

Minutes of Lancashire Friend Meeting held at the Jarman Centre on Monday 27th of October 2003

Present

Jeremy
Nick
Les
Ian
Chris
Mel
Jason

Apologies

Pat
Michael

Chairs Report

Jeremy opened the meeting by reading the minutes of the last meeting which were agreed after a couple of items were not mentioned which were as follows:

Nick is to meet with Jason regards the accounts and Mel is to launch a Women's Group with the help and support of the committee.

Jeremy asked about the CAB Conference and it was found to be very interesting and a lot of information was gathered regards funding for the charity.

The Connexions report presentation has been finalised and will take place on December the 5th @ 5:30pm at the Jarman Centre. A buffet and refreshments will be provided Jeremy is to send the invitations.

It was also suggested that someone be recruited by Lancashire Friend to promote the Connexions Report in Schools and Colleges this will be discussed at the next meeting.

10,000 leaflets have been ordered and will be printed and available soon a greater response than thought was had with the new leaflets. So they are in desperate need and we are having them printed by ignition that did the publicity last time the cost is £750.

The Consortium for LGBT people will be held at Leeds University on the 29th of November 2003 and 4 members will be attending Jeremy, Nick, Mel and Chris. It starts at 10:30am. Talks and Workshops are planned and should be an interesting day.

They have also sent details of funding which may be available to us next year more details at the next meeting.

Treasurers Report

There had occurred a question on whether or not the rent for the Jarman Centre had been paid this has now been resolved and the outcome was that the rent had been paid.

Communication is becoming a big issue in the office and Nick as now set up the correct filing system for Bills, Invoices and other mail ie Publicity so please lets try to be more organised.

Also when people are in the office please can we be more tidy CLEAN AS YOU GO. This is the new motto.

Be-Friending

There was a be-friending a few weeks ago and went very well and the new pack will be available at the next meeting.

Web Co- Ordinator

Since March when the web site was updated we have had over 300 visits, which is a real boost to the Organisation.

Chris has e-mailed a copy of the Connexions report to Gay Times, Pink Paper and also to the consortium for them to look into as this is the first survey of it's sort ever to be done. Let's hope we gain some credit for the report.

Other Business

Jeremy is to look into gaining funding from the CAB and other Governing Bodies. Jeremy is going to the Mary Hindle Centre to find out more.

We have re subscribed to Gay times and also as an addition to Diva.

Jason apologised for his absence last week.

It's now been agreed that three meetings missed and your membership will be terminated.

If members would like their minutes Emailed to contact Ian my e-mail address is: ihalstead@btopenworld.com

The Christmas Party has been decided upon and will be at the Accrington Superbowl in December Details will be sent as soon as finalised.

**Meeting will be held at the Jarman Centre on Monday the 24th of November 2003 at
7:30pm**