LEARNING DISABILITY PARTNERSHIP MEETING

The Gallery



Elgin Library

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16th March 2015

11.00am



Until 2.00pm

MINUTES

Chair: Councillor Lorna



Co-Chair: Wayne Taylor



Who came along:

Morven Wood Anne Speake Aimee Borzoni Heather Fotheringham Phyllis Brown Andrew Jamieson Lee Cruickshank Bob Sharp Muka Simpson Claire Farrimond Sarah Watt

Irene Davidson Holly Baxter Janice Denton Ann McLaughlan Menita Roberts Alan Weaver Gordon Mackenzie Sarah Omand Kim Sui Fiona Rolt Anita Milne Fiona Murdoch

Fiona McPherson Jill Sanders Jackie Kidd Carmen Gillies Tracie Wills Michelle Stephen Gemma Taylor Lesley Busby-Waltho Paul Nessling Joanne Hopkinson Pauline Munro

Lesley Fraser Ann Maxwell Robert Maxwell Donna Howls Linda Finlay Sarah Gammie Beth Hatswell Mark Matheson Iain Gordon Malcolm Risk Rachel Foster

AGENDA ITEM

WHAT WE TALKED ABOUT

1. Welcome



Elaine Coppard

Chair Councillor Lorna Creswell and co-chair Wayne Taylor said who they were, welcomed everyone to the partnership meeting and told us the theme we would be talking about today.

Lorna introduced Councillor Fiona Murdoch who will come and help chair meetings if Lorna is not here.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting



Lorna said copies of the note of the last meeting, known as 'minutes', were on the tables, along with feedback from the last theme "Me and My Community" when we talked about the things that help us feel part of our community.

3. Going Places, Doing Things



Anita Milne and Fiona Rolt from the Moray Area Forum came to hear what we had to say about transport.

The forum has talked to lots of different people and knows that lots of people have problems with getting to places because of problems with transport.

The forum does lots of work with the bus company Stagecoach and with the council's Passenger Transport Unit which looks after the buses for schools, day services and the Dial-M Service to try to make things better. The forum made a booklet to tell people about all the different kinds of transport there are in Moray and how to find out more information about them. Every house in Moray was given a copy of the booklet. Anita and Fiona came to hear more about the problems we have with transport and what help makes things better.

Activity:

At our tables we used pictures to show the activities we like to get out and do and the different kinds of transport we use to get there like cars, buses and council minibuses.

We then talked about and wrote down the things that make it easy to go places and the things which make it hard.

Some people who go to day services but who couldn't come to the meeting told us what they had to say by writing things down on big sheets of paper which we put up in the room and talked about.

Action:

We will collect all the things that people said and see what changes we can make. We will tell everyone bout this at the next meeting

4. Out of Darkness Theatre Company Showcase



Bob Sharp and Lee Cruickshank from Out of Darkness Theatre Company (ODTC) came to tell us what they do.

The company, which has moved from the town hall to a different building in Elgin, offers training and workshops in performance and technical theatre skills for people with learning disabilities.

People can choose to go to ODC and use their Self Directed Support to pay for a place. They hope to run taster sessions later this year so people can try things and see if they want to go first.

Some of the things they already have are:

- **Multi Arts Group**. This group made a black and white film about Dracula.
- Media Group. This group worked on a project about travelling to Los Angeles and used special equipment to make a film which made it look like people were really there in America.
- **Performance Group**. This group works on putting on plays.
- **Technical Group**. This group learns about the sound and lighting equipment and links in to a course at Moray College.

ODTC are asked by schools and organisations to write and perform plays to help get people thinking about things. They will be going out to all schools in September with a project about litter. We then asked some questions about ODTC. Action: When the information on the taster sessions is ready it will be sent to Carmen and she will pass it on to day services. 5. Lunch We stopped the meeting to have our packed lunches and to chat. Lorna told us about the work the council's social care service and the NHS 6. Joining Health & **Social Care** Grampian health service are doing to join services together so that people get the right care and support whatever their needs are. From April 2016 the Moray Health and Social Care Partnership will be in charge of local services. People living in Moray will have more say in what happens in their area. Grampian We said that for people to be able to get involved and have their say moray information needs to be easy to understand. Action: Lorna will tell the team working on writing the information to remember this. We are happy to help with this. 7. Enable Pauline Munro, ACE Inclusion Co-ordinator for ENABLE, told us about the ACE group. It meets one evening a month at Cedarwood in Elgin from 7-9pm. The group is open to everyone and helps build confidence. Anyone can go along to have their say. Joanne Hopkinson who is a member of the group said she has met lots of new people through it. When she first started going she was guiet but the group has helped her grow more confident. She goes to national ACE meetings 4 times a year and represents the views of people at ACE and ENABLE at lots of big meetings around the country. Action: We will send out dates for the ACE meetings with these minutes so that anyone interested can go along. 8. Anything Else Say Everyone had the chance to speak about anything they wanted. Some people said more about the things they go do in their community and how they get there. Some people said that they enjoyed the meeting.

9. Theme of Next Meeting



We were asked to pick from two of the themes in our strategy My Life, My Way.

One was Keeping Safe and the other was Better Health and Well Being. **Keeping Safe** got the most votes.

10. Next Meeting The Supper Room



Elgin Town Hall

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18th June 2015

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