

MINUTES of a meeting of the OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES GROUP held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Coalville on Wednesday, 25 JULY 2012

Present: Councillor G Allman (Chairman) (In the Chair)

Councillors: L Massey and J Ruff

Council Officers: Karen Talbot and Rachel Wallace

In attendance: Danielle Bowler (Leicestershire County Council), Adam Deakin (Volunteer), Tracy Foulds (Locality Group) Miranda Graham (Leicestershire County Council), Elaine Hill (Handstand), Councillor R Johnson (District Councillor), Jenny Lacey (Locality Group), Russell Lacey (Locality Group), Billy Parry (Handstand), Janet Parry (Handstand), Beryl Spendlove (Ashby Stroke Club) and Peter Yerrell (Citizens Advice Bureau)

11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors R Bayliss and P Clayfield, Mrs Flannigan and Mr A Gamble.

12. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared.

13. MINUTES

RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 May 2012 be approved.

14. MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

Disabled Car Parking Spaces at the Council Offices

Councillor Allman informed members that the working group he referred to at the previous meeting had not yet been set up.



Olympic Torch Bearer

Councillor Allman congratulated John Bateman who carried the Olympic Torch in the region and who was supported on the day by Councillor J Ruff. Councillor J Ruff said a few words on her experience of the event.

15. WORK OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S NEW LOCALITY SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICE

Danielle Bowler and Miranda Graham from Leicestershire County Council's Locality Support and Development Service gave a presentation regarding the new team and the service they provided for the community.

16. PLANNING FOR THE YEAR AHEAD AND THE ASHBY DISABILITY EVENT

Karen Talbot explained that she was aware that the group would like to hold a Disability Awareness day in Ashby Town Centre similar to the event that was held in Coalville earlier in the year and opened the topic up for discussion. A number of members explained how the event went well and all members agreed that they would like to see another organised. Danielle Bowler and Miranda Graham from Leicestershire County Council's Locality Support and Development Service offered their support for the event.

RESOLVED THAT:

- 1) Karen Talbot to email all Councillors and Opportunities for People with Disabilities Working Group Members inviting them to join a working group to progress the event.
- 2) Karen Talbot to meet with Councillors G Allman and J Ruff to agree a date for the event.

17. CONSULTATION ON THE HEALTH SERVICES IN THE DISTRICT

Karen Talbot informed the group that the West Leicestershire Clinical Commissioning Group had requested information to find out what was important to people about their community hospitals and asked members to respond by filling in the questionnaire using one of the methods detailed on the form. During discussion it was noted that the deadline for responses had now passed. It was agreed that anyone wanting to, could still complete the questionnaire and Karen Talbot would contact the Commissioning group to see if they would accept late responses.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The group noted that the date of the next meeting was Wednesday, 19 September 2012 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 7.05pm.