

Minutes

Lancashire Friend

COMBINED COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 29th June 2004, 7.30pm
Jarman Centre, James Street, Blackburn

Attendees Jeremy
Les
Ian P
Nick
Chris

Chaired by: Jeremy Sharples
Minuted by: Nick Brierley

Apologies

Pat, Mel, Jason, Ian H and John Michael

Summary of Actions

- 1) A correction to the previous minutes was made in that it is the Community Fund not Connexions who are owed the outstanding balance.
- 2) Les discussed the success of the LF walk in Chipping and all enjoyed a good day.
- 3) Ian confirmed that the T-shirts have now all been finished and showed those present the finished article.
- 4) Nick has spoken with Ian regarding continuing as Secretary and will speak further with him when he returns from holiday.
- 5) Chair Persons Report:
 - Jeremy advised of the article in the Lancashire Evening Telegraph which he and Chris took part in. It was agreed that the article was excellent publicity for the group and has possibly been partly responsible for the increase in calls and befriendings.
 - Jeremy and Chris attended a meeting of SCHLIT and discussed a number of mainstream events which the group may have an opportunity to be a part of.
 - There are a number of meetings that LF could possibly attend and get involved in. Jeremy is to put a list of these together and so anyone available for these could ideally represent LF at the meetings.
 - Several members of the group went to a production by a local L&G youth group. Those who attended enjoyed this.
- 6) Treasurer's Report:
 - Nick advised that funding from the Preston PCT had still not been received and no definitive answer has been given on whether this will be received at all.
 - Nick has written to Michele Lester with a suggested payment plan to refund the Community Fund with the monies still outstanding. This is to enable the group to be

able to continue to function feasibly and be able to progress.

- Jeremy spoke about gaining help and support in terms of applying for funding and searching for available sources. It was agreed that due to other commitments it is difficult for members of the group to do this.

7) Outreach Worker's Report:

- Les advised that June has been one of the busiest months over the last few years in terms of befriendings offered and carried out.
- On behalf of the group, Jeremy thanked Les for his hard work and contributed the success of the outreach work to Les's commitment and skills in overseeing the befriendings done.

8) Website Coordinators Report:

- Chris has continued to update the website and advised of an increasing number of hits and enquiries that the website has received.

9) AOB:

- The health zone for the Arts in the Park event has been cancelled due to a lack of funding. LF can still be involved with the events in conjunction with Brook.
- Chris is awaiting confirmation of LF being part of the parade and having a stall at the Manchester Pride festival. We should have confirmation in time for the next meeting when final plans can be made.
- Les and Chris made contact with Blackburn college in respect of being involved and possibly having a stall at events at the college.
- Chris advised of his contact at the LET and all ideas and events will now hopefully be detailed in the local press.
- Chris has advised he is keen to set up a Youth group locally. Any help would be well received and those wishing to should contact him.
- Jeremy reminded everyone of the importance of logging calls especially for repeat callers on the Turing system.
- 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 9.35pm. The date of the next meeting will be 27/07/04 at 7.30pm at the Jarman Centre, Blackburn.