English (BFVA)	JE	+	Joyce Ward (BFVA) - for information	JW	-
Chris Cowap (BFVA)	CC	+	Paula Ridgway (Home Start BF) – CYP FG	PR	+
Madeline Diver (Churches Together) - H&SC FG	MD	+			

Present (+) Absent (-)

			Action
1	Welcome and apologies	Apology received from MG. It was recorded that Graham McMoneagle is remembered and sorely missed.	
2	Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising	The minutes were accepted. DP represents on the Learning Disability Partnership Board but as an advocate is not encouraged to speak out. Information will be sent out to groups for election to the Partnership Boards.	
3	Focus Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learning Disability Representation - DP gave an update on the Partnership Board meetings. The Transport trial is now in full service and CC commented that no one has been told. CC to contact Nick Ireland re full VCS member status.</li> <li>H &amp; SC – MD circulated a summary from the March Partnership Board meeting for discussion and it was agreed that the information about how the changes will affect people should go in the next VSF newsletter. CC is waiting for information from Lynne Lidster (BFC) concerning personalisation and the gaps which need filling.</li> <li>CYP – the Forum has produced an information card at a cost of £110. PR suggested that each focus group could do the same. CC reported that CWDC funding has finished.</li> </ul>	
4	Finance	CC circulated the current financial situation.	
5	Grassroots Grant	Representation training – date to be agreed when the representatives have been appointed. The suggested date for the AGM is 7 <sup>th</sup> or 8 <sup>th</sup> July from 5 pm – 8 pm at EBC. JE to check availability. After discussion it was felt it would be impossible to run an open event between now and the AGM so CC will ask CA to check with Grassroots re conditions for spending the grant.	

6	Consortium/BFMA/Fed updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consortium – the next meeting takes place on 12 April. Currently the Consortium is working on measuring impact and a consultant will work with 6 groups to produce a toolkit for groups to measure their own impact. A meeting will be held on 12 May to discuss an East Berkshire Consortium with 2 reps from each consortium.</li> <li>• BFMA – the AGM was postponed with a new date to be advised in due course.</li> <li>• Fed – report tabled at meeting with comments from Ed.</li> </ul>	
8	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AGM – further discussion suggested that the AGM be moved to late September – possibly 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> with an open meeting to take place in May/June/July. The topic for the AGM/open meeting could be New Communities (focussing on Jennetts Park) and the PCSO's role in community policing.</li> </ul>	
9	Date of next meeting	Friday 28 May 2010 at 2.30 pm at Amber House	