

BOLTON ADULT ASPERGER SUPPORT

Minutes of the Meeting held on November 25th 2015

1. Welcome and apologies for absence.

The Chairman extended a very warm welcome to all present and gave apologies from Martin and Julie Farrar, Tony and Steph Shaw and Eira Heywood.

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on 28th October 2015

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

3. Matters arising.

The Chairman confirmed arrangements for the Carers trip to Grassington Festival on the 5th December and urged members to confirm their attendance as soon as possible.

Address by Ms Mari Saeki. Members remarked on the excellent presentation by Mari that she gave at the previous meeting and look forward to her joining us during 2016.

The Chairman reminded members that the December meeting would take place on Wednesday 16th and this would be our Christmas party. The Chairman confirmed this would be a 'bring and share' event supplemented by additional items funded by the group.

4. Chairman's report

The Chairman presented his report for the past year, drawing attention to the achievements that included granting of Charity status by the Charity Commission and the very successful seminar held on 14th July.

He also referred to the various Carers trips that had been held throughout the year and hoped these would be better supported in 2016, for which a number of activities/venues were already being explored.

5. Secretary's report

Barbara referred to the Secretary's report for the past year and in particular underpinned the need for greater support of Carers trips and the very successful seminar held in July.

The Chairman confirmed that we would not be able to organise a seminar in 2016 due to other priorities and also insufficient funds. He hoped however, that we would be able to organise another seminar for 2017.

6. Election of officers

The Chairman confirmed that existing post holders, namely himself, Barbara Brooks

(Secretary) and Martin Farrar (Treasurer) had agreed to stand again and these people were duly elected.

Roselle Gorman had agreed to stand as Vice Chair and was duly elected to that position.

Other members had also agreed to stand and therefore, Helen Green, Tony Shaw and Eira Heywood were duly elected as committee members. Helen Green also agreed to continue as the Charity's Safeguarding Officer. There remained three vacancies for committee members and these would be elected over the next year should nominations be received.

7. Website updates

The Vice Chair drew the Chairman's attention to a number of updates that were required to the website. He confirmed these would be done at a meeting scheduled with David Ramsbottom early in January. He also recommended that all members revisit the website to familiarise themselves with the previous and future changes.

8. AOB

A discussion took place regarding the need to have up-to-date literature, in particular a leaflet in the style of a glossy A4 folded into 3, in a similar format to the Dementia leaflet. It was agreed this item would be further discussed and agreed upon at the next Task & Finish Group, along with the Befriending/Buddying Scheme and 2016 carers' trips.

The next meeting would be short followed by an informal get together with a bring and share buffet.

9. Date and time of next meeting/s

Wednesday 16th December at 2.00pm at Thicketford Community Care Centre.

Task and Finish Group meeting, 6th January 2016 at the Toby Carvery, Bolton