

Minutes

Lancashire Friend

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 27th January 2003, 8.30pm

Jarman Centre, James Street, Blackburn

Attendees: Jeremy
Jason
Leslie
Nick
Ian
Chris
Mellandra
Ian

Chaired by: Jeremy Sharples
Minuted by: Nick Brierley

Apologies

Pat, Peter, Sharon, Chi, John, Ian & Michael

Summary of Actions

- 1) Following Chris's work on the website and changing it over to Lancashire Friend it was agreed he would now be responsible for updating and maintaining the group website. This will be fully available once he has made the final changes to it. Nick is to arrange with Chris to put the minutes of the general and executive meetings for the group onto the website.
- 2) Jeremy gave an update on the Connexions project advising that £5000 of the funding will be being given to us soon. Also, a candidate from Blackburn College will possibly be carrying out the research for the project. Jason advised in view of this payment for this research should be phased and dependent on completion and presentation of the research carried out to the necessary people.
- 3) The issue of low attendance of meetings was discussed again following earlier discussions in the general meeting. Recently, attendance at meetings has been particularly low without apologies being given. A number of options and issues as a result of this were raised but the outcome was that the meetings are essential and that Mondays were the most favourable option in terms of when they should be held. As a result, all members of the group are to be asked via the monthly meeting invitation for additional ideas or offers of their support in ways, which they would like to or feel they, can help.
- 4) The possibility of changing nights that the switchboard is available was discussed in order to enable more potential people to assist in working the switchboard. It was agreed that this is a good idea but is not practical until the need for this arises and that we have sufficient cover for the nights which we currently operate the switchboard. The group agreed that Les would also take responsibility for ensuring the switchboard is always covered by volunteers and any holidays are also covered.

Date for next meetings - 24/02/03 Executive 7.30pm
General 8.30pm

Date for next Social - 27/02/03 Garden Bar, Burnley 7.30pm