

MINUTES – ACCESS GROUP MEETING

County Hall, Haverfordwest

9th April 2015 at 2.00pm

1. At the meeting:

H Langen, E Rich, B Cleevely, R Codd,
A Peter M Jakeway, M Baron P Swann,
L Cartwright, F Heasman.

2. Could not attend the meeting:

C Cavill, B Thomas-Cleaver, J De Wilton, S Merrit, K Chandler,
A Hunt, K Scott.

3. Welcome.

Henry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

4. Treasurers Report (the person in charge of the group money).

1. The money in the bank is £2510.98.
2. £180 paid out for Western Telegraph advert.
3. £35 paid out for PAVS subscription.

5. Correspondence (Any information received since the last meeting). NONE.

6. Bro Preseli Extra Care Facility, Crymych.

1. Frank Heasman of Maes Mwldan Extra Care Facility in Cardigan spoke about the new Extra Care Facility at Crymych. He wanted to know if the Group had any

objections to him going to see if they want to form an access committee as Pembrokeshire and Ceredigion might be joining together. Henry said that he thought it was a good idea if Frank met them first and then ask them if some of them could come to our meetings.

2. Paul Swann is meeting with Paul of Disability Together to see if they and Pembrokeshire Access Group could form one group.

7. Teaching Days.

1. Rex Codd said that the Planning Together session in Saundersfoot was very helpful and encouraged people to be more confident.

2. Paul Swann said Karen from PLANED will be doing two more teaching days and will include the NHS, the Council and other service users. The sessions will enable us to have the tools when engaging with people, for example looking at the cause of a problem before trying to fix it.

3. Cohort 1: Look at a project to link in to Cohort 2 and to look at the hard to reach people first. The second day will be a choice of topics from a list. The portfolio will be in Pembrokeshire and Disability Wales and Pembrokeshire Access Group will be ongoing.

8. Independent Living Centre.

1. Steve Harris and Rhiannon Hicks are to form two Independent Living Centres (CIL). Dewis has advocacy and a payroll service and are replacing the Rowan Organisation.

2. Henry and Alan have looked at rooms at PLANED. Basically there are two options. A larger room which costs £3000 and a smaller one at £2000 plus £35 a month for electricity.

Henry said that if the Group had a room, who would run it? He and Alan are too busy and everyone else is disjointed.

Paul Swann said that one way would be to build a project case and have a project worker to draw people in to see if Dewis would join them in Narberth. The Group would help set it up.

Stage 2: We need a business plan and the Group to talk to Steve Harris and also Derek Walker of Wales Co-operative Centre who can help with the setting up of a CIL.

1B: To form a website and put on accessible disabled accommodation and visitor attractions, scooter guide and beach wheelchairs. Henry is going to talk to the lady who runs his website to ask her how much it would cost to run it and also to Rebecca Newsome who could also help us.

9. Funding.

1. To have a committee of Alan, Henry, Eva and Annette to meet with Michelle Copeman of PAVS to see what funding is available for the following:

- i) Website
- ii) Access auditor to look at Cardiganshire and Carmarthenshire.

10. Beach Wheelchairs / Facebook Page

1. Why not put the Access Group also on it?

11. Any other business (any other things that need to be talked about).

1. Rex Cod said why not charge people £1 a year membership for using the Centre.
2. Henry said that when he was in London he stayed in a hotel which said it had access for disabled people but when he got there it was not so. It only had an outside lift at the back which could only carry up to 16 stone. They had to help him into an ordinary wheelchair and carry him upstairs and then carry his motorised chair up the stairs every day.
3. Rex has been asked to see if there was a number for complaints about the ambulance service as a tenant had fallen and the ambulance service did not pick her up and

they had to wait for a family member to come. Frank said that if anyone falls at Maes Mwldan they have to wait for the fire service. He said a tenant had fallen in the street and was there for an hour. Two police cars came to direct traffic but they would not pick her up. In the end two members of the public picked her up.

Meeting finished: 3:23pm.

Next meeting: 14th May 2015 at County Hall.