

Berkshire Older Lesbian and Gay Forum

Steering Committee Minutes

Tuesday, April 6th, 2004
Rupert Street Information Centre

Action

Attendees

Jenny Ward (Chair), Nigel Tooke and Rebecca Ballard.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Maria, Liz, Lois and Suzanne.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday, 12th February, 2004, were agreed as a true record with the following amendments:

Second networking day ACC should read Age Concern Berkshire.

3. Matters Arising from Last Meeting

a. **beYOU Research Project**

Jenny had attended a meeting with Simon and Catherine of beYOU. She hadn't been able to talk to Liz yet so only gave a brief outline of the meeting:

Two definite bids had been received to undertake the work one at circa £10,000 the other £13,000. The intention was to invite the bidders to give a presentation on 27th April, and then apply for money to fund the bid.

It was agreed that this would be groundbreaking work in this country.

b. **Opening Doors Conference**

We had still not heard from Newbury College nor Reading Borough Council.

However we noted the new document, "Sexuality – the New agenda". It was agreed that we should buy a copy.

c. **Christmas Chorus**

We had not received news about money received by the Christmas chorus yet.

d. **Conference Report**

Rebecca agreed to email the draft conference report to members of the Steering Committee for proofreading.

Rebecca

e. **3e Scarborough Conference**

Nigel agreed to make a written report on the conference. He had given a verbal report at the second networking day.

Nigel

f. Networking Day

This had been an excellent day and had included an excellent presentation from Amber. Her participation in the afternoon discussion on a national umbrella organisation had been very valuable.

The participants had been Grateful for Margaret's facilitation. The Forum awaited her invoice.

It had been Courageous of Maria to still attend with her back problem and for arranging lunch.

4. Chair's Report

Jenny received a telephone message from a man in Surrey who was married and had seen our website. His message was just to thank us for "being there".

5. Treasurer's Report

In Liz's absence there was no Treasurer's report.

6. Election of Vice Chair

Given the small number of people attending the meeting it was agreed to put back this item again.

Next Meeting

7. Social Events

We were still not sure whether anyone was arranging to bring the London Film Festival coming to Reading.

Jenny

Jenny offered to arrange a wine-tasting event although she would need help organising it. She will phone around and email other members of the Forum with a view to holding it either in May or August.

8. Grant Application

Jenny was hoping to finish off the application over the Easter break. It would need to be refereed.

9. Any Other Business

Jenny announced her intention to stand down as Chair.

Rebecca

Rebecca agreed to investigate getting hold of statistics about website visits.

10. Dates of Future Meetings

The next meeting is to be held on Tuesday 1st June, at Rupert Street Information Centre. The meeting will start at 8.00pm.

Further Steering Committee Meetings will take place on:

Thursday 22nd July, at 8pm;

Tuesday 7th September, at 8pm;

Thursday 21st October, at 8pm;

Tuesday 7th December, at 8pm.