

Bracknell Forest Voluntary Sector Forum Meeting

held at Amber House
on Thursday 9 September 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) - for information	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 (BF Christian Network) - H&SCFG	MD	+			

Present (+) Absent (-)

			Action
1	Welcome and apologies	Apologies received from EG.	
2	Minutes of the 20 July 2010 meeting and matters arising	<p>The minutes were accepted as correct.</p> <p>Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGM speakers have been booked Lynda Lunn to be elected as Older People's Representative at AGM BB represents on Long Term Conditions and Sensory Needs Group PR suggested bringing in deputy reps. User Led Organisations – BFVA submitted a proposal but contact has gone to Support Horizons in Wokingham. 	
3	Focus Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> H & SC – MD reported on meeting she attended yesterday and will send information to CC for the VSF newsletter which will be available at the AGM. CYP – Catch a Glimpse of the Future for Children in Bracknell Forest event to be held on 6 October. The Children's Trust meets on 23 September and CYP work will be presented and work is continuing on appointing a part time worker. Learning Disability – DP reported that Bracknell College has withdrawn a lot of courses and he is looking to see what else is available. 	
4	Finance	CC reported that there has been no change in the financial position and this will be reported at the AGM.	CC
5	Grassroots Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BB has received the monitoring form together with a copy of the first monitoring form which we are told was not received. JE to check. The last open event with combined with the Community Lunch on 29 July and the next open event will be the AGM. The third newsletter will be produced for the AGM. Representation training – CC to check with Mosaic re possible dates. 	<p>JE</p> <p>CC</p> <p>CC</p>

6	Open event/AGM	Besides the PCSO speakers the issue of funding cuts and changes will also be discussed. Refreshments to be sandwiches, fruit, tea, coffee and juice.	JE
7	Business Plan	CC circulated the current business plan showing items still outstanding and following discussion this was updated. JE to email updated version.	JE
8	Consortium/BFMA/Fed updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consortium – Proposed East Berks Consortium has been agreed by Slough and Windsor and Maidenhead but BFVA Trustees voted against. Capacitybuilders made a monitoring visit on 8 September which went well and the Consortium will meet on 15 September. • BFMA – AGM took place on 20 July with good representation from the groups. The next meeting planned for 14 September has been postponed • Fed – EG's report is attached. 	Attached
8	AOB	None	
9	Date of next meeting	Tuesday 16 November at 2.30 pm at Amber House.	