

BOLTON ADULT ASPERGER SUPPORT

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at 2pm on 16 December 2015

Thicketford Community Care Centre, Thicketford House, Bolton BL2 2LW

There were 6 members present: Graham Heywood, Roselle Gorman, Barbara Brookes, Helen Greene, Pat Higson and Steph Shaw. Also present, 2 members: Janet Thompson & Pat Rigby.

1. Welcome and Apologies for absence

The Chairman extended a very warm welcome to all present and particularly to our guests Janet and Pat. Apologies were received from Eira Heywood, David Higson and Tony Shaw.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 25th November 2015.

The Chairman reviewed the minutes of the November meeting and these were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Trustees

As the organisation is now a registered charity, all committee members automatically become Trustees for 3 years, therefore members need to be made fully aware of Trustee responsibilities. Discussions took place as how best to achieve this and a future awareness session is to be planned.

5. Buddying/Befriending System

Training for all involved is required and has yet to be planned. Chairman has again emailed, and is awaiting feedback, from David Scowcroft of NAS regarding an up-date of their training scheme which is to be edited for our purposes.

Discussion took place for training of the Safeguarding Office. It was agreed that Helen Greene would receive training for this role.

Chairman suggested members look again at our website regarding all training including the Safeguarding Officer post. Also to refresh ourselves with the constitution.

7. Carer's Respite Grant 2015/16

The accounts were made available to Bolton Council by the due date 8th December 2015. There is £162 carried over to end of February 2016. A Carers' Trip was discussed, to take place January or February with suggestions for a show in Manchester or the Octagon Theatre, Bolton. Graham & Roselle will seek information about shows available, times, cost etc., and refer back to members.

Beamish, Chester Zoo & Blackpool Zoo were also discussed. It was agreed that these were ideally summer trips. Information would be sought by Graham & Roselle. Discussions could then take place.

8. Any other business

An informal get together with a bring and share buffet was enjoyed by all present after the meeting.

8. Dates of next meetings

Task & Finish Group meeting to discuss the Buddying/Befriending scheme, Carers' Trips and a new leaflet to be held at the Toby Carvery, Bolton at 7.00pm on 6th January 2016.

Next full meeting 27th January 2016 at 2.00pm.

Drop-in at Commerce House 28th November 2-4pm.