

BOLTON ADULT AUTISM SUPPORT

Minutes of the meeting held on 31st July 2019 at Thicketford Care and Community Centre

1. Welcome and Apologies for absence:

There were six members in attendance, Chairman Graham Heywood, Eira Heywood, Safeguarding Officer, Roselle Gorman, Charlotte Horrocks Hon. Treasurer, Barbara Brooks Secretary and Andy Smith. Apologies were received from Yvonne Poulson, Gerrie Melling, Janine and Brian Robinson, John Ellis and Elaine Birch.

The Chairman extended a very warm welcome to Andy, this being his first time at the meetings.

Before proceeding with the agenda, the Chairman invited members to introduce themselves to Andy and each (including Andy) gave a brief resume' of their family background.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 26th June 2019

The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed but were not ratified because of insufficient members being present at this meeting who had attended the June meeting. The Chairman noted a couple of grammatical errors in the minutes brought to his attention by Roselle. The Chairman thanked Roselle for the corrections.

3. Matters arising from the June meeting.

Luke Bennett of 'Brain in Hand' wished to advise the group that licences were still available through Bolton MBC should any members or anyone whom they know would benefit from this project. The Chairman encouraged anyone who felt a family member would benefit from a license to complete the application form as soon as possible. Application forms were distributed by Luke at the June meeting but if any more were required; the chairman would send one out if asked.

4. Social Events

The Chairman advised that Bolton Cares have now finalised arrangements for future social events which it is intended be held on the third Thursday in the month – the first to be held in August.

5. Befriending Plus

In the absence of Rachel, the Chairman reported no change except to say that there was a further volunteer in place currently undertaking training. A written update was expected to be given at the August meeting.

6. Meetings attended by the Chairman and other members.

Rachel Nelmes, and the Chairman attended the Bolton Passion for Bolton/ 'Vision' Seminar/marketplace at the Congregational Church in Bolton on 10th July and Rachel, Roselle Gorman, Chairman and Hon. Treasurer Charlotte Horrocks had attended a Befriending promotion at Bolton CVS on July 3rd alongside other Befriending organisations.

7. Carers Trips

The next trip was scheduled to be a trip to York and York Minster Trip on the 17th August but more members were need to sign up to ensure the trip would be viable. The trip to the Liver Building 360-degree experience only attracted 7 members but everyone enjoyed the visit and particularly the video presentation atop the building.

The Anderton Boat Trip has been arranged for Saturday 31st August – cost about £20. pp for a full coach, please advise if you wish to attend.

8. AOB

The Chairman spoke of recent press coverage of the Brightmet Autism Centre following a CQC Inspection. Contrary to what many people had thought, the centre had not been closed down by the Care Quality Commission but had instructed that improvements regarding health and safety and other issues be implemented. The CQC had set in place measures to improve the running of the building that included bringing in another organisation to work alongside the owners of the centre.

9. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 28th August 2019 at Thicketford Care Centre.