

Northampton Borough Council - Northampton Disabled People's Forum

Friday, 25 November 2016 at 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

The Jeffrey Room, The Guildhall, St. Giles Square, Northampton, NN1 1DE

Agenda

- 1. Welcomes, introductions and apologies**
- 2. Minutes and Matters Arising**
- 3. Election for Co Chair**
- 4. Karen Wheeler - Impact of PIP on GPs**
- 5. Northants Fire and Rescue**
- 6. Disabled Parking**
- 7. Action Plan - International Day with People with Disability.**
- 8. Community Information Exchange**
- 9. Items for Next and Future Meetings**
- 10. Date of the Next Meeting**

January 20th 2017 10:30am – 12:30pm, The Guildhall

Map and directions at: www.northampton.gov.uk/guildhall

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More information about the Forum generally is at: www.northampton.gov.uk/forums



Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/NorthamptonDisabledPeoplesForum?ref=hl>

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Agenda Item 1

Code of Conduct for the Forums

This Code of Conduct sets out the standards that the Forums expect of its members. It aims to provide members with an effective ethical framework in which to do business. It is not intended to be exhaustive, or to cover every eventuality, but sets out some common sense requirements to enable the forums to function smoothly and successfully.

It is the responsibility of the Chair to encourage and enable input from forum members, to ensure all voices are heard.

1. Meeting Etiquette

As an attendee you must comply with the following requirements and any others that may be stated from time to time:

- 1.1 Contribute positively to discussions concerning the issues of the meeting
- 1.2 Be friendly, polite, courteous and respectful at all times to fellow members, and others present
- 1.3 Not insult, abuse or use offensive language or behaviour
- 1.4 Comply with Northampton Borough Councils Equal Opportunities Policy
- 1.5 Demonstrate actively that you are interested in and care about the issue that you are discussing and want to make a positive difference
- 1.6 Show respect for buildings, facilities and equipment being used
- 1.7 Speak only through the Chairman of the meeting and not interrupt, heckle, make distracting noises or gestures
- 1.8 Speak clearly into any microphone provided and comply with any instructions given about its use

2. Being Objective

- 2.1 Your own experience and views should inform, but not dominate or dictate how you participate.
- 2.2 If you have a specific issue with regards to a service matter to raise these can be discussed with a member of staff at the end of the each meeting or you can ask for the appropriate officer details. Meetings attended by other residents are not the place to raise any issues of this nature.

2.3 Be Fair

- 2.4 You must have and show respect for the people you deal with, and take their circumstances and personal differences into account. This is about putting equality into practice. The key is simply to respect differences fairly, so that you do not exclude anyone, or treat anyone inappropriately or unfairly because of their particular circumstances.

Breaching the Code of Conduct

If any person's behaviour breaches this Code of Conduct, they will be required to leave the meeting and vacate the premises where it is being held. They will not be permitted to attend future meetings unless they provide satisfactory evidence to Northampton Borough Council that they will comply with the Code – e.g. a letter of apology.

If you would like further information or if you would like to discuss the Code of Conduct please contact Vicki Rockall, Partnerships and Communities Manager at vrockall@northampton.gov.uk or on 01604 837074

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Friday, 16 September 2016 10.30am – 12:30pm

1. WELCOMES, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

Present: Co- Chair Martin De Rosario (MD), Alice Morgan (NBC, AM), Barbara Barber (Individual, BB), Larry Barber (Individual LB), Graeme Wilson (GW), Barbara Stewart (Individual BS), Cllr Ashraf (RA), Carl Weininger (Polio CW), Cllr King (AK), Nisha Mejer (NBC NM), Emily Gibbins (Olympus Care Services EG), Pedro Santos (Olympus Care Services PS), J Forrest – Smith (Individual JFS)

Apologies:

James O'Neill, Michael Jackson, Cllr Davenport, Cllr Larratt, Simon Burgess, Beverley Mennell, Shopmobility

MD opened the meeting and welcomed everybody.

2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes were recorded as to true to record.

3. NOMINATIONS FOR CO-CHAIR

AM thanked MD for Chairing the Forum. AM invited MD to stand again if he wished to do so. The rest of the forum members were invited to stand as Chair. The deadline to nominate is 18th November.

ACTION: NM to email the forum to let everyone know.

4. EMILY GIBBINS - OLYMPUS CARE SERVICES. ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY SERVICE

PS gave a presentation about the Olympus Care website in particular a “virtual house.” This is designed to provide a clearer understanding of how assistive technologies can help people to live more independently at home.

Free assessments are carried out to establish what is required. People can ring 01604 366 000 or go online <https://www.olympuscareservices.co.uk/shop/>

PS went through various products that the organisation offers.

