

Disabilities Network Meeting

16th February 2009

Picton Centre, Haverfordwest

Present:

Community Cllr Margaret Baron	De Clare Court Courtiers
Rhyan Berrigan	Disability Wales
Islwyn Bevan	Parkinson's Disease Society
Cerys Borwick	BSL Interpreter
Miranda Evans	Disability Wales
Martin Goodall	Haverfordwest Hawkes
Jenny Gough	The Rowan Organisation
Alan Hunt	Pembrokeshire County Council
Anne Isaac	PAVS
Community Cllr Maisie Jakeway	De Clare Court Courtiers
Henry Langen	Disability Wales
Tina Mills	Pembrokeshire Care and Repair
John Price	Pembrokeshire County Council
Beryl Thomas-Cleaver	PIPPA (Chair)
County Cllr David Wildman	Pembrokeshire County Council

1. Welcome Apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the 2nd meeting of the Disabilities Network. Apologies were recorded for:

David Harries	Hope MS Therapy Centre
Laura Hayden	Cartrefi Cymru
Cllr Sian James	Pembrokeshire County Council
Richard Morgan	Downs Syndrome Association
Valerie Stevenson	PIPPA
Ian Wilshaw	Mencap

2. Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 8th December 2008 were accepted as a true record of that meeting.

3. Matters Arising

Subject to those raised under other agenda items, there were no matters arising from the minutes.

3. Purpose of Network & Terms of Reference

Anne Isaac outlined PAVS' role in servicing the Network and referred to the draft Terms of Reference (TOR) which had been circulated at the last meeting. The draft TOR had been

amended to reflect the annual appointment of a Chair and Vice Chair and as no further suggestions for amendment had been received the TOR were **agreed** by the meeting.

The meeting discussed potential activities and role of the Network including:

- the need to be clear about where the Network fits in,
- the need to ensure that the Network is action focussed,
- to provide a means of responding to emerging policy and legislation,
- to feed into campaigns and debates beyond Pembrokeshire where necessary e.g. difficulties with public transport beyond the County.

Following a discussion about transport difficulties the meeting **agreed** that PACTO should be invited to attend Network meetings.

4. Streets Ahead, Disability Wales

Miranda Evans and Rhyan Berrigan from Disability Wales and Huw Thomas from the School of City & Regional Planning at Cardiff University updated the meeting on progress with the Streets Ahead Campaign. The campaign website is expected to be live in March and will contain a discussion board. Bi-monthly updates on the campaign will be sent out to campaign supporters as well as to Disability Wales' members.

A resource pack for campaign supports was distributed which includes activity ideas for those who wish to become involved in the campaign

The meeting discussed various examples of access difficulties caused by both physical and attitudinal barriers.

The meeting **agreed** that a co-ordinated response to the campaign should be adopted to ensure that a wide range of information is produced – to this end regular co-ordination meetings would be held with Disability Wales starting on 3rd March 09.

5. Domestic Abuse Awareness

The presentation to be given by Rachel Rees-Jones of Pembrokeshire Women's Aid on the domestic abuse awareness

project for women with disabilities and their carers was postponed due to an urgent situation which prevented Rachel Rees-Jones attending the meeting.

7. Date of next meeting

11th May 2009 at 10.00 a.m. – venue to be confirmed

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