

Lincolnshire Independent Living - Core Group Meeting

2nd November 2011 - Abel Smith Gardens, Branston, Lincoln

Present	Nigel Webster (NW), Susan Lipscombe (SL), Iggy Patel (IP), Mike Martin (MM), Jo Minchin (JM) (via webcam)
In Attendance	Amanda Nicholson (LCDA)
Apologies	Angela Porter

Item	Comments	Action
2	Minutes accepted and approved by the group.	
3	Matters Arising from minutes of the meeting	
	<p>2.1 FACS and RAS questions. LCC is asking about another set of meetings 'Consultation' discriminate significantly against people with mental health problems. Bostonian deaf lady not covered by RAS questions. LCC keeps saying 'One off incident'. We need to log this better. Keyring presentation, not an informal event</p> <p>Nine documents go with the RAS in total, can be anything from 3 months plus to go through processing and assessment. Without logging these things, they are just stories and we can't do anything about it.</p> <p>The RAS looks at one category of disability only, but many people have co morbidity e.g. epilepsy and a learning disability, they tend to only look at the learning disability category. Placed in a 'box' not personalised at all. Mental health – not a health issue - adult social care issue, then Autistic Spectrum Conditions say it's not their problem and bounce it back to health. Silo thinking.</p> <p>Need to record name address details and how long the problem has been going on. We all need copies of it to raise at whatever meetings we may be in. We have to be evidence based. That is a core thing for LIL to do.</p> <p>Still need to find more info about the RAS, need to look at it and simplify it to get info out there. Iggy has requested a lot of info to put a flowchart together.</p>	<p>Susan Iggy Mike attending</p> <p>All</p> <p>Mike</p> <p>Iggy</p>
	<p>7 IT / Communication / Website Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LIL admin folder is up and running. • IT G+ Facebook Twitter Dropbox and others set up • Need to feedback to members what we are doing • Phone has been set up. 	

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4	Feedback from Workshops	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Workshops held in Louth, Grantham, Spalding and Lincoln ii. Louth and Lincoln well attended iii. Grantham and Spalding not many attendees but a good contact from Spalding iv. Sue to attend West Lindsey Disability forum to promote LIL v. A request has been received to hold a workshop on the east coast. After discussion it was decided that beneficial to hold workshops in Skegness and Boston vi. Need more ethnic diversity? Massive issue in Boston and Skegness, lots of people moving in to the area. People don't travel to meetings. 	Sue/Nigel Mike Sue Iggy
4a	Business Plan	
	Iggy to collate and expand from drafts to date	Iggy
5	Funding/Fundraising	
5a	Maintain Development/Admin support after March 2012	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Search for funding to develop the activities of LIL ii. Susan wants to discuss what projects we need to be putting forward for funding. iii. Seek funding for doing what we are doing, getting out there, promoting LIL and finding things that need highlighting. iv. Perhaps we need to be getting little core groups together to look at specific projects. Need a targeted business plan outlining what we are going to do and how we are going to do it specifically (see 4a). v. Susan could do with a resume of everyone's skills, so she can show what we can do. vi. We keep our eyes open for funding opportunities. vii. Charles has given Iggy some pointers 	
5b	Sign onto Local Authority Framework	
	Iggy has already done this	

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6	Membership Recruitment	
6a	Carer voting rights	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. We recognise that the role of carer does disable people and that this role is not always a voluntary one. Some carers may also need to take on the role of advocate. The membership form does reflect this by allowing someone to vote on the disabled persons behalf ii. It was agreed that Carers should have the same voting rights as disabled people. No dissents iii. We must ensure that carers do not drown out the voices of people with a disability iv. When voting, disabled people must be in the majority 	
6b	Re-Sign Constitution reflecting Name Change and incorporation of Carer rights	
	lggy to re-write sections to include Carer voting rights	
6c	Membership recruitment	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. County carers events mentioned by Susan, intending to get members through those too. ii. Some discussion on the involvement of the CDA. Sue to work with Nigel on this. 	
6d	Core group membership recruitment	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Letter to core group members to ask for commitment ii. Could we become incorporated as trustees to limit our financial responsibility? iii. How can we stand alone from the LCDA Need a treasurer. We are not ready yet for that. iv. We are starting to get them trickling in. v. Nigel has been particularly brilliant. (50 members) vi. Approximately 85 members now! 	Susan
7	Localism Agenda	
	<p>Funding for rent and Council tax support will be moving from Local to Central Government and managed by DWP and Inland Revenue. Personal Independent Payment. This is concerning to a lot of people and does not just affect disabled people.</p> <p>It is 'rumoured' that each person will be capped to receive no more than £500 pcm. Including Disability Living Allowance, Job Seekers Allowance and any other benefits claimed. This has not been decided and it is suspected to be a frightener.</p> <p>This is something we must keep up to date with and encourage our contacts to take part in any consultation opportunities arising</p>	Nigel to link in with other orgs and keep us informed

