

Meeting **OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES GROUP**

Time/Day/Date: 6.30pm on Wednesday, 16 November 2011

Location: Council Chamber, Council Offices, Coalville

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Whilst this is an informal working party, under the Code of Conduct members are reminded that interests should be declared and in declaring an interest you should make clear the nature of that interest and whether it is 'personal' or 'prejudicial'.	
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5. NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE LEARNING DISABILITY LOCALITY GROUP	
... Members of the group would like to introduce themselves and show the group their "See my Ability" DVD.	
6. WORK OF THE COUNCIL'S STREET ENFORCEMENT TEAM	
... An officer from the Street Enforcement Team will give an update on the work with schools and anti-social behaviour	
7. WORK OF HANDSTAND	
... Verbal update from Alan Gamble, Handstand	
8. DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY	
... Discussion on the structure of the day	
9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS	

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

... The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 25 January 2012

Circulation:

Councillor G A Allman
Councillor P Clayfield
Councillor L Massey
Councillor V Richichi
Councillor J Ruff
Councillor M Specht

MINUTES of a meeting of the OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES GROUP held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Coalville on Wednesday, 17 AUGUST 2011

Present: Councillors P Clayfield, V Richichi, J Ruff and M Specht.

Council Officers: Chhaya McDonald and Michelle Terry.

In attendance: Mr J Bateman, Mrs M Cross, Mr B Parry (Handstand), Mrs J Parry (Handstand), and Mrs B Spendlove (Ashby Stroke Group).

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED THAT:

Councillor V Richichi be elected Chairman and Councillor M Specht be appointed Deputy Chairman of the group for the forthcoming year.

Councillor V Richichi took the chair.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor G Allman, Mr J Crowther, Mrs Cunningham, Mrs K Flanigan, Mr A Gamble, Councillor L Massey, Mrs J Randle and Mr M Smith.

3. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no interests declared.

4. MINUTES

RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2011 be approved.

5. MATTERS ARISING NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

In respect of item 8 – Any Other Business, Chhaya McDonald referred to the discussion regarding the future of the mobility centre in the market. She reported that the funding from the District Council had been reduced for this year by £200. She advised that the mobility centre also receive a supported employment grant which had been cut drastically. She explained that the mobility centre received approximately £10,000 in funding each year, £4000 of which was funded by the District Council.

Chhaya McDonald agreed to pass this information on to the relevant officers to assist with signposting for external sources of funding. It was also requested that this be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

6. WORK OF THE COUNCIL'S STREET ENFORCEMENT TEAM

Jhon Bateman reported that he had been working with the Street Enforcement Team to create a DVD highlighting the issues which disabled people face. The DVD will be shown in schools across the district and discussions were taking place with other councils. Jhon outlined some of the scenarios which had been filmed for the DVD.

7. NATIONAL FOREST

Councillor V Richichi reported that the National Forest had applied for funding to develop footpaths which would accommodate wheelchairs. It was hoped that a further update could be brought to the next meeting.

8. WORK OF HANDSTAND

Janet Parry advised that there was nothing to report. She explained that the group had completed surveys in the past and hoped they would consider the group in respect of the previous item.

Councillor P Clayfield added that there was talk of extending the Sustrans line into Coalville for use as a cycle track.

9. DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY

The group discussed options for the format of the day. Chhaya McDonald requested volunteers to help contact various organisations.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Chhaya McDonald reported that the Council were being inspected on 20 and 21 September in respect of equalities. Chhaya invited members of the group to meet the review team.

11. MEETING DATES FOR THE FORTHCOMING YEAR

It was agreed that the group should continue to meet on Wednesday evenings. Chhaya McDonald to set future dates.

The meeting closed at 7.37pm.