

BOLTON ADULT ASPERGER SUPPORT

Minutes of the meeting held on July 27th 2016 held at Thicketford Road Care Centre

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to seven members present and reported he had received an apology from Helen Green.

2. Minutes of the meeting held on June 29th 2016

The minutes of the meeting held on June 29th were accepted as a correct record.

3. Matters arising

The Chairman said he had been disturbed to read of the discussion at the June meeting of vulnerable autistic young adults being targeted for abuse on Social Media. He said he would raise this matter at the next IAG meeting he attended.

Yvonne Poulson had expressed concern that there seemed little in the way of activities during summer vacations to interest students such as her Son Tom. It was recognised that ABAG operated on at least three occasions during the month but these opportunities it was thought were limited in their scope.

4. Befriending Service

The Chairman provided an update on this item informing the meeting that two applications for funding had so far been submitted, namely to Tudor Trust and Awards for all (Lottery Funding).

5. Carers Trips

The Chairman reported receipt of a grant in the sum of £1000.00 from the Bolton CVS. He indicated that a list of those venues previously highlighted and agreed would be circulated in due course.

6. Committee membership

The Chairman informed members that vacancies still existed for committee membership and that he was pursuing the recruitment of a replacement Treasurer with the help of Bolton CVS, Martin Farrar having now decided he wished to relinquish his position.

7. BAAS Website

The Chairman reported that he and the Vice Chair were arranging a further meeting as soon as possible with David Ramsbottom in order to carry out updates to the website that were urgently required.

8. New Leaflet

This had been discussed at the June meeting and copies distributed. Attention now needs to be given to distributing the leaflet amongst the community. Copies will be distributed by Helen Buckes team via her autism training sessions and copies for display will be left at the Bolton Library and targeted district libraries and major retail outlets in the town centre.

9. BAAS Name

The Chairman raised the issue of the charity's name and said that he felt the time was right for a change of name to Bolton Adult Autism Support as this was now increasingly the preferred reference for people on the AS.

With the agreement of members present, he undertook to examine the cost implications to a change of name and report back to a future meeting.

10. Dates of next meetings

Next monthly meeting is August 31st

Next Drop-in Saturday 27th August