

BOLTON ADULT ASPERGER SUPPORT

Minutes of meeting held on 30th April 2014

1. Present 11 members and one Guest (PH)

2. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chairman welcomed all present. New members on this occasion being Elaine Smith and Wayne and Lesley Kurwin. Mr Peter Halliwell (ASGMA) Apologies were received from Helen Green and Julie Farrar.

3. Alert card

Due to an administrative error, Peter was unable to show the proposed final draft of the Alert card but following discussion by the group, Peter agreed to send the document to the Chairman via email.

4. Presentation of draft website by Tony Shaw

Tony gave a full and detailed presentation of the draft website that he had produced to help the group in its deliberations of a website design for BAAS.

The Chairman thanked Tony for his excellent presentation and members acknowledged the great amount of time and effort that had been required. The Chairman said that it would help enormously in progressing the website by LUXSON our website designers.

5. Chairman's report

- i) **Application to Charity Commission.** The Chairman reported he had examined the procedure for taking the group to charitable status and explained the amount of detailed pre-application guidelines that had to be studied before beginning the application procedure.
- ii) **Website design.** The Chairman referred to discussions he had had with the web designers and had agreed the need to obtain members' views on the style, content etc. The presentation by TS had helped enormously in progressing the task.
- iii) **GMAC Convention.** The Chairman indicated that he had received an email from Mari Saeki giving advance notice of a convention to which we were likely to be invited to send two or three members. Feedback would be given to the group at the next meeting
- iv) **Review of the Carers grant award.** The Chairman highlighted the items included in the application to the Council that had now been confirmed (£6,000). PH confirmed that ASGMA would welcome a link from BAAS website to ASGMA's website. Other items agreed in the application were, respite trips for members; a special events day in collaboration with ABAG; printed leaflets and professional exhibition equipment.

6. Any other business

There being no further business, the meeting transferred to the newly opened and adjacent Autism Centre for a guided tour of the premises by kind permission of Paula Christian , Manager of Thicket ford Centre.

7. Date and Times of next meeting/s

Wednesday 28th May, 2-4.30pm, Thicketford Care Centre

Drop-in 2-4.0pm Saturday 31st May, 59 Bridgeman Street