

**Minutes of the VCSF Management Committee
Meeting held on 15th September 2009
at 10am
At Crewe Christian Concern**

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
Helen Aspden (HA)	NSPCC
Tina Jones(TJ)	CNBC
Val Butler(VB)	DRE
Bill Gregory (BG)	Samaritans
Clare Robinson (CR)	Home Start

Apologies:

Jane Whetnall	Cheshire Academy
Peter Speed	YMCA

	Minutes	Action
1.	Welcome: JT opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Apologies were accepted	
2.	Minutes of the last meeting: Minutes accepted as a true record of the last meeting. Proposed RS accepted AW	
3.	Matters Arising: RS asked where JW was and if she was well – WG advised yes. TL advised that the funding network was rescheduled for 21 st September.	
4.	Autumn Forum: TL summarised the forum and updated all on progress. It was suggested that TL approach Keith Bowyer reference a stand if Tanya wasn't able to attend. So far bookings for the event were low but WG explained it was a difficult subject to engage people into. Suggestion made that it be promoted via Andreas to the green groups he is involved with – TL to send flyers. TJ asked if the LAP updates would focus on environmental issues – TL advised that they would be a general update as would the Congress update. TL reminded all that she needed nomination forms and attendance forms back for the Forum.	TL TL ALL

	<p>A suggestion was made that an energy company might be willing to attend to talk about what they were doing – TL to explore.</p> <p>WG advised that there would be a Congress event in November – this may be held in Crewe (venue to be confirmed) – next planning meeting is being held on 5th October, first one was 16th September. The theme of the event would be around Stronger Communities, would probably include workshops which could be used to feed into the development of the Community Strategy. WG also advised the group that Cheshire East had provisionally agreed to put £20k into congress – waiting to see if any other partner LSP members would also support.</p>	TL
5.	<p>Any other business: TL circulated updated action plan to all and ran through all updates – all on track.</p> <p>TL reminded all about the European training session on 24th September.</p> <p>CR advised all that Home Start are having a sponsored walk on Sunday 20th September. There is another event planned (Barn Dance) at Bradwell village hall on 9th October and a fashion show on 18th November. Tickets are available from Home Start.</p> <p>RS stated that he was happy to see joint working between Connexions, Youth Fed and the Volunteer Centre.</p> <p>JT advised that Alan Richardson (Councillor) had died – he had been the longest serving Councillor in the UK and was 89. Funeral would be Thursday 3pm at Wrenbury Church.</p> <p>WG suggested at some point it would be useful for the group to review the aims of the Forum. The Forum has been successful in delivering action plans but maybe there needs to be some consideration of where we are going, are we achieving the maximum possible?</p> <p>Ray Stafford offered his apologies for the Forum meeting on 19th October.</p>	TL add to next agenda
7.	<p>Date of next meeting: 3rd November 2009 – 10am at CNVA</p>	All

