

## **BOLTON ADULT ASPERGER SUPPORT**

### **Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday July 30<sup>th</sup> 2014**

In attendance were 6 members.

#### **1. Welcome and apologies.**

The Chairman welcomed all present to the meeting. Apologies were received from Martin and Julie Farrar, Tony and Steph' Shaw and Helen Green.

#### **2. Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June**

The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a correct record.

#### **3. Matters arising from the above minutes**

Reference was made to Pc Wilcox's presentation at the June meeting and particularly the reference to 'New Openings'. It was agreed that Eira Heywood follow up this lead and report back at the next meeting. **Action:** Eira Heywood.

#### **4. Chairman's report**

##### **(i) Actions from previous meeting's presentation.**

The Chairman informed the meeting that he had now received an application form via PC Wilcox for membership of the IAG (Independent Advisory Group/s); to be completed by BAAS if it was considered desirable. **Action:** Chairman.

##### **(ii) Website development.**

The Chairman provided feedback to the group on the progress of the group's website. There was a brief discussion regarding the desirability of including links to both Facebook and Twitter. It was agreed that the Chairman progress this matter with the website developers bearing in mind the necessary cautions/safeguards raised by committee members. **Action:** Chairman

##### **(iii) Application to the Charity Commission**

The Chairman reported on progress of the group's application for charitable status and said that following further discussions with officers at the Commission he had been advised by them that due to impending changes to guidance to new applicants, the officers had recommended making a new application rather than provide further details to that previously submitted.

The Chairman stated he had already been in contact with the Bolton CVS on this issue and further discussions were to take place. It was agreed the Chairman progress discussions with the Bolton CVS and the Charity Commission, bearing in mind the need to maintain the required balance in the group's bank account.

**Action:** Chairman.

#### **5. Any other business**

There was a brief discussion on use of previously designated funds for drop-in sessions and the need for ideas to use these for an alternative acceptable purpose. Various suggestions were made including publicity usage and respite trips. The Chairman would have further discussions with Bolton CVS on this item. KM suggested contacting Eileen Bennet regarding her ideas for a befriending service. The Chairman said however, that the funds could not be used for such a purpose but the idea was worthy of further investigation/research for the future when volunteers were engaged by the group. It was agreed the Chairman progress this matter with the Bolton CVS. **Action:** Chairman

#### **6. Date/s and time/s of next meetings**

- (i) Drop-in August 30<sup>th</sup>
- (ii) Meeting- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August