

Access Group Meeting – Thursday 14th September 2017

Present: Beryl Thomas-Cleaver, Alan Hunt, Jessica Hatchett, Ian Hatchett, Annette Peter, Margaret Baron, Frank Heasman, Bill Clevely, Maisie Jakeway, Marilyn Pope, Susan Cook, Karen Chandler, Dee Day and Tom Alexander.

Apologies: Rex Codd, Stuart Merritt, Jeremy DeWilton

1. Guest Speakers

Guest speaker Tom Alexander from Hywel Dda Health Board talked to members about the Transforming Mental Health consultation which was ending the following day (Friday 15th September). He gave a Powerpoint presentation. Members asked questions and took the relevant paperwork to complete if they were interested in giving their feedback.

Guest speaker Dee Day from Milford Youth Matters talked about the Routes To Opportunity scheme. It is aimed at people who are not in education or employment and are aged 16 to 25. The project enrolls people on an eight-week programme looking at either bicycle maintenance, gardening, introduction to leisure, woodwork or Buddies Cafe. At the end, people can achieve an AGORED qualification and move on to education or employment opportunities.

2. Pembrokeshire People First

Karen from Pembrokeshire People First read out their report, a copy of which is attached with these minutes.

It was suggested that the LD strategy be an agenda item at the October meeting.

- Action point: Put LD strategy on the October agenda.

3. Matters Arising

- Reg Owens is the replacement for Simon Hancock in cabinet. However, Simon is still elder person's champion and has expressed an interest in continuing to attend meetings.
- Action point: Jessica will write to Simon Hancock and invite him to attend.
 - Alan received a response from the Trunk Road Agency. A design is being finalised to improve this in the current financial year.
 - The Pembroke Town Hall doors are sorted.
 - Anthony Richards has sent details of what the Pembrokeshire Coastal Access Forum role involves. Susan Cook and Frank Heasman both expressed an interest and it was proposed they should share the role if this was within the remit of the Local Access Forum.
 - Disability Confident Scheme – Ceri Davies emailed Alan to say he is

responsible for Corporate Equality Matters and the Disability Confident Scheme will be considered. The Group will wait and see if we hear something soon, otherwise we will write and set up a meeting.

- Care complaints – The issue of care complaints and unsatisfactory situations is not resolved. Rex raised an issue at the Big Access Talk in May and Alan and Liz Cartwright from Hywel Dda Health Board are still trying to help. Jessica is also experiencing difficulties.
- Action point: Care to be an agenda item next month
- Jessica contacted Vanessa John at PAVS regarding a disability/equality policy. Jessica suggested this is looked at during the AGM in more detail as it is something that will need to be reviewed annually.

4. Treasurer's Report

1. £590 received from National Park for beach wheelchairs fund.
2. The Group needs to update contact details to HMRC for gift aid.

Action point – discuss Gift Aid next month.

5. Memorial for Henry

This has been delayed until October.

6. Correspondence

1. Melanie Hayes has emailed Jessica and Alan regarding issues with the location of pay and display machines in the council's car parks. Alan said he is due to meet with the Parking Services Manager to discuss issues around parking in the near future. Melanie has expressed an interest in joining the Group.
2. Tunk Roads Agency has responded to the request from local resident Anne Moor that there should be a controlled crossing in Hamilton Terrace and that the footway should be widened at the entrance to Milford Docks so that people can get past the lamp post. They have referred the issue to Welsh Government for comment / action.
3. Email from a resident of Ilangwm ferry concerning the lack of a Shop Mobility scheme in Haverfordwest.
4. Disability Wales AGM and Conference is on 19th October at the Orbit Centre, Rhydycar Business Centre CF48 1DL.
5. The Transport Action Group is meeting on September 25th to discuss taxis. Charlotte Mathias from licensing has been invited as speaker.

7. Community Voice

The sub group met on 7th September at Pembrokeshire Archives for a Big Access Talk aftermath event. The event was attended by about 15 people. The idea of a CIL and the legacy of the Big Access Talk was discussed. Another meeting has been arranged for Monday 31st October from 2pm to 4pm at Pembrokeshire Archives.

There will be a Community Voice sub-group meeting on Thursday 28th September in room NW0D, North Wing, County Hall from 2pm to 4pm. Karen Davies from Workways plus/Norman Industries is attending to talk about the learning disability section of the Accessible Pembrokeshire website. The group will also be dealing with cheques and invoices in preparation for the next quarterly return, which is due by Monday 16th October.

8. Any other business

The AGM will be held in November.

Alan talked about the Active Travel consultation currently being carried. Alan will raise issues in Quay Street, Haverfordwest on behalf of the Access Group. There have been three possible solutions proposed in the past and perhaps the Active Travel initiative could help fund a solution.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 12th October from 1:30pm to 4:30pm. There will be no guest speakers to allow for time to discuss important issues.

The meeting closed at 4:22pm.