

Minutes

Lancashire Friend

COMBINED COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 27th July 2004, 7.30pm
Jarman Centre, James Street, Blackburn

Attendees Jeremy
Les
Ian P
Nick
Pat
Martin

Chaired by: Jeremy Sharples
Minuted by: Nick Brierley

Apologies

Mel & Chris

Summary of Actions

- 1) The meeting was opened by welcoming Martin to Lancashire Friend following his interest in the group and in seeing what the group is about.
- 2) Jeremy confirmed that the SHLIT committee referred to at the last meeting is the Sexual Health Local Implementation Team.
- 3) Nick is to contact Ian again in respect of his role of Secretary/Membership Secretary within the group.
- 4) Chair Persons Report:
 - Jeremy advised of the success of the group taking part in the Arts in the Park and Mela events. Lancashire Friend once again linked well with Brook despite the cancellation of the Health zone at the Art in the Park event. Jeremy thanked those volunteers who took part in the event.
 - Despite a small amount of contact at the events it was agreed by the group that being present at the events and the further contacts made had ensured this had been worthwhile. It was also agreed that the group must continue to take part in these events in order to continue to develop.
- 5) Treasurer's Report:
 - Nick advised that he has got application packs for Barclays Community programmes and Lloyds TSB Foundation in respect of funding for the group. Nick will look into the applications with a view to applying for funding.
 - The Community Chest is also advertising funding at the moment especially for events which local groups are putting together.
- 7) Outreach Worker's Report:

- Les advised that July had been a quiet month for the outreach work but several possible befriending may be arranged soon as a number have been offered.

8) Membership Secretary's Report:

- There have been several enquiries from people in respect of membership and interest in coming along to the group. These people have been contacted with further information and encouraged to come along to see what Lancashire Friend is about.

9) Website Co-ordinator Report

- Jeremy advised on behalf of Chris that Chris has been working on the FLAG group website and has asked for a donation from them for his work towards Lancashire Friend.
- Several updates have been made to the website.

9) AOB:

- Nick will put together a rota for the stalls for Manchester Pride. The stalls will need to be staffed from 12 noon to 8pm on Saturday to Monday. Anyone wishing to help should contact Nick or Chris. The group will also take part in the parade on the Saturday so a good number will reflect well. Some complementary tickets are available for volunteers on each of the days otherwise those wishing to go should be aware tickets are £10 for the weekend prior to the event or £15 if bought that weekend.
- Les is going to contact Age Concern following the enquiries made by them with a view to making a link with them.
- Ian has been making progress with the banner, which will be finished, for the parade.
- A suggested date of Tuesday 30th November for the Annual General Meeting of Lancashire Friend was put forward. It was suggested that this year's meeting would be held at Blackburn Library in conjunction with some workshops to encourage all invitees and members to attend. Suggestions and ideas have are needed as well as the groups support in making this a success. Please can members come to the next meeting with ideas and suggestions.
- The group will do another walk as a social event on Sunday 15th August. It will be a river walk in Ribchester from 11am meeting at the main car park there. Further details can be gained from Les and it will also be detailed on the website.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm. The date of the next meeting will be 24/08/04 at 7.30pm at the Jarman Centre, Blackburn.

The Ribchester walk will take place on Sunday 15th August from the main car park in Ribchester at 11am.