

Inclusion Minutes-170919

Apologies;

Kris Tavender, Ian Blundell

Present;

Deana Perry, Anthea Mustard, Dawn Payne, Brenda Massey, Robert Poloha, Natasha Hawkins, Richard Baggott, Nic Ferris, Maggie Davies.

Welcome and Introductions

Deana explained that after Karen Passmore came to the last meeting to inform us that an outstanding pot of money for Inclusion had to be spent by the end of August. Deana telephoned Ronnie Brown at Quartet Community Foundation and had a long conversation with him about how the group desperately wanted to continue and could this pot of money help?. Ronnie told me that it should have been spent a long time ago and we needed to know the exact amount. He was not averse to the idea of spending the money to help keep the group going by meeting once a month. Upon his request Deana emailed Laura Welti and copied Ronnie in-still awaiting to hear back.

Access to Greenway-Anthea Mustard

Residents on a Mobility Scooter or wheelchair cannot get up the kerb for the pedestrian entrance. Also people with walking frames/walking sticks/mobility problems cannot access the pedestrian entrance. There needs to be a dropped kerb as currently residents in these situations are having to use the road into Greenway that is meant for cars only. Brenda suggests bringing this up at Team Southmead next week but also she will contact highways.

Doncaster rd park-Nic Ferris

Brenda had a big scare at a meeting yesterday-on a list of works at the Council it was stated that the 2 entrances to the park may not be done until 2020/2021!. This is not true and it was a mis-communication. Nic has assured us that the work will be carried out very shortly and nearly happened last week. The contractor has been engaged but the manager in charge was off sick last week but will be back on 23rd Sept so work will commence then. Nic produced a draft report which contained pictures of the design, how the project has been funded and contact details for partners and stakeholders. Deana explained that this has taken the best part of 5 years to get to this point and Inclusion should be really proud of this achievement.

Also we are very grateful to Brenda Massey for all help and support and the fact that when she saw the proposed timeline for this work at the meeting yesterday got on the telephone to the Mayor !!!.

Lanercost Centre-Deana

Deana went a few weeks ago and met the new manager and staff and introduced herself and talked about Inclusion. Also explained about Team Southmead and the manager Rachel wants very much to be involved with the community of Southmead. Deana suggests having a trial meeting there in October and Rachel asks that we email her and let her know the date.

McColls

Richard stated that he had no updates from McColls and apologised about missing the last meeting but as he was on holiday for 3 weeks he didn't see the email invite and was actually away when the meeting was held. Deana says that she has emailed Shelley Partridge for an update on the appointment of an Independent Assessor but has received no information.

Anthea stated that there had been a challenge in court around access to shops. A lady called Mrs Leyton was funded by the Equality and Human Rights commission and won her case. Shops can no longer bring the costs for adaptations/access into the case.

Zoe Tingle-Computer Course For Inclusion

This was originally going to start on 7th October but it was felt that a course that ran every day for a whole week would not be the best way forward for our members. Zoe has asked Community Learning to provide a course for us with perhaps 1 session a week over a longer period. The course on the 7th Oct will still go ahead and there is also a course at Greenway called "Finding Your Strength". This will be on a Thursday afternoon for 6 weeks. The new computer course for Inclusion is being planned now.

Maggie Davies-last meeting

Sadly Maggie moving to Chipping Sodbury to be closer to her son as her health has deteriorated. She hopes to find a beginners computer course in Yate as she is still determined to learn. Natasha suggests that Maggie goes into her GP's Surgery or Health Centre when she gets settled and ask for advice from a community navigator. Maggie expressed her thanks to the group for all the support and friendship we have shared.

Bristol Bears

Cannot come to meetings on a Tuesday. We need to find out what the feedback was from the Southmead Festival and what kind of Inclusive activities have they come up with.

Reading With Schoolchildren

Deana asks if any members would like to go along to Littlemead as teachers are desperate for reading partners. This is a TS priority and we need to build on the number of volunteers. With 30 children per class its impossible for the teacher to do 1-1 reading.

Brenda Massey-Clover Ground

Clover Ground is now part of Southmead since the boundary change a few years ago. Residents there have complained about the lack of play equipment there. Apparently there used to be some equipment which has fallen into disrepair and there is definately no play equipment foe Disabled children. We really need to think about all areas in Southmead.

Meadows To Meaders 3-Deana Perry

Deana invited all members of Inclusion to become a part of this production. All the scripts are from residents stories/memories of Southmead and this time it will be about a wedding in Southmead. Whilst at rehearsal last week one of the members of M2M stated that he was the only Disabled person there (he has downs syndrome). He asked if some members of his theatre group (also Disabled) could join M2M. The whole group said of course but Deana pointed out that he wasnt the only Disabled person there as there are many people with hidden disabilities that you just cant see. He said "Oh-I meant in this group" and Deana told him that in this particular group there were many members with invisible disabilities. Also that this is what Inclusion is all about and why we have Disabled and non-Disabled residents working together.

AOB

Zoe Tingle says that Greenway are a Disability Confident supporter. (How they recruit etc). They provide Equality and Diversity training and there will be a Disability Employment Advisor in the cafe every 3rd Weds from 1-3pm. This person is not a case worker to sort out individual problems but can signpost and guide people. This is a drop-in and residents can get a general idea about what bebfits

they are entitled to. Inclusion will have a tour of Greenway shortly to pinpoint any access problems and also any difficulties for Disabled residents.

Next meeting Tuesday 15th October at Lanercost Centre from 11am-1pm