

Bracknell Forest Voluntary Sector Forum Meeting

held at the Easthampstead Baptist Church
on Thursday 14 May 2009 at 3 pm

Minutes

Barbara Briggs (Carers UK)	BB	+	Graham McMoneagle (Tea House)	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, MG and JW.	
2	Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising	The minutes were accepted. There were no matters arising.	
3	Focus Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disability Focus Group - Reports from NHS Mental Health Implementation Group, Learning Disability Partnership Board, Access Advisory Committee, Disability and Sensory Needs Group to be sent to the Disability Focus Group. H & SC – pilot on transforming adult social care - CAB keen to work within the sector. BB to receive a report on the shared money for carers respite. . Next H&SC meeting is on 8 June. The new Healthspace – Ashley House has been appointed as ‘preferred provider’ and work is now taking place on the content and location of the building. Transport – currently this group is not meeting as there is no chair. CYP – CM is staying on the Children’s Trust but is no longer chairing the focus group. 	
4	Finance	Now that we have the Grassroots money for a newsletter, reps training and two events (one of which will be the AGM), VSF needs a treasurer so until one is appointed CC/JE will produce a summary	CC/JE
5	Grassroots Grant	A newsletter template was agreed and CC will send out a draft copy. Arrangements for reps training will be discussed at a later meeting.	CC
6	AGM	It was agreed that the AGM programme should be: 5 pm start for refreshments (sandwiches and fruit) 5.30 AGM 6 pm CC to give an overview of Partnerships and where we fit 6.15 Zoe Johnston, Head of Adults and Commissioning to be asked to speak on the transforming of adult social care with Q & A and possibly workshops.	CC

7	Consortium/BFMA/Fed updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consortium – CC is about to send the report to Capacity Builders. It was suggested that banners be purchased for Fed/VSF/BFMA this year. Faith in Action bid was successful and the joint bid with Wokingham is expected to be awarded. • BFMA – the AGM was very successful and proved to be a good networking event. • Fed – tabled at meeting with comments from Ed. 	CC
8	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Diabetic Support Group AGM takes place on 19 May and badly needs support. • The consultation on Heatherwood Hospital restructuring is underway. 	
9	Date of next meeting	Thursday 10 September 2009 at 2 pm at Fitzwilliam House	