

Bracknell Forest Voluntary Sector Forum Meeting

held at Easthampstead Baptist Church, South Hill Road, Bracknell
on Monday 10 March at 12 noon

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	-	Frances Moody (Tea House)	FM	-

Present (+) Absent (-)

			Action
1	Welcome and apologies	BB opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Apologies were received from MD and FM.	BB
2	Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising	<p>The minutes were accepted. Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was agreed that MD would continue to represent the voluntary sector on LINKs together with Kate Eatwell, representing BFVA. An Oxford company will be taking over in the interim. Currently there are 40 applicants for the panel, which is likely to consist of approximately 12 people. BFVA has submitted PQQ before tendering takes place. The outcome of the bid will not be known till July. CC has spoken to Bob Rockell re Transport PB and will contact Gill Cheetham regarding Cultural and Environment PB. CC has the name of a signer for future meetings. Website will be postponed until October because IT provision is being reviewed. MG to contact Capacity Builders to check that our bid was received – answer unlikely till April. MG reported that Volunteering and Thriving Third Sector are back on the agenda for the 35 targets. CM commented that at the Hope08 meeting on 2 April, there would be some mapping of church provision. 	CC MG
3	Focus Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No meetings have been held. BB reported that the Transport PB is in need of a chair. 	
4	Marketing/Publicity	CC is working on the VSF leaflet which will go to Design Services after being circulated for comments. EG will forward logos to CC. CC will also contact Norman Long re logos.	CC EG

5	Consortium/ASP/Federation updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consortium – see matters arising • Fed – EG reported that at the last meeting the action plan was discussed. At the next meeting Mary Purnell and Kevin Lewis will speak about health. The Fed pack is nearly complete. • BFMA – CC reported on the change of name. An open meeting is planned for 29 April. 	
6	Any Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MG reminded about the Conference on 22 May – a working title is “Celebrating Community” and the idea is to showcase various groups. There will also be a report on the LAA/Community Strategy Plan and possibly workshops on Commissioning and Procurement and Retention of Volunteers. • MG is attending NAVCA training on Commissioning and will then meet with BFBC to produce a training package for VCS. • Following discussion on the conference, CM offered to approach people at the Kerith re producing a volunteering DVD. 	<p>MG</p> <p>CM</p>
7	Date of next meeting	<p>Friday 9 May at 2 pm at Fitzwilliam House</p> <p>AGM – Thursday 24 July at 5 pm at Easthampstead Baptist Church</p>	