For example there are devices which raise alerts when somebody falls. The fall detector is worn around the neck. There are medication dispensers and devices that remind patients when to take medication.

RA: Can the devices help children?

PS: Devices are for people of all ages.

5. SHOPMOBILITY - UPDATE

- Shopmobility have sent their apologies
- Shopmobility are still awaiting the outcome of their grant to NCF (£10k), have been asked for more info which they have supplied, will know the final decision at the beginning of October.
- Our small grant application will be decided at the panel on 21st September (£3k)
- Meeting to be arranged in the next couple of weeks with Oakley Healthcare re: future model/way of working, who are keen to support.

6. ACTION PLAN

AM: Chief Constable will be hosting an event on 10th November. NBC will be having a stall at this event and AM and NM will be promoting the forums.

AM: Hate Crime Week is 8th – 15th October. Survey carried out. Working with partners to work on this project.

10th Oct – Hate Crime Inter Forum Afternoon Tea. All invited. Object to recruit Champions.

Staff training on Hate Crime in NBC.

Independent Day with People with Disability – The venue is Weston Favell Shopping Centre on 3rd December. 11am – 3pm.

Need dedicated spaces for parking. Can approach Tesco for support.

ACTION: AM to ask for stallholders. Priority to forum members.

It was decided to have the event where the greatest footfall is rather than large space.

ACTION: Check space for Disability Day.

7. COMMUNITY INFORMATION EXCHANGE

AM: Public Spaces Public Order consultations end 23rd Sept.

CW: British Polio Foundation would like to work with other groups. Day Trip

organised 19th September.

GW: Ellie Robinson won gold medal at the Olympics.

Sports Award on 20th October. Nominations can be taken.

Jogging group organised for people who are deaf.

Jogging group for Mencap at Delapre Park.

BS: Roadrunner event at Abington Park.

Cllr A: Food collection 2-7pm on Saturday on behalf of Helping Hands and City of Sanctuary.

8. ITEMS FOR NEXT AND FUTURE MEETINGS

Karen Wheeler – Impact of PIP on GPs.
Diabetes awareness.

9. AOB

AM: Event calendar to be sent to forum.

Meeting changed to 25th November due to International Men's Day being held on the same day.

10. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

25th November The Guildhall, 10.30am – 12:30pm.

The meeting concluded at Time Not Specified

Forum Action Plan						
Chair:	Cllr. Larratt and Martin De Rosario		Responsible Forum:	Disabled People's Forum		
Outcomes identified within the Corporate Plan:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empowered local communities with a greater capacity to become involved in community life • Promote integration and cohesion • Appropriate support provided to those in most need • Services are fair, accessible and responsive to individual needs residents and customers feel informed and engaged in service quality and design • Future developments informed by the views of local people • Delivery of events to celebrate and enjoy the Town's heritage and culture 					
Objectives:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify issues of importance to disabled people who live or work in the Borough, research/discuss issues and decide on outcomes to achieve • Promote and sustain effective communication between NBC and disabled people living or working in the Borough. • Work towards equality of access by disabled people to services, including accessible formats, removing barriers, promoting dialogue and identifying specific requirements. • Promoting partnership working by statutory and voluntary sector organisations, and Disabled People's groups and communities 					
Actions:						
Action	Owner	Activity (intelligence led)	Timescale	Cost	Measure	Last Updated
Improve attendance at forum, bringing different groups together to build upon the forum. Including service providers as well as service users.	Partnerships and Communities Team	Continue to promote forum through various networks and communications channels.	Ongoing	Nil	% increase at forum	March 15
Hate Crime Awareness and Support	Partnerships and Communities Team	Work with Northamptonshire Police to develop more third party reporting agencies, for access by the Disabled Community Community Forum event taking place – Hate Crime Awareness Week. Monday 10 th October took place. Inter Forum event – information and recruitment session for Hate Crime Champions from the Community Forums and wider. Approx 8 champions were recruited and approx. 70 people attended.	Ongoing	Nil	Reporting centres set up and utilised	November 2016

Disability Awareness Week	Partnerships and Communities Team	Awareness raising event, promoting services available. Event venue – possibility of Weston Favell Community Centre.	3 rd December 2016	Nil	Event held and % no attendees	September 2016
Disabled Facilities Grants	AAitken	Help promote the scheme to the community Support AAitken, Adaptations Manager, to raise awareness	Ongoing	Nil		September 2016
Shopmobility Service	Shopmobility All	Support Shopmobility to promote their service. Plan to be developed.	Ongoing	Nil		September 2016