

Minutes

Lancashire Friend

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 25th November 2002, 7.30pm
Jarman Centre, James Street, Blackburn

Attendees: Jeremy Sharples
Jason Rainbow
Pat Ashforth
Nick Brierley
Ian Halstead

Chaired by: Jeremy Sharples
Minuted by: Nick Brierley

Apologies

Les Walmsley & Peter Cash

Summary of Actions

- 1) Jeremy advised that we had been successful in taking on the Connection project and as a result would receive £9,500 as a result to spend on this project. Our direct benefits from this would be a new computer and consumables. The project is to be a piece of research into the needs of young people within the area, specifically looking at the needs of Gay/Lesbian people and those with sexuality issues. Jeremy is currently involved in a separate forum involving some of the counsellors to decide how this will work and is putting together a project plan. They are also to decide on what is required in terms of a paid worker for this and will put together a description of what is required and how this will be done. Jeremy will report back to the group at the next meeting with an update on this.
- 2) As a result of previous training performed by Jeremy and John to the Autistic Society, the group is to receive a cheque for approximately £500.
- 3) Jason advised he would update the accounts for the next meeting to report on the current financial situation of the group. Currently we have enough funding for another year. He also advised a letter to the East Lancashire Health Authority was about to be sent which hopefully will benefit the group by approximately £2,000.
- 4) Jason has been in liaison with the London L & G Switchboard to provide a new system to log all our calls and information. The Turing Database allows volunteers to log all information with a database and the system can then provide reports on the statistics from that. The database also allows the users to access information on G&L clubs, bars, activities and a large range of information. Jason is to install this on the office computers and to arrange a suitable time to provide training to all members who will use the database.
- 5) The computer currently in the Burnley office is to be picked up and brought back over to the Blackburn office along with any other equipment. Jeremy is to organise this and ensure this is done.
- 6) There are no updates on the publicity or advertising from Jason. He will action and advise in the next meeting.
- 7) Ian advised he has received a response from several people who would be interested in coming back to or rejoining the group. These people will be invited to come to the January or February meeting provided their application is successful.

