

LIL Core Group meeting 15th March 2012

Apologies: Iggy Patel, Nigel Webster, Jo Minchin, Emma Krasinska

Present: Mike Martin, Ian Brown, Susan Lipscombe, Charles Cooke, Barbara Goulding, Gail Martin

Introduction and welcome to prospective Core Group Members

- Charles welcomed Barbara and Gail to the meeting and gave them a brief history of Lincolnshire Independent Living (LIL)
- Mike, Ian, Susan and Charles introduced themselves to Gail and Barbara
- Gail has lived in the Boston area for two years having moved from Kent where she was involved in the running of three day centres in the Dover area and has a focus on sensory impairment (deaf) and Downs Syndrome
- Barbara has recently returned to the Grantham area after 40 years in South Africa working as an accountant for the United Nations. She has been instrumental in the organisation and running of one respite and one private care home in the country. She has an interest in Motor Neurone disease and Physical disabilities.

Declaration of interest

- It was noted during introductions that most of the members present were connected to organisations external to LIL and that these would be acknowledged when decisions were being taken.
- Charles, as interim chair of LIL declared:
 - He has no intention of standing as chair following the AGM
 - An interest as the accountable body for LIL
 - He will act as a facilitator helping LIL to make decisions
 - He does not intend to exercise a vote or undue influence

Minutes of the Last Meeting

- Attendee Ian Smith should be Ian Brown
- Minutes approved

Action Plan approval– Approved by those present, Nigel Webster gave verbal approval prior to the meeting, no descents

Action Plan

- **Update Attached**
- **Development Worker Report** – Appendices 1
- **Administrator Report** – Appendices 2
- **Administration**
 - **Bank Account** – several accounts shown to core group, all similar in

their service provision to community groups. Decided to apply for a Co-Operative account.

- **Permanent Contact Address** – It is hoped that the Mint Lane building will become available for User Led groups following a meeting at the end of March, discussions will take place once confirmed
- **Telephone** – Information on Skype and 0845 numbers via a virtual office presented. Due to low number of calls to the mobile which are mainly for Susan the number is to be re-directed to Susans mobile. Mike is to keep the LIL mobile for administrative communications

Finances and Future Finances

- No financial report presented
- LCDA to formally write to MM & SPL to extend contracts
- DPULO Facilitation Fund application submitted

Annual General Meeting – Date set for 17th April 2012 11am to 12 noon. Croft Street Community Centre, Baggholme Road, Lincoln

Officer Positions – to be voted at the AGM

- **Chair** – Role responsibilities as advertised
- **Secretary** – MM to seek information about this
- **Treasurer** – Will be seen as a scrutinizing role

Q & A from prospective Core Group Members – there were no questions from Gail or Barbara. After agreeing to become Core Group members both were Co-Opted onto the core group

Next Meeting - Wednesday 4th April 2012, Renew Involvement Centre, Mint Lane, Lincoln LN1 1UD

No other Business

Future Meetings: Wednesdays: 2nd May 2012, 6th June 2012,
4th July 2012, 1st August 2012, 5th September 2012

Appendices 1 - Development worker report LIL

Since the last extraordinary meeting on the 23rd February the following has happened:-

We the core group, Mike, Jo and I have been involved in a 6 month course with a group In Control, which is a national charity whose mission is to create a fairer society where everyone needing additional support has the right, responsibility and freedom to control that support.

Tuesday/Wednesdays 20/21st and the following 6/7th March was taken up with the course and more especially for the second two days preparing and presenting issues we felt strongly about that affected disabled people in Lincolnshire.

The subjects were Working Together and really listening; Person Centred Planning future training, Relationships and useful things to do; Assessments .We got to present this to Commissioners Terry Hawkins, Michelle White from ESCO (early support care co-ordinator) Richard Eccles; Andrew Wells; Meredith Teasdale Head of Children's Disability Services and Justin Hackney on the final day.

The result was an invitation to the LCC staff meeting on the 12th March to present the case on personalisation and what is going wrong to Commissioners and leaders. This has set rolling, a way forward to help people process assessments more quickly and asked for funds to help clear the backlog. Further presentation from the group will be set up with Andrew Wells on 16/18 & 19th April on person centred planning.

The other outcomes from the group are the hope that they will come under the umbrella of LIL and be part of the Lincoln pilot for the Peer support Network which we are arranging training for. This brings me nicely to the consultant from ESH who I am speaking with regarding the training of Peers and which seems to be quite competitive. I would like the views of trustees about the days and formats.

2nd March I attended the Linkage Trust seminar at the showroom and met up with the Policy and Campaign Officer Linda Alexander who is investigating the support for disabled people and is going to meet up with the minister on the 20th March and has asked if anyone wants her to take issues with her to let her know. I shall follow up this and the work she is doing with employers in the county.

On Monday 5th March I went to a carers big lottery event to find out the key issues on funding application and there appears to be a dearth of applications from Carer groups which I suggested was in fact because they are usually small and they do not have the structure to enable them to have a lot of the charitable policies in place – perhaps if they wanted to encourage small social

groups they could be less prescriptive about the supporting paperwork.

The 8th March saw the second stage of a group of carers/ personal budget users ironing out the problems with the RAS assessment process which brought the amazing comment from Carol Redding and Emma that many of the suggestions they had already been approached about but they had not been implemented. We looked at quick changes and long term changes, and the suggestion by Hilary Boone about a better format for the assessment of the FABS was a move forward. We hope from this that there will be some changes.

14th March I went along to the re-launched carers group in Boston and we discussed the way that the closures of day centres had been handled and the need to take things up on a group basis. I spoke about LIL being a suitable vehicle to take up some of the personalisation problems and have two incidents of people who are experiencing problems.

At the meeting an ex Social services manager David Watson reappeared having instigated the interviews at the first meeting with the radio and look north that Gail and her son had been involved with, He wants to take up issues with the ombudsman and was looking for people who are prepared to do this. He has also noted that the Lincoln Echo is a vehicle to let people know what is happening to disabled people and has managed to gain interviews in the council and had an item published by Mr Williams.

The FF application has been amended to take into account the provision of a database of Personal Assistants in the county willing to register and to be available so that as people come onto personal budgets they can tap into a ready source of PA's. and with this to develop a PAYE service so that it takes out the fear factor for some of the carers.

Appendices 2 -Administration Report 14th March 2012

Action Plan - Communications

Registration Pack	Membership form, Monitoring Form, Easy read Monitoring Form, Participation form complete To do: Covering Letter, Easy Read Membership & Participation forms
Website	Partially Updated. History of LIL, Useful sites to work on. All contributions gratefully received
Monthly news	March has gone out electronically. Delayed a snail mail postage to include April edition, covering letter to request alternative distribution and AGM invite
Quarterly News	Please send in contributions - to go out at the end of April (just after AGM)

Action Plan - Peer Support

Systems	To do: Volunteer agreement, insurances
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Action Plan - Consultancy

Canvas Members	Included in Monthly update
Admin systems	

Action Plan - Administration

Set up Bank account	Some details provided, will visit banks in preparation of having all forms ready by AGM for new officers to apply
Permanent contact Address/Tel	Address - Am hoping RIC, Mint Lane may be available Tel - Information on Skype and Virtual Office
Policy Requirements	Need advice on what policies are required
Chair	Advert sent out in March update and electronically to distribution list
AGM	Croft Street community centre available Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri week commencing 16 th April. Suggest this venue as it has more parking for disabled attendees - Cost £40 for 3 hours