

Northampton Borough Council - Northampton Women's Forum

Tuesday, 25 July 2017 11am -1pm

1. WELCOMES, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

Present: Cllr King (AK Co-Chair), Pauline Woodhouse (PW Co-Chair), Sheila Baker (SB Townswomen's Guild), Ann Bodsworth (AB, Northamptonshire Domestic Abuse Service), Dawn Thomas (DT Northamptonshire Rape Crisis), Paula Whitworth (PW Women's Institute), Morcea Walker (MW Individual), Aimee Luck (AL NBC), Nisha Mejer (NM NBC), Debbie Fergusson (DF NBC), Janice Duffy (JD), Phil Harris (PH NBC), Louise Musson (LM NBC), Kate Scott (KS)

Apologies: Jeanette Pidgen, Kelly Jordan, Inderjit Jutla, Neelam Aggarwal-Singh, Amber Wright, Karolina Zalewska, Nikki Parrott.

2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes approved

AL gave an update on Legal Aid issue. It was decided that AL will check Law Society website for different objectives and draft a letter in support of this.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR

The forum thanked PW for chairing the meetings. PW was voted to be Chair for a further year.

4. HOUSING AND WELLBEING - PHIL HARRIS

PH gave a presentation on Housing and Wellbeing and gave an overview of the work the department does and the future priorities.

ACTION: NM to send out presentation to the Women's Forum.

5. NATIONAL RAPE CRISIS WEEK OF ACTION AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MONTH - DEBBIE FERGUSSON AND DAWN THOMAS

Forum members to be part of 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence dated 25th November – 10th December. There will be coordinated events and a steering group to be created encompassing key organisations in Northampton.

ACTION NM to organise a date with the steering group to meet to discuss further.

6. ACTION PLAN

16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence discussed in previous meeting.

International Women's Day – A book called Stories of Resilience is being compiled to be launched for International Women's Day. Previous award winners will be invited to write a short passage to be part of a book along with other women who inspirational stories.

Townswomen's Guild to have an activity corner in the Great Hall.

Further planning to be done later on in the year.

Hate Crime Awareness Week – activities to be planned for the week 14th – 21st October.

7. COMMUNITY INFORMATION EXCHANGE

LM: NBC is now part of the Dementia Action Alliance. All organisations are invited to be to be part of this. Forum members can go to the Dementia Action Alliance and choose the "Northampton."

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

26th September 2017 11am – pm.