

## **BOLTON ADULT ASPERGER SUPPORT**

Minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September at Thicketford Road

### **1. Present**

There were eight members present and one guest, namely, Mr Peter Halliwell of AGSMA.

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Eira Heywood and Stephanie Shaw.

### **3. Minutes of last meeting held on 27th August**

The minutes of the above meeting were agreed

### **4. Address by Mr Peter Halliwell**

Peter spoke on the subject of identity cards with reference to the existing card that had been distributed to the group in the past. A discussion ensued about the merits of using the card as shown, but amending it to suit the needs of the group members and our children.

For example, provision for a photograph of the bearer on the card and a contact phone number. After further discussion it was agreed that Peter would produce another design based upon the comments of the group members and either bring the re-designed card to the next group for final approval. The cards when available would be purchased by individuals direct from AGSMA. **Action:** Peter Halliwell.

### **5. Chairman's report**

The Chairman reported as follows:

- Self Assessment exercise; the Chairman had been invited to and attended a meeting of the autism strategy group at the Town Hall and which dealt specifically with those questions on the form that related to a green, amber or red category. The meeting completed discussion on the questions and made a number of decisions as to where the council was at in relation to the traffic light categorisation. The Chairman of the group, Mr Mark Fraser from Adult Services department acknowledged receipt of a number of stories from BAAS.
- Bank account; the Chairman referred to the slowness of Lloyds Bank in completing arrangements for the establishment of the group's account. He indicated however, that he hoped this task would be completed before the next meeting of the group in October.
- Evening meetings; the Chairman informed the group that following circulation of notice of this meeting, together with a list of dates for future meetings, he had received a couple of emails from members who had not been for some time due to

work commitments. They had requested consideration of evening meetings to enable them to take a more proactive involvement in the workings of the group. He had informed these members that he understood their concerns and had told them the matter had previously been recognised and would be discussed at September's meeting. Following discussion of this matter it was decided that an additional meeting to those circulated would be held at the **Holiday Inn** (formerly, the Moat House) at **7pm on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October**. This meeting will be informal but would include a summary of the group's work so far. It was further agreed to invite Steph Sherrat to talk about the forthcoming trip to the Lake District of ABAG members.

**Action:** Chairman.

## 6. Secretary's report

The Secretary informed the group that she had not at that stage sent a letter to the Chief Constable regarding his sending a senior officer to speak to the group but produced a draft letter for approval that would be sent shortly (as amended if required) The Chairman thanked Barbara and agreed to view the letter following the meeting. **Action:** Chairman.

### OPEN FORUM

The group went into Open Forum during which time Phillip Martin showed some of his Technical Drawings related to 'Earth Energies'. Members marvelled at the very high standard of Philip's skill in technical drawing and congratulated him on his abilities. Additionally it was agreed that Mari Saaki would be invited to the October day time meeting at 2pm in order to update the group on developments nationally.

END

### Date of next meetings:

October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm at the Holiday Inn Bolton and

October 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm at Thicketford Care Centre