

CARERS FORUM

21/04/08

11am

Daron Perkins - chair

Dezi Hayes, Veronica Elgar, Joy Alexander, Marilyn Tidesley, Elizabeth Sturton, Christine Law, Pamela Allen, Joyce Bogoni, B Bagoni, G Anderson, Pauline Reader, Ed Dench, Deborah Coeshott, R Green, M Green, Rose Yeomans, Ken Yeomans, Susan Cretella, Mrs Wills, S Talbot, Rob Paton, Bridget Paton, Mary Blake, Karen Thornton – minutes.

Apologies – Jo Wood.

Matters arising – none.

Election of New Chair – Nominations to Daron with an aim to vote at next meeting.

Bill McKenzie – Agreed Daron to write a thank you letter to Bill and collection made.

New Issues

- Individual budgets. Feedback at next meeting of pilot project.
- Modernisation agenda. Gives flexibility and maximises choice though some carers not convinced about the suitability for the more severely disabled.
- Transition of children with special needs. Daron to invite John Metcalf to talk about this and modernisation.
- Update on therapeutic input. There is now a dedicated speech therapist.

Continuing Care – For those people with a high level of health requirements a decision needs to be made on who pay's. Health or Social Services.

Individual Budgets – There is no increase in budgets but there potential savings to be made.

Promoting Work Experience – to be an agenda item next year.

Update – Jan Taylor – No Barriers – has moved to France – no present manager.
Chris James – Transport – has left. His post needs reviewing and updating.

Bus passes – clarification of Island and Mainland companion bus passes needed.
Karen to investigate and advise.

Action Plan

Daron to Invite John Metcalf – modernisation.

Daron to Invite Laura for a whole meeting.

Daron to Invite Jo Maitland to January meeting.

Daron to write a thank you letter to Bill.

Karen to advise re bus passes.