

## **MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING JUNE 2000**

Due to sudden staff absence and long term sickness the record of this meeting has been delayed for three months. The following notes represent a summary of the points covered and decisions taken at that meeting.

**Apologies:** Sharon, Mark, David, Les, Clive, Janine, Chi

**Agreed:** Maggie to take the minutes of the meeting

### **AGENDA**

#### **MATTERS ARISING**

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

#### **COMING OUT DAY**

#### **VOLUNTEER CERTIFICATE SCHEME**

#### **SECTION 28 DEMONSTRATIONS**

#### **COUNSELLING TRAINING**

#### **POLICE LIAISON**

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

#### **Matters arising:**

There were no matters arising

#### **Memberships:**

The group formally welcomed John.

1 application pack was sent out this month.

There was an enquiry from Accrington Volunteer Bureau who asked if we could provide them with application packs to give to anyone wanting

to volunteer with switchboard. The group decided that this was not good practice and that we send packs out on an individual basis and on request from the person wishing to volunteer.

### **Coming out Day**

Organisations who have so far indicated their willingness to take part in Coming Out Day are: The Jarman Centre, Blackpool Body Positive, Talkwise in Preston, Young gay men's group in Blackpool.

The key to success is publicity.

Exchanges we think should be dealt with by ELLGaS are 01254, 01282, 01253, 01706, 01772, 01925, 01524, 01200, 01995, 01204, 01257, 01942 mobile phones will be directed to the first available switchboard.

ELLGaS will provide 24 hour cover from 12 midnight on Friday to 12 midnight on Saturday working with all these groups. A rota will be drawn up nearer the 7<sup>th</sup> October.

Support for line operators that day needs to be considered.

This will provide us with networking opportunities and publicity for ELLGaS.

### **Volunteer Certificate Scheme:**

Blackburn with Darwen Volunteer Bureau have started a scheme where their volunteers each receive a record book of the hours they spend with each group and tasks carried out. After a certain number of hours have been achieved the volunteer receives a certificate. The group thought this was a good idea and asked Maggie to investigate further.

### **Section 28:**

15<sup>th</sup> July sees a march and picket in London. If anyone wants to go contact LGF Manchester. There are places available on the coach.

### **Counselling:**

Congratulations to ken and David for completing their certificate courses.

Certificates could be displayed in frames on the walls around the Jarman centre, in the training or counselling room as people feel they would like. Copies can be coloured or black and white and the frames chosen by the individual. It was decided that members should do their own and put in a claim for expenses to cover the cost of materials.

ELLGaS is looking for 4 certificate and 2 Diploma applicants for this years counselling training take-up. Paul wants to do the introduction to counselling course, Janine wants the certificate. The group decided people must show a commitment to ELLGaS before their training is paid for by the group.

### **Burnley Police Liaison Group**

These are putting on a Victorian evening for Lancashire Pride.

Walter and pat at Burnley BP said there are no metal red ribbon badges available in Blackburn and they have some. Can ELLGaS buy some and distribute them around the town for sale. The group said this was a clear breach of our status as a registered charity and must sadly be unable to co-operate with this venture.

### **Any Other Business**

The group agreed to lend the old computer to Jeremy.

The group agreed that Wednesday was the night the line would run from the Burnley Resource Centre.

The Face To Face Group was given its official starting date.

**These notes were written on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2000 by Maggie Turner.**