

MINUTES

of the

Shropshire Wheelchair Users Group

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held on

**Thursday 4th June 2009
@ 12:30pm**

at the

Disability Resource Centre, Lancaster Rd. Harlescott

Present:

Sue Wood (Chair), Rob Hood, Sue & Frank Napper,
Martin Wood, Krys Jarvis, Gill Bradley, Martina Hallewell,
Dave Bishop & Shaun Sutton (Shropshire Council Enforcement Service).

Apologies:

Trevor Mytton, Debbie O'Keefe, Helen Lake, Peter & Audrey Selwyn-Smith.

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 7th May 2009 having been previously circulated, were agreed to be a true record. The Chair duly signed the Minutes.

There were no matters arising.

3: Guest business

Sue introduced Shaun Sutton and Dave Bishop from the Shropshire Council Enforcement Service which has replaced Parkright following the extensive number of complaints with regard to parking controls in Shrewsbury. They explained the thinking behind their new softer approach to the problems and also outlined the many other ways they helped motorists.

Shaun said that they were planning a campaign to target the abuse of Blue Badges with a trial in Shrewsbury in partnership with Police Community Support Officers. The campaign would include leaving a leaflet on all vehicles displaying a blue badge.

One of the problems they have is that there is no national register of badge holders and it is extremely difficult therefore to check on validity, particularly for visitors from outside Shropshire. Further, the number of stolen or forged badges in circulation was increasing. Members were invited to make suggestions/comments to shaun.sutton@shropshire.gov.uk

On behalf of everyone, Sue thanked Dave and Shaun and wished them success with the campaign.

4: **Wheelchair Services Report**

Krys gave an update on how the service was operating at present with the Database going live in July.

She had produced a draft for a new Pre-Assessment Questionnaire for the meeting to comment on and several suggestions and amendments/additions were made.

Krys also mentioned the Pathway Project and National Carers Week.

With regard to the provision and maintenance of wheelchairs in Nursing and Care Homes, a letter would shortly be sent to them confirming that the Wheelchair Service would no longer be responsible for these wheelchairs. This only applies to "pool chairs" and does not in anyway affect residents of these establishments who have been issued a wheelchair by the Service.

5: **Chairwoman's Report**

Sue reported on various meetings and visits and also Shropshire Disability Network and Oswestry & District Access Group. The Shopmobility AGM had been well attended. .

6: **Secretary's Report**

Correspondence

1) Minutes from Equalities Forum meeting..

2) Minutes and Agenda for next meeting of Shrewsbury & Atcham Access Group to be held on 10th June 2009.

3) Details of Funding Fair at the Gateway Shrewsbury on 23rd June 2009.

Other Items

None.

7: **Treasurer's Report**

Martin confirmed that the accounts were in order with the current account at £614.

8: **Any Other Business**

The operation of our website was again discussed at some length. The Secretary was pleased to announce that Julia Meakin of the PCT Joint Commissioning Team had very generously agreed to provide one-off funding but not for ongoing costs. Sue Napper had obtained an outline of the proposed new website from Interactive Information Services and the members present agreed (with some gentle guidance from Sue) on what information and links should be included.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 3.00pm.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 2nd July 2009
@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 4th June 2009 and Matters Arising
3. Guest Business
4. Wheelchair Services Report
5. Chairwoman's Report
6. Secretary's Report
7. Treasurer's Report
8. Any Other Business

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