

**BIRMINGHAM LINK –HOB Working Group Meeting
Minutes of meeting held Thursday 25th March 2010
at The Nishkam Civic Association**

PRESENT:

- Barry Abell (chair) (BA) ▪ Gerry Moynihan (GM) ▪ Chris Vaughan (CV)
- Mark Bent (MB) ▪ Manjit Singh (MS) ▪ Roger Williams (RW)
- D. S. Dhesy (DD) ▪ Michael Tye (MT)
- Cllr N Kooner (NK) ▪ John Tyrrell (JT)

FACILITATORS PRESENT:

- Andrew John (AJ) – Birmingham LINK Host
- Yvonne Perkin (YP) – Birmingham LINK Host
- Bill Poacher (BP) – Birmingham LINK Host

1. APOLOGIES RECEIVED:

- Shazad Zaman

2. FEEDBACK / UPDATE FROM PREVIOUS MEETING - WORKPLAN

Health Centre under Darzi Report: BP informed the Group that a letter had been sent to HOB PCT and Birmingham LINK have received confirmation that the letter had been received and we should receive a response by the week ending 2nd April 2010. GM informed the Group of the contents of the letter that was sent to HOB PCT.

Publicity: AJ informed the Group that the publicity advertising forthcoming events was posted out to doctors' surgeries, health centres, etc within the HOB area, JT stating that he will take the publicity to a meeting which he will be attending on 26th March. It was suggested the leaflet be sent via email to other organisations within HOB.

Growth: BA stated that the HOB Group find out what problems the public within the HOB area may have so that they can be addressed in the proper way. It was also suggested that the database be gone through and the interested people in the HOB area should be contacted with information about the HOB meetings.

Commissioners: The Group have asked for a list of all Commissioners within the HOB area stated what their services are, also need to know what their plans are for HOB.

Action: AJ to approach relevant authorities to put list together and present progress at next meeting.

Downsizing Hospital Beds: The Group suggested a letter be written and sent out to HOB & SWBHT asking where the extra beds will go once the smaller hospital is built, AJ stated once the host has a letter from the Group, it will be posted. GM and MS were nominated by the Group to write the letter.

Action: GM to write letter and present it at the next meeting.

PCTs merger: MS informed the Group that the last CLOG meeting was cancelled but it is on his list for the next one.

Care Homes & Day Centres: It was suggested that a letter be written asking about what provisions have been put in place of the care homes and day centres in the HOB area. It was also suggested that a question of “Respite” be put in the letter.

Action: GM to draft letter and email to hosts and HOB Group members for input.

3. Developing Workplan Progress

See number 2.

4. Developing HOB Subgroup Awareness

NK suggested these meetings be opened and observed by non-members, BP requested that if anyone feels there is a group within their area that may need the assistance of Birmingham LINK, introductions are needed by them, the HOB Group members as the community representatives.

5. Any Other Business

- a) RW informed the Group that he had attended the HOB AGM last year and was asked to organise this years' AGM, he has now been informed that the AGM this year will be at the Drum which he feels is an unsuitable site for wheelchair users.
 - b) AJ distributed draft letter written by CV regarding the Single Equality Scheme, the Group okayed the letter and the Chair thanked CV for writing it.
 - c) Event on 22nd May 2010 proposed time 12 – 2pm, AJ stated that he will go with anyone who wants to go.
 - d) Vaisakhi at Handsworth Park on 24th April, Birmingham LINK will have a stall, MB suggested that as his business lies within the park that the LINK will have a presence in his cafe too. BP agreed.
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6. Date of Future Meetings

Thursday 29th April 2010 (6.30 – 8.30pm), venue to be confirmed.