

**BLACKPOOL FAIRNESS COMMISSION EXECUTIVE BOARD
THURSDAY, 26th January 2017
Room 3A, Bickerstaffe House, Blackpool**

MINUTES

Present: Dr Arif Rajpura, Director of Public Health Blackpool Council (Chair)
Amanda Bennett, Bay House Association
Annabelle Southern (Blackpool Council)
Helen Fairhurst (Morrison's)
Tracy Hopkins (CAB)
David Houston (Trinity)
Alan Reid (Disability First)
Mather Burrows, NHS
Mike Crowther (Groundwork)
Stuart Noble (Police)
Andy Charles (Business in the Community)
Liz Petch (Public Health)
Jane Hugo (Streetlife)
Paul Greenwood (CVS Chairman)
Zarna Choudhury (Minutes)

	Action
<p>1. Apologies</p> <p>Neil Jack Wendy Casson Jake Adam Ashok Khandelwal</p>	
<p>2. Welcome, Introductions and update on Support arrangements</p> <p>Spice Time Credits to be deferred as further discussions are required.</p>	
<p>3. Disability First DVD</p> <p>Alan Reid presented the Disability First DVD to the Group. The content was noted. Alan is going send the link to the DVD for the minutes.</p>	<p>Alan Reid</p> <p>Alan</p>
<p>4. Fairness Awards</p> <p>The awards are going to start next month at St John's. Once feedback has been received back from St John's the awards will be rolled out to other schools. It has been suggested that they start the awards at Park School as this would be good school to get involved. Jake can spread the word through his contacts.</p> <p>Steve Askin would be a good asset to have on board the Fairness Commission.</p> <p>Annabel is going to speak to Pauline at Sure Start to start further networking discussions and to get more schools on board that would be interested in this.</p>	<p>Annabel</p> <p>Jake</p> <p>Annabel</p>

5 & 6 Community Connectors Programme & Relaunch of 100 Acts of Kindness & Easter Buddies

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Amanda B

The Community Connectors Programme is going to be resurrected to help the community in a positive light. Amanda is going to relaunch the 100 acts of kindness in the community and in schools.

Sainsbury's have previously provided tea and biscuits for the group previously, which has helped target the people that are lonely and isolated through the 100 acts of kindness and the Easter buddies and Morrison's have said they may be able to help donate this year.

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Dr Clarke has said she would like to do coffee mornings at Layton Medical Centre due to its deprived area. The best way to move forward is to get the volunteers to target positive behaviour. The positivity for this would help the elderly in the community and this could take the pressure of the doctors, nurses and police in the area.

Volunteers could come from the semi-retired/ retired people who can attract more volunteers.

Arif spoke to Comrades and was told the elder generation have been known to ride on the buses for the social aspect and needs something strong moving forward to help the elderly generation. The community seems to be clinically focussed and community groups like these can prevent trips to the doctors. It needs to be integrated for the group to work.

There is a need to have a base of volunteers and how they are going to be recruited. However, there is a risk factor for the person's health and safety and to make sure the volunteers are safe. Amanda has confirmed that the Easter Buddies aim is to bring the elderly out into the community, rather than going through all the risk assessments and entering people's homes. Amanda has said that the more community connectors available in the area, the better and this can be done, for example, through the churches or groups.

AB

There is 3 questions that need to be asked to determine what the role of the volunteers are:

What can we do or what can the communities do to help each other?

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What can the group do to help?

What are our limits and what can't be done?

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If Layton surgery do offer a place for this to be for the community, then further talks need to be made with Dr Clarke. Further contact needs to be made with the CVS for further discussions and full details need to be found out. This is at a very early stage and this will be brought to the next meeting. Annabel is going to invite Kim to the next meeting for this to be discussed in more detail.

Amanda has said that she would like it set up before the next meeting.

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<p>Update on the Farm & CLC Bid</p> <p>The Stage 2 application has been submitted for the Reaching Community Funding for the amount of £70K and the results of this application will be known in April/ May. This will be used to apply for a community support worker to be paid for the farm to be properly managed. The designs for the farm will be forwarded for the minutes for the next meeting.</p> <p>There is a wait for the Big Lottery to see if the funding is going to be received for the amount of £345K and the decision will be known in the next few weeks.</p> <p>In terms of relationships with the Partnerships, this wouldn't have transpired if there wasn't support from all the partnerships involved. Children Centres have shown an interest in the Farm and have reserved £60K for this which was why the farms were thought of in the first place. A link needs to be created with the Hospital and the Doctor's surgeries close to the farm to provide a closer community network and that can also work with the farm.</p> <p>This needs to remain under fairness commission for it to be managed.</p>	<p>Mike Crowther</p> <p>Mike Crowther</p> <p>Mike Crowther</p>
<p>7. Update on Fairtrade Town Status</p> <p>Most schools are in the Fairtrade status. Fairtrade fortnight is 22/02/2017.</p> <p>Coffee mornings will help to publicise the Fairtrade around Blackpool. This is going to be agreed on Friday and Helen will let us know.</p> <p>Fairtrade will be involved with International Women's day in March. There is a lot on information on the Fairtrade website. Extra stock can be found in the cupboard at Sainsbury's.</p> <p>The applications will be sent around March. The banana suit is going to be worn by Andy.</p>	
<p>8 Dementia Action Alliance/ Accelerator Programme</p> <p>There has been a DAA hub every month on a Friday at Clifton Hospital.</p> <p>BVH has launched its dementia strategy and a Fylde coast steering group will lead The Dementia Alliance.</p> <p>The Alzheimer's society have a project to accelerate the dementia areas in the Fylde coast, however this doesn't come with funding. Claire Thorpe is an accelerator co-ordinator and she will be visiting to provide support and guidance.</p> <p>Training for businesses has been confirmed for March. The Alzheimer's Society has asked Police, Fire and Ambulance to come on board with the Dementia Alliance which is helping the DAA. Feedback has been received by Blackpool Transport Services to say that the Dementia Alliance training that has been received has made a difference to workers/ staff.</p>	<p>AB</p>
<p>9. Blackpool Youth Voice - Update</p>	

	Action Jake
<p>Bring forward to the next meeting.</p> <p>10. AOB</p> <p>Victim's voice project has gone out to Tender – and the police won this contract, therefore the Victims Voice will cease with Blackpool Council. A new financial project is underway, to help people who are in a lot of debt, establish how they got to that point and then provide a way to help them get out. The Good Things group are taking referrals and this includes working with the NHS, including doctors and nurses. The Good Things group will provide digital help to help people, through money saving websites. These projects need to be well publicised for people to come and access the services. Supermarkets have agreed to allow them to talk to the customers and even the possibility to set up in Doctors surgeries.</p> <p>Arif would like the entire 3rd sector in the Winter Gardens to Network. This will show the breadth and the diversity that is being offered. A speed networking session has been suggested for other people to get an understanding as to who does what and what their roles involve. The whole point is to showcase what the 3rd sector actually does, this can be worked on and Arif would like it completed by the end of March. The Fairness commission have said they can sponsor the event.</p> <p>Fairness Commission is owned by the third sector and the council do not have much to do with it – Arif is here purely as Director of Public Health.</p> <p>Working group to set this up is Paul Greenwood, Amanda Bennett, Jane Hugo and Alan Reid. This is to be completed by March as a date needs to in the diary. Arif will arrange the date and the working group know.</p>	<p>Alan</p> <p>AB, JH, AR,PG</p>
<p>11. Date of Next Meeting – 9th March, 2017, Conference Room 3A</p>	