

BOLTON ADULT AUTISM SUPPORT

Minutes of meeting 28th September 2016 at Thicketford Community Care Centre

The meeting was Chaired by Roselle Gorman, Vice Chair. The Chairman was on holiday.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from our Chairman, Graham Heywood and Eira Heywood.

2. Minutes of previous meeting held on 31st August 2016

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a correct record.

3. Matters arising

Befriending service. The Chairman has applied to Lloyds Bank for funding. Sadly, the Tudor Trust has declined our application for funding.

4. Chairman's report read by Roselle Gorman, Vice Chair (full report attached)

- (i) Change of charity name: The charity will now be known as Bolton Adult Autism Support and retain our BAAS initials. Our website is now www.boltonadultautismsupport.org.uk and will be linked to our previous details for continued accessibility.
The change of name has also been registered with the Charity Commission.
Discussions with Lloyds Bank are underway to change the account name and issue new cheque and paying in books etc.
- (ii) Discussions regarding changing the details on the pop-up banners are ongoing.
- (iii) Carers trips: There were no bookings for the Trentham Gardens trip, therefore the trip was cancelled. However, this cancellation provided the opportunity for the schedule of trips to be reappraised and consequently some of the remaining trips will be re-offered at a lower price. This applies particularly to the Beamish Museum trip. A new schedule will be issued.
- (iv) IAG meeting 5th September: The main item was a comprehensive presentation on Bolton's Troubled Families given by Paul Nickeas from Greater Manchester Police and Dave Hashdi from Bolton Council. The Chairman will circulate this presentation when he receives it.

5. AOB

We are still awaiting a meeting date from David Ramsbottom re up-date of the website. When the up-date has been achieved, we need to pursue a new leaflet.

Danny McSherry and Alison Thompson are to give a presentation at our next meeting on 26th October 2016.

Mrs Barbara Brooks spoke of someone who may be willing to take over the post of Treasurer and/or assist with our website. She will contact this person and put her in touch with our Chairman.

Roselle handed out copies of the new schedule of Carers trips. This was greeted warmly from a cost perspective and much interest was shown in the Beamish and Theatre trips.

Roselle and her husband Eddie are to attend the ASC course on 11th October 2016.

6. Date/s of next meetings

Wednesday 26th October 2016 2–4.30pm

Drop In at Commerce House on Saturday 29th October 2016 2-4pm

Open Forum

There was opportunity to chat about members' experiences:

- a) There has been improvement in awareness of autism and its issues but much work is still required.
- b) The young man, who met with our Chairman and Vice Chair, Roselle, in May 2016 having been refused to be referred by his GP, has taken our advice and pursued for a diagnosis. He was now been successful and has promised to keep our Chairman informed of the outcome.
- c) Members agreed that it helps to share experiences.