

**BLACKPOOL FAIRNESS COMMISSION EXECUTIVE BOARD**  
**THURSDAY, 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017**  
**Room 3A, Bickerstaffe House, Blackpool**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Dr Arif Rajpura, Director of Public Health Blackpool Council (Chair)  
Amanda Bennett (Bay House Association)  
Neil Jack (Blackpool Council)  
Annabel Southern (Blackpool Council)  
Tracy Hopkins (CAB)  
David Houston (Trinity)  
Jake Adams (Blackpool Youth Voice)  
Nicole Hammond (Streetlife)  
Matthew Burrows (Blackpool Teaching Hospitals)  
Ashok Khandelwal (Fylde Coast Hindu Society)  
Stuart Noble (Lancashire Constabulary)  
Paul Greenwood (CVS Chairman)  
Dick Cartmell (Lancashire Together)

**1. Apologies**

Helen Fairhurst (Morrison's)  
Alan Reid (Disability First)  
Mike Crowther (Groundwork)  
Andy Charles (Business in the Community)  
Liz Petch (Public Health)  
Jane Hugo (Streetlife)  
Dr Sarah Shaw (Layton Medical Centre)

**2. Welcome, Introductions and Previous Minutes**

The Fairness Awards have been well received at St Johns School and hopefully will be featured in Your Blackpool. AB spoke to the Headteacher at Park School, Mr Berry, and they are keen to learn more about the awards.

AR promoted the Third Sector Showcase being held at the Pavilion Theatre in the Winter Gardens. At the time of the meeting 45 third organisations were being represented. The public sector agencies in the town had committed to coming along. The aim of the event was to start conversations between organisations to facilitate better working.

AR also introduced a piece of work around place based mapping of activities being carried out by the public sector that will be extended to the third sector.

NJ stated there should be an emphasis on helping people to help themselves.

DC felt that activities being carried out were determined by the

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professionals not the people involved. AR spoke about the Community Orientated Primary Care project which involves forming Citizen's Juries to look at health and wellbeing issues.

AB talking about the Community Connectors helping to ignite communities of place and interest.

Evaluating the impacts of activities was seen as key to ensure maximum gain.

JA entered the meeting.

3. **Ashok's Leaving Presentation**

The Fairness Commission thanked Ashok for his all his work with and significant contribution to the Fairness Commission. AR stated that it was a loss not only to the Fairness Commission but also the Fylde Coast.

AK expressed sadness at leaving the Fylde Coast and has enjoyed his time in the town. He felt the Fairness Commission had contributed to change in the town, particularly in attitude.

4. **Kindness Convention**

To launch the Acts of Kindness campaign and to mobilise communities to be kind the Fairness Commission will be holding a Kindness Convention. The original Acts of Kindness was successful at helping organisations but this campaign will be focused on ground level activity, like helping your neighbour, which will build a sense of community.

TH said that the CAB is seeing clients who have all sorts of issues but don't know where to go or have anyone else to talk.

AB said that the convention would be the perfect place to launch the Community Connectors, who can help those people who are socially isolated.

JA agreed to talk to Blackpool Youth Voice about the campaign and ask them for ideas to involve young people.

Jake

5 **Time Credits / Time Banking**

AS proposed that a sub group was created to look at the issue of time credits and time banking. There are a number of schemes currently in operation, both locally and nationally, that incentivise volunteering; some like Spice Time Credits can be costly to implement.

The Social Inclusion Officer at Blackpool Council has had experience of time credits and time banking in a previous role at Spice and would be an asset to the sub group. The membership of the group was proposed as Amanda Bennett, Liz Petch, Karen Corfield, Jake Adams, Andy Charles, Ian Sewart, Hannah Corless, Annabel Southern, DWP representation.

AS to arrange a first meeting of the sub group.

6 **Easter Buddies**

AS explained that the Easter Buddies campaign would involve approximately 10 coffee mornings around the Easter period focused on getting people out of their homes and sign posting them to further social

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<p>opportunities. The Fairness Commission were asked to consider attending a session once the dates were circulated. TH said the CAB would be happy to host an event.</p> <p>JA said he would check in Claremont as to whether they were able to host a coffee morning.</p> <p>AB to circulate dates once a list is drawn up.</p>	<p><b>JA</b></p> <p><b>AB</b></p>
<p>7 Farm, Shop and CLC Development</p> <p>CLC remodelling has been approved and a contractor is in place. The contractor has agreed to fit out the Community Shop for free and employ a Community Engagement worker.</p>	
<p>8 <b>Fairtrade</b></p> <p>Fairtrade Fortnight activities were held in 4 libraries and with youth groups supported by UR Potential. Morrison's supported these with tea, coffee, bananas etc. The Fairtrade twitter account has been reactivated and was used as the main promotional vehicle.</p> <p>3 more schools are needed to meet the requirements for Fairtrade Town Status and following a meeting with the Primary school Geography cluster at least 4 have expressed an interest in obtaining Fairtrade status.</p>	
<p>9. <b>Dementia Action Alliance</b></p> <p>The Dementia Hub is now up and running at Trinity Hospice and Clifton Hospital on a monthly basis. The first event attracted 25 people.</p> <p>There has been an initial meeting with the Project Manager of the Dementia Friendly Communities Accelerator Programme and we are looking at hosting the Dementia bus at one of the many Fylde Coast events and holding more Dementia Friends sessions.</p> <p>A presentation will be given to the Blackpool Business Leader's Group about the benefits of becoming a Dementia friendly organisation.</p> <p>The Fylde Coast Dementia Steering Group has been paused due to the Fylde and Wyre DAA Chair taking a period of sick leave. She is now back at work so hopefully that group will gain momentum.</p>	
<p>10. Blackpool Youth Voice</p> <p>There are now 15 /20 people regularly attending and a new member of Youth Parliament has been elected after 450 young people voted.</p> <p>JA is attending a UN Youth Summit in Canada to talk about Young People in Business. AR expressed that this was an amazing achievement for JA and a great news story for the town. JA was hoping to obtain some publicity around the visit.</p>	
<p>11. AOB</p> <p>TH highlighted the importance of volunteers to the CAB and asked that the members of the Fairness Commission circulate a request of volunteers at the CAB through their networks.</p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p>

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**Date of Next Meeting –20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 Room 3B Bickerstaffe House  
2pm – 4pm**