

# MINUTES

of the

## *Shropshire Wheelchair Users Group*

[www.swug.org.uk](http://www.swug.org.uk)

held on

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011  
@ 12:30pm**

at the

*Disability Resource Centre, Lancaster Rd. Harlescott*

### Present:

Sue Wood (Chairman), Martin Wood, Rob Hood, Krys Jarvis,  
Peter & Audrey Selwyn-Smith, Trevor Mytton, Gill Bradley.

### Apologies:

Sue & Frank Napper, Martina Hallewell.

### 1: Welcome

Sue opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. The Apologies were read out and accepted as above.

### 2: Minutes of previous meeting and Matters Arising

The Minutes of our previous meeting held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2011 having been previously circulated, were agreed to be a true record. The Chairman duly signed the Minutes.

Regarding the new powers introduced in relation to Blue Badges, Peter mentioned that Telford & Wrekin Council now issued Badges without charge (previously the fee was £2). It was thought that Shropshire Council still made a charge. The maximum permitted was £20.

### 3: Guest business

None.

### 4: Wheelchair Services Report

Krys said that they were now occupying the newly refurbished front area of the building and it was a considerable improvement on the previous accommodation. Members

commented very favourably on the new ramp, entrance doors, and spacious reception area. There were still some minor adjustments to be made and it was anticipated that the Shropshire Enablement Team would be moving in on 20<sup>th</sup> May. Thought was being given to new signage for the building but this may have to wait until agreement had been made following changes to the PCT's.

A planned Open Day would now probably be held in September.

The Newsletter had been well received and the next edition should follow shortly.

Finally, Kryz said that she would like to promote the weighing facility starting by updating the poster and leaflets. Some suggestions were made.

## 5: Chairman's Report

Sue reported on a quieter month with less meetings partly due to the number of Public Holidays in April.

She had attended a very useful and well organised Conference at The Engine House, Highley Nr. Bridgnorth run by the Regional Disability Infrastructure Support Service (RDISS). This service has been set up by the Council of Disabled People (CDP) with the aim to provide a high quality infrastructure support for voluntary and community organisations supporting Disabled people in the West Midlands. Their Website is [www.rdn-wm.org.uk](http://www.rdn-wm.org.uk)

Following enquiries in to the cost of updating the SWUG leaflets, Sue and Martin had obtained adhesive labels and completed the task themselves at an extremely reasonable cost !

## 6: Secretary's Report

### **Correspondence**

- 1) Parent Network Bulletin from Parent Partnership Service.
- 2) Minutes from Coventry Wheelchair User Group

### **Other Items**

None.

## 7: Treasurer's Report

Martin was pleased to confirm that the accounts were in order and that an invoice for our funding for 2011 – 2012 had been submitted to the PCT.

## 8: Any Other Business

It was suggested that a small Noticeboard for SWUG could be provided in the reception area of the Centre and everyone agreed this to be a good idea. Kryz agreed to look into it further and advice at the next meeting.

Peter gave some information on how to obtain free passes for the Ironbridge Gorge Museums for carers. It was also noted that English Heritage also gave generous concessions.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.20pm.

# **Shropshire Wheelchair Users' Group**

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2011**  
**12.30 – 3:00pm**

at

**DRC, Lancaster Road, Harlescott, Shrewsbury**

## **A G E N D A**

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Minutes of previous meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2011 and Matters Arising
3. Guest Business
4. Wheelchair Services Report
5. Chairman's Report
6. Secretary's Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Any Other Business

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