

Bracknell Forest Voluntary Sector Forum Meeting

held at the Fitzwilliam House
on Thursday 10 September 2009 at 2 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) - for information	JW	-
Chris Cowap (BFVA)	CC	+	Paula Ridgway (Home Start BF) – CYP FG	PR	+
Madeline Diver (Churches Together) - H&SC FG	MD	+	David Putt (Be Heard) – Disability FG	DP	+

Present (+) Absent (-)

			Action
1	Welcome and apologies	Apology received from MG, BB and GM who is seriously ill in hospital. In the absence of BB, MD chaired the meeting and welcomed all, particularly PR and DP as new committee members.	MD
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 - this is currently in three sections: learning disability, physical and sensory and mental health. CC has had discussions with Nick Higson of Rethink and is using him as an interim representative on the LIT (Local Implementation Group – Mental Health). CC gave a presentation at the Learning Disability Partnership board to with the aim of having a VSF rep on this board as the membership is being reviewed at the October meeting. The Physical Disability and Sensory Needs group is part of the Health and Social Care Partnership Board. CC will give Mira Haynes details of the focus group to move towards having a representative on there. H &SC – BB reported on 8 June H&SC meeting in the VSF newsletter. Plans are underway to have a V&CS meeting on Personalisation in November. The CAB will be pursuing the answers from Zoe Johnstone to the questions raised at the AGM. The new Healthspace – planning permission is to be sought this autumn. The health impact survey on the healthspace is complete and will be submitted to planning. Transport – currently this group is not meeting as there is no chair. CYP – a meeting is being held on 24 September to plan a workshop/meeting on 15 October. A bid is being submitted to the Children and Young People's Trust for a development worker. 	
4	Finance	No summary had been produced but CC reported	

		that payment has been made to EBC for the AGM and Grassroots is about to be invoiced for the newsletter.	
5	Grassroots Grant	The grant has been received for 4 newsletters, 2 open meetings and representatives' training. The AGM was held and one newsletter has been produced. The next newsletter is planned for the end of October to go out after the Learning Disability Partnership meeting on 20 October when a decision has been made about a representative. The second open meeting to be planned for early 2010 with a possible topic of the role of the PCSOs and the relationship with V&CS groups. A representative training workshop to be held in Feb/March 2010. BB has sent the monitoring form to Grassroots.	
6	Consortium/BFMA/Fed updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consortium – at the last meeting it was confirmed that the money is for development and not for projects, but does help to pay some of CC/JE support time for the 3 strands. An East Berkshire Consortium is being planned with Windsor and Maidenhead and Slough to enable more bids for funding to be made. • Faith in Action – the money is intended to map all faiths across BF to set up a Faith and Beliefs Forum. A questionnaire is to be sent but it will be necessary to ask some VSF members to visit groups in order to get the information needed. • BFMA – an open meeting is to be held on 29 September at EBC covering minorities classifications, school governors, emergency planning and safeguarding children. The Afro-Caribbean group have funding for a BHM event on 25 October. A representative from the Nepalese Society in Bracknell has joined the committee. • Fed – tabled at meeting with comments from Ed. An update and reprint of the Community Guide is planned. 	
8	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is currently looking at the Heatherwood Hospital restructuring as there is a £20 million deficit. 	
9	Date of next meeting	Thursday 26 November 2009 at 3 pm at Fitzwilliam House	