



# Charnwood Action Group

Notes from our meeting



Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015

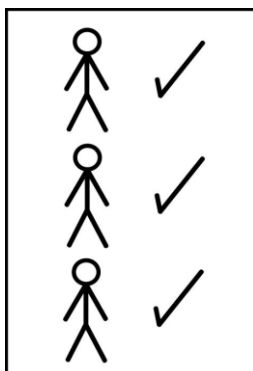
10.30 - 12.30

Quorn Village Hall

64 Leicester Road

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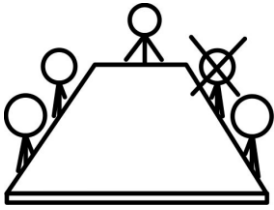
Leicestershire LE12 8BB





## Present - People who came to the meeting


<b>Alix Glazier</b>	<b>Chair</b>
<b>Phil Lingwood</b>	<b>Parent/Carer</b>
<b>David Weston-Webb</b>	<b>Vice Chair</b>
<b>Karen Archer</b>	<b>Independent Voices</b>
<b>Peter Warlow</b>	<b>Glebe House</b>
<b>Sue Attwood</b>	<b>Glebe House</b>
<b>Katie Hicks</b>	<b>Glebe House</b>
<b>Scott McWilliam</b>	<b>Glebe House</b>
<b>Patty</b>	<b>Syston Project</b>
<b>Dawn Wilson</b>	<b>Syston Project</b>
<b>Susan Upton</b>	<b>Syston Project</b>
<b>Sandy</b>	<b>Syston Project</b>
<b>Mike Anderson</b>	<b>Homefield</b>
<b>Owen Piggin</b>	<b>Homefield</b>
<b>Simon</b>	<b>Homefield</b>
<b>Paula</b>	<b>Homefield</b>
<b>Suzanne Kinder</b>	<b>Charnwood Borough Council</b>
<b>Peter Lee</b>	<b>Leicestershire Fire Brigade</b>


	<b>Allison Fadesco</b>	<b>Charnwood Borough Council</b>
	<b>Marie Moore</b>	<b>Minutes</b>


	<p><b>Apologies</b> - People who could not come</p> <p>Gurjit Samr-Rai      Community Safety Team  Gill Betts              Social Worker, LCC</p>
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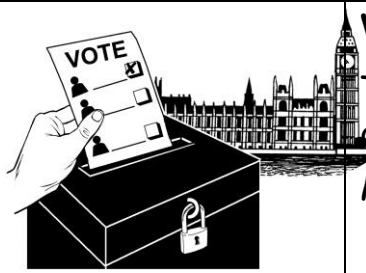
	<p><b>We used the red and yellow cards</b></p>
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	<p><b>Notes from the last meeting</b></p>
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	<p><b>Someone to write down the minutes</b></p> <p>Marie Moore</p>
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	<p><b>Notes from the last meeting</b></p> <p>The notes from last meeting were right</p>
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	<p><b>Matters Arising from the last minutes</b></p> <p><b>Walk</b> - Alix asked if we could put the walk dates on the website. David said he would help Alix with this. Training will be available for those people who want to become walk leaders.</p>
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**Voting Workshops** - We asked who voted in the recent General Election. Almost everyone did and we will tell Mencap. David will email Mencap, Karen will let him have the information.



#### 4. Partnership Board

Alix and Karen attended the Partnership Board - the theme was Employment and Training.

People are getting lots of different experiences in :



Sip & Surf Café, Market Street, Loughborough  
Barrow of Treats, High Street, Barrow Upon Soar

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There was information on how you can apply for a job and how to get help to do this.

Partnership Board meet quarterly and the Locality Groups meet with the Partnership Board twice a year.

Alix said that they will be getting new photo symbols soon but can only share them with the Council employees.

Karen said that they have agreed to train people

who want to be Chair and Co-chair. David's name was put forward for this.



### **5. Police and Safeguarding Update**

David offered to help Alix put photos of the Police who attend the meetings on the website.

We need to let the Police know what we want them to talk about three weeks before our meetings.

### **6. Charnwood Borough Council, Equality and Diversity**

Suzanne Kinder introduced herself. Her job is to make sure that everyone can get the services they need and have fair treatment in Charnwood. If you have any problems please let Suzanne know.

