

Berkshire Older Lesbian and Gay Forum

Steering Committee Minutes

Thursday, January 15th, 2003
Rupert Street Information Centre

Action

Attendees

Derek Rogers,
Jenny Ward,
John Wood,
Lois Williams,
Nigel Tooke,
Pat Herriott,
Rebecca Ballard

Also:

Liz Woodhouse (Advocacy Manager, Berkshire Age Concern.
Jane Winter (Home from Hospital Service, Berkshire Age Concern

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Maria Ottway, Jane Kightley, Margaret Milan, Jill Harding.

2. Matter Arising from the Notes of Last Meeting

a. 4b - Berkshire Age Concern Conference

Jenny W cannot now attend the conference on May 2nd.

b. 4c - Letterhead

Tony has provided a web link to the resources he has created for us so that we can design our own Letterhead.

c. 5 - Insurance

Jenny has checked with the Crescent Centre. The Tea Dance is insured as long as there is no live music.

d. New members

Two South African men have been in contact with Nigel expressing an interest in the Forum. They are about to take up posts in the area.

Also, two South African women have been in contact with Jenny

e. web site

Rebecca will make sure the web site has information about how to subscribe to the Yahoo group.

f. Age Concern Berkshire Meeting

The Age Concern's Advocacy Training has been moved to March 13th of in February

g. Thames Valley Positive Response

No reply has been received yet to our invitation.

The Gloucester contact is going into hospital so will be in touch in May or June.

3. Report from treasurer

The bank account has been opened. The balance is approx £200.

4. Charitable Status

Nigel has a copy of document which it would be useful to peruse about choosing a legal structure for the forum and whether to be a charity.

We agreed to put this on the agenda of the next meeting.

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meeting**

5. Report from Chair

Jenny been back to Gloucestershire, where she heard what they are doing. She would like to suggest that Age Concern put an equality statement on their publicity material. She noted that our strength, as opposed to Gloucestershire, is that we come from gay and lesbian community. She had returned from the visit believing we have achieved a lot.

Jenny reported that Geoff Chivers is very keen to run a joint conference in the Autumn for service providers. She is meeting with him at end of January, and will report back to our next meeting.

Jenny

There is a new pot of government funding for "community champions". An individual applies on behalf of group up for up to £2,000. She will circulate ideas for a bid through the Yahoo group. The funds need to be given out by the end of March.

6. Social Events/Drop in

a. Tea dance

So far, £120-worth of tickets had been sold.

Jenny has visited the hall in Earley and was very impressed.

b. Drop in

Age Concern Berkshire have offered that a drop-in could be held at their Wilton Road centre. We will need to discuss this kind offer.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be held on Thursday, 27th February, 2003, at Rupert Street Information Centre. The meeting will start at 8.00pm

Further Meetings will be on:

10th April and

15th May.