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8	Networking with Total Voice				
	<p>Concerned about implications. Agreed to share information but we seem to be sharing more than TV</p> <p>When it comes to personalisation. If there are issues, Total Voice are already looking at them and doing reports. We can be doing a parallel service, but we are not getting the funding to do LA advocacy. If TV refers someone to us, we would need to know what they have already done. We don't want to duplicate it.</p>	Iggy to meet with TV once a month			
9	Advocacy				
	<p>We don't have the capability to do it at the moment. Nigel says he can do a small amount of it through the groups he runs. Small things, but we can't cope with a lot. We would love to do more. We need to prove to people that we can do things, and we need to just go out there to do it</p> <p>Request referral form for us to refer clients in appropriate</p>	Mike			
11	Any Other Business				
11.1	Lots of problems in South Holland. Interesting when they merge with EastLindsey.				
11.2	Cost of replacing day care centres	info request			
11.3	Nigel starting two new mental health groups in Market Rasen soon				
11.4	We need to educate people on what a disability is. We need to say it at meetings perhaps. We understand that all of these (list as per disability model) are included, we don't need to print the list in all things. Ignorance is a major problem. Emphasise the social model not the medical model.	Iggy will blog it.			
11.5	<p>Emma K wishes to attend LIL meetings. Minutes of previous meeting as reported by Tara</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="363 1563 1315 1818"> <tr> <td data-bbox="363 1563 528 1818">11.10</td> <td data-bbox="528 1563 1187 1818">Minutes have been sent to Emma and Helen up until now, in future only send them any relevant information we would like consult them on. There is now an agreement that we will invite them to attend if required.</td> <td data-bbox="1187 1563 1315 1818"></td> </tr> </table> <p>Helen from total voice is happy with this arrangement</p>	11.10	Minutes have been sent to Emma and Helen up until now, in future only send them any relevant information we would like consult them on. There is now an agreement that we will invite them to attend if required.		
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11.6	Need to look at disabled Older People, hugely neglected area. Closures of specialist facilities Ceaders at Spalding. People campaigning.				

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11.7	Admin don't want to make unilateral decisions about ordering printing, goods etc. rather run them past the core This is not necessary, confirm with chair for authorisation	
11.8	Branston Hall Autism conference. All stall spaces taken. Susan has arranged to have our information inserted into delegate packs. Information sheet, Membership form and a covering compslip to be delivered prior to the event	Mike
11.9	Volunteering, still gives a 2 tier value in meetings. If you are not getting paid, you are seen as a second rate participant. Need to keep an eye on it.	
11.10	Susan expressed a wish to assist with Iggy's application for personalisation? We need to show we can do. How can we advertise our help when our chair is experiencing so many problems. Iggy reported that he has progressed through the Local Authority complaints process and has a meeting to discuss this with them. He suspects that the LA will attempt to suggest that his is a single occurrence and requested testimonial evidence to refute this.	All
11.11	Looking at freeing up money that is tied to certain things (e.g. website) to fund what is needed now. It would not mean bending the remit much.	Iggy
	The core group does not need to decide on the fine detail, just the over all direction. Meetings would get bogged down on the detail.	

Future Meetings:

Wednesday 7th December 2011

No meeting for January

Wednesday 1st February 2012

Wednesday ??? March 2012

(sharing knowledge course for IP, MM, SP)

All meeting are **10.30am to 12.30pm** at Renew Involvement Centre, Mint Lane, Lincoln, LN1 1UW

Please let Mike know if you are unable to attend

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