

BOLTON ADULT ASPERGER SUPPORT

Minutes of the meeting held on August 26th 2015

1. Welcome and apologies

In attendance: Graham Heywood, Roselle Gorman, Julian Heywood, Tony and Steph Shaw.

The Chairman extended a warm welcome to those present. Apologies were received from Helen Green, Eira Heywood, Alison Thompson, Yvonne Ashworth Martin and Julie Farrar, David and Pat Higson, Mari Saeki, Barbara Brooks, Carol Shaw, Jean Gregory and Kath Dagnall.

Members enquired of Helen Green's health condition and asked the Chairman to send to her on members' behalf sincere best wishes from all her friends at BAAS.

Minutes of the meeting held on July 29th at Thicketford Care Centre.

The minutes of the above meeting were accepted as a correct record.

2. Matters arising

The Chairman indicated that he had not been able to produce a report on the Buddy Scheme for this meeting due to ongoing discussions with potential partners. A proposal will be tabled at the next meeting.

In regards to carers' trips, the Chairman indicated he had not yet had any one signing up to the proposed trip to the Lakes. This comment gave rise to a lengthy discussion on alternative venues for members' trips. A number of suggestions were made and Roselle Gorman agreed to find details of Beamish Museum and the Chairman undertook to look at the Lowry Theatre.

3. Invitation to visit ASC Health Care facility at Brightmet

The Chairman reminded members that Steve Wallace had offered to host one of our meetings at their centre and in view of the next meeting falling during the Chairman's holiday, it was agreed we hold the September meeting at the Brightmet Autism Centre.

4. Management of the BAAS website

The Chairman informed members that for personal reasons, Tony Shaw had requested that the Chairman find another volunteer to manage the website on the charity's behalf. Steve Wallace had offered on behalf of the Brightmet Autism Centre to provide resources to take on the task at no cost to the Charity. This offer was now being pursued, Tony and the Chairman having met the Centres management team at Brightmet. A meeting with the website designers was imminent.

The Chairman on behalf of BAAS once again thanked Tony for all the hard work he had put into the early stage of development and subsequent daily management of the website.

5. Any other business

The Chairman informed members that he would be submitting an application to the CVS for core funding and would report back to members in due course.

The next meeting to be at the ASC Healthcare facility Brightmet on 23rd September 2015.