[suzanne.kinder@charnwood.gov.uk](mailto:suzanne.kinder@charnwood.gov.uk)

01509 634504



### **7. Leicestershire Fire Brigade**

Peter Lee from Loughborough and Birstall Fire Station came to discuss fire safety.

Apart from tackling fire and rescue they try to make sure everyone in our community is kept safe.

He explained how having a smoke alarm can save lives and that you should have one downstairs and upstairs and these should be tested every week. Once alarms are fitted it is up to you to



check that the batteries are working.

Peter explained that fire alarms go off within 20 seconds which gives plenty of time to get out of the front door. When you are asleep you cannot smell smoke so it is very important that smoke alarms are fitted and checked regularly.

Peter said it is very important everyone knows how to get out of their home if there was a fire. You should practice this a few times and if you cannot get out of your home, close your room door and place a pillow at the bottom of the door to stop smoke from coming through, this will keep you safe for 20-30 minutes. Call 999 and ask for the Fire Brigade.

Simon said that you have to call 999 and ask for the Fire Brigade. Peter confirmed this was correct and said that you have to give them your full address and the house number, and which town you live in.

Peter left booklets for people to take. Peter said that the most common things that start fires are:

- Smoking, leaving pan unattended on cooker and overloading electrical sockets.



## 8. Keeping Safe

Some of the things that were discussed at a recent Action Plan meeting:

- Fridge pots - Gurjit will be checking on these in the future.
- Trading Standards for Cold Callers - Damion



Nickerson will ask for Cold Callers packs.

- Nuisance callers, telephone preference service. Registering with this service will reduce the amount of telephone calls you receive. To register you need to ring 0845 070 0707 and you will be asked to give the telephone number you wish to register.
- Looking after your money when you are out and about.
- On computer, using the internet - do not give your name, address, telephone number or bank card details to anyone on the internet or even on the street. Simon said that you should never give your name, telephone number or address to anyone.
- Keep Safe Places that already exist and trying to find new Keep Safe Places.

Discussion took place about Keep Safe Places and Alison said that Charnwood was doing very well. It has been agreed that the posters displayed in Keep Safe places were not big enough, these will be redone.

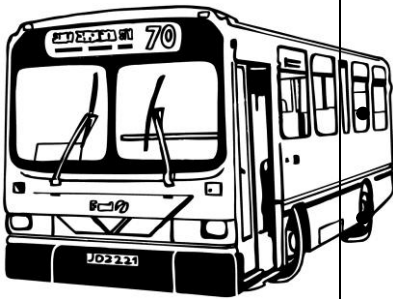
Karen said that in Hinckley they had suggested pub as a Keep Safe Place when people are out at night. Alison said that there are Street Pastors who are out at the weekend. They wear a uniform and are easy to recognise.

Alison said that First Contact is a system to help people if they need services or help. You complete a form and someone will come out to see you. [www.leics.gov.uk/firstcontact](http://www.leics.gov.uk/firstcontact)

## 9. Charnwood Action Plan

The Action Plan was discussed in detail and the following items were added.

- Making new leaflets, David, Alix, Sue and Sandy offered to help with this.
- Update What's On in Charnwood, this was something everyone could help with.
- Loughborough Advocacy Group are going to meet with Kinch Buses and Partnership Board are also going to focus on transport. Alix to help with this.



It will be up to everyone to help with Supporting Changing Places (toilets). Keep Safe role plays, Karen will remind David who is involved with Gurjit and Damon.


- Ask self-advocates to share their experiences of work and volunteering.
- To make sure that there are three Co-Chairs who will be Alix, David, Mike and Phil.
- Peter, Mike Phil and Peter Warlow will try to go to the Partnership Board Meetings.

### **Any other business**

WATES do kitchens and bathrooms for Charnwood Borough Council and Alix has offered to look at their brochure and put it into Easy Read. David, Sandy and Sue have also offered to help with this.

Alix said that Diabetes Group would like to come and give update. Karen asked Sue if it falls in with Health Days.

	<p>Dawn wanted everyone to do she was going to Skegness on holiday.</p> <p>Dawn also said she wanted to attend Have a Go Day and the date was written in Dawn's diary.</p>
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	<p><b><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></b></p> <p><b>17th July - Syston Project,</b></p> <p>Syston Community Centre, School Street, Syston, Leicester, LE7 1HN.</p>
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