

Northampton Borough Council - Northampton Women's Forum

Tuesday, 26 September 2017, 11am-1pm.

1. WELCOMES, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

Present: Pauline Woodhouse (PW Co-Chair), Champa Biswas (CB Individual), Rachel Clements (RC Sport4Fitness), Pindy Chahal (PC SCCYC), Rachel Packman (RP Police), Morcea Walker (MW Individual), Paula Whitworth (PW WI), Cllr Janice Duffy (JD Labour Party), Irene Bianchi (IB Aquarius), Jo Painter (JP Voice), Nisha Mejer (NM NBC), Aimee Luck (AL NBC), Vicki Rockall (VR NBC), Toby Birch (TB Individual), Elaine O'Leary (EO Northants Acre), Louisa Musson (LM NBC), Mavis Munderwa (MM Individual), Wana Patrichi (WP Inspiration FM).

Apologies: Kate Scott, Paula Whitworth, Sheila Baker, Neelam Aggarwal-Singh, Anna King, Dawn Thomas, Anne Bodsworth.

2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes were recorded as true to record. No matters arising.

3. TOBY BIRCH - COMMUNITY CENTRES

TB gave out a presentation about the Community centres around Northampton. Keen to start new projects eg Briar Hill.

ACTION: NM to send out presentation and contact details.

Q: What activities do you run?

A: Run groups for all ages. New community centre has an industrial kitchen. Have lunch clubs for adults. Can make hot food at St Crispins and take to the centres. Run activities such as Bingo, health, recreational activities. Run craft days in Thornton Park.

Q: What are the costs?

A: Normally charge £10 per hour. But will look at new groups and adapt ourselves.

Q: What is vision for Briar Hill?

A: See it as one of the main hubs. There is a new heating system and re-decorated twice. Has a large hall, kitchen, have new cooker installed. Starting a youth group there. Need to bring the community together. Hope to have a resident's community forum. See it as one of our prime sites and would like to see funding for it.

Q: Do you have a directory for which groups use it.

A: Developing it so that we can take bookings. Please contact us direct and we can let you know. Police have been supportive of Briar Hill.

Have a database of groups using the centres if Police want to contact for Community Engagement purposes. The groups may need support.

Victims of crime in the areas can access Police through the centres.

Q: Are the meeting rooms in Lodge Farm still being used?

A: Yes they can still be used.

4. NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ACRE - (ACTION WITH COMMUNITIES IN RURAL ENGLAND) - ELAINE O'LEARY

NA is a charity that works across county and is based in Hunsbury Hill centre. Try to support for people in rural areas. Eg creating broadband, supporting village halls. Involved in speed watch, setting up community shops and pubs.

Have a four year project – Wellbeing Service. Information bus which access communities. Aimed at over 50s. Older people are isolated in their villages and therefore have Good Neighbours Schemes. Work together to help local people with local needs. Run by local people. Run by local volunteers and look at “low level” needs to give support eg befriending. Does not take the place of carers and trades people.

Help groups get started – volunteers will be coordinators have a list of people can support. Can signpost to statutory organisations.

Have a launch on 21st November in Moulton Community Centre. Will be inviting councils to attend.

Q: Are you helping just villages or other places?

A: Only villages. Good Neighbour Schemes does not have to be just in villages.

Q: Good Neighbour Scheme sounds formal. You may go to people who don't want that. People have individual needs. Would you support one off events?

A: Yes, There does not have to be set rules and regulations.

Q: Do you have staff/resources?

A: Yes have a toolkit.

Q: Northampton is a unique area. Have 10 parish councils. Would be good idea to sit on the forum and engage. Have funding pots eg Small Grants Fund. Have Residents Association – should build on this. Can come to the community centre forums. Can link into these.

ACTION: NM to send all future meetings.

5. MAVIS MUNDIRWA - STORIES OF RESILIENCE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Student at University of Northampton. In 2016 wrote a book called Untold stories of Resilience

Found empowerment and healing in writing this book and wanted to help others by sharing my experience. Set up a platform called Power of the Mind. Share stories

through video, events eg Black History Month.

Would like invite people to submit their stories for International Women's Day. Eg look at issues of rape, domestic violence and how women have overcome this. Want to celebrate women who are doing well.

AL has sent out invites to Inspirational Women's awards.

ACTION: AL to send out details

6. 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

VR: Replaced National Domestic Abuse Week.

Runs from 25th November – 10th December.

Forum have a coordinated approach and get organisations to work together. VR invited the Forum to come along to the meetings and be part of this. Will do media coverage over the days. Events are community wide spread.

ACTION: NM to send out dates of next meeting to Forum.

ACTION: PC to send across details to NM.

7. INFORMATION EXCHANGE

TB: Planning events. Disabled Gym opening in Lodge Farm and will send details through in due course.

WP: Would like to do a radio show about Women's Forum. Cllr King will do this and speak to the comms team.

AW: Sports4Fitness – can provide activities for adults, for people with disability. Please contact me.

PC: Had a Community Engagement Day on 24th September. 450 attended. Handed out booklet explaining Gurdwara and SCCYC.

Sunday 19th November 10:30 – 12:30pm looking at event for women.

5th October 2017

Black History Month event at Doddridge Centre. This event is free.

7th October 2017 at 7:30 pm

Spend the evening with Victor Richards as he puts on a captivating performance in 'Streets paved with Gold' commemorating our ancestors during the Windrush.

Purchase tickets for £10 from WACA or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/waca-

[centre](#)

14th October at 7 pm
Screening of HIDDEN FIGURES
£3 for U18's , £5 over 18's

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RK8xHq6dfAo>

20th October at 7.30 pm
Just an Ordinary Lawyer (In Partnership with WACA)

Tayo Aluko's new one-man show about the life and times of Britain's first Black judge - who was also a cricket enthusiast and singer.



Tickets purchased via Eventbrite are £8.03 as early bird until 30th September and £9.08 until 18th October. *Click TICKETS, above. Eventbrite tickets will not be available after 18th October 2017*

Tickets purchased on the day of the performance will be £10.00

Or tickets can be purchased from WACA and NREC (cash or cheque – payable to WACA)

Further info: telephone 07872836463

or email: iswellingborough@gmail.com

21st October 7.30 pm

Nairobi Thompson in Bayonets, Mangoes and Beads

If you've never seen Nairobi before it's only a matter of time before you become a fan. After 5 continuous SOLD OUT shows she's bringing her talent to WACA to educate us on the stories of the many Black war veterans often neglected by mainstream media. She'll have you laughing, crying, cheering but most of all she'll leave you more knowledgeable than before.

Grab your tickets from WACA or online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/waca-centre

Tickets £10 (£15 on the night). Check out her content on YouTube @NairobiThompson official or www.nairobithompson.co.uk

For more info call 01933 222095

MW: East Midlands Caribbean Arts Network – Event called Queens Competition.

Next year Northampton will be hosting it. Emma Gruffalo from Northampton entered competition and won against stiff International competition.

RP: Community Engagement Officer introduced herself.

Aquarius: Still delivering free drug and alcohol awareness sessions. Gambling Awareness week in October. Offer free gambling sessions for people effected.

JP: Voice – 1st October Victim Support will no longer be provider. Will go under PCC. Should not affect services to public. Will be moving locations.

Diwali 14th October by IHWO. Launching Hate Crime Week.

Everyone welcome. Navrati is also happening at the moment.

VR: Team has under gone restructure. Community Engagement and Community Safety has been brought together. Still recruiting will let you know further information. Roles advertised – go to NBC website.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

28th November, 11am-1pm, Guildhall