

**Minutes of the VCSF Management Committee
Meeting held on 5th May 2009 at 10am
Ashton House**

Present:

John Taylor(JT)	Cheshire Neighbours
Tracey Langston (TL)	CNVA – minute taker
Ray Stafford(RS)	Parkinsons’ Society
Andreas Weisner(AW)	Cheshire East
Wendy Gjerstad (WG)	CNVA
Val Butler (VB)	DRE
Claire Robinson (CR)	Homestart
Bill Gregory (BG)	Samaritans
Helen Aspden (HA)	NSPCC

Apologies:

Tina Jones	CNBC
Peter Speed	YMCA
Jane Whetnall	Cheshire Academy

	Minutes	Action
1.	Welcome: JT opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were accepted	
2.	Minutes of the last meeting: Minutes accepted as a true record of the last meeting.	
3.	Matters Arising: Town Council – Ray Stafford advised that there were enough signatures to make this happen – pending Cheshire East Council and Government for permission. 6 – RS asked if any comments received about action plan - TL advised no. AW reported New Leaf event happened – very positive – Senior Voice ran a very good café, SW represented the VCS at the event. More than 100 people attended the event. WG advised Congress had submitted a business case to Cheshire East for consideration around funding.	
4.	March Forum: TL advised a very productive day with 39 attendees. Feedback very positive and TL would be arranging a follow on session with Jan Mellor later in the year.	

	<p>WG advised that there would be a Providers day which would link into Tendering and Contracts – Hilda Yarker PCT pulling together. Reps from all commissioning agencies would be present such as Cheshire East, PCT, Fire etc.; WG is attending a meeting in Chester to start the ball rolling. Event will cover Cheshire as a whole – no idea of structure yet. Information gained out of that day should be about how Statutory sector will commission – Cheshire East and PCT are discussing a joint pot of money.</p>	
5.	<p>Autumn Forum:</p> <p>TL/WG advised that several groups had expressed interest in the subject of climate change. TL advised that the room was provisionally booked for 19th October 2009 9am – 3pm. Council Chambers and East Committee room. Keith Boughey had said he would be able to contribute to event in some way, either by leading a workshop etc. All happy with theme of event. Discussion took place about local green work and local groups which could be invited. Sustranz – Peter Foster was mentioned.</p> <p>TL to try and pull in funders who want to fund environmental issues – possibly link in with Charity Shops because of recycling etc.,</p>	TL
6.	<p>VCSF action plan:</p> <p>TL advised action plan updated with help of SW to include volunteering targets – BG raised the new government idea of 50 hours compulsory volunteering for children – asked if we had seen anything. TL to explore with SW and report back.</p> <p>WG advised that Macc VB have outreach in schools which seemed to be a positive thing to do. WG also advised 2 new Volunteer workers in post August/September time – these 2 workers will be working across Cheshire East in an outreach capacity – possibly a good idea to suggest outreach in schools.</p>	TL/SW
7.	<p>Any other business:</p> <p>RS suggested the VCSF Management Committee send Yvonne Partridge a card – thinking of you – as she is very ill.</p>	TL actioned

	<p>CR advised Home Start still waiting to hear about funding opportunities.</p> <p>AW raised an article from the Independent about estates in the UK – TL to cascade to all members.</p> <p>BG said that the Funding Forum had been well organised and was a success for the CNVA team.</p>	AW/TL
8.	<p>Date of next meeting: Monday 22nd June 2009 2pm CNVA</p>	All