

# Speak Up Be Heard



Date : Wednesday 4th May 2022

Venue : Zoom

Present:		Apologies:
J1	TAAA - Co-Chair	D Wirral Evolutions
V	TAAA	L Dale Farm
R	TAAA	C Heswall
K	TAAA	
D	Eastham - Co-Chair	
M1	Pensby Wood	
T	Best Bites	
J2	Oakenholt	
A	Cambridge Road	
J3	Cambridge Road	
R	Cambridge Road	
C1	Cambridge Road	
M2	Cambridge Road	
C2	Cambridge Road	
M3	Cambridge Road	
S1	Heswall	
P	Heswall	
S2	Heswall	
Lorraine Moran	Wirral Evolutions	
S	Wirral Evolutions (Host)	

## 1) Introductions and Apologies

D welcomed everyone and apologies were noted.

All were glad to see T from Bluebelles again, but there was no-one from Royden Park or Highcroft this time.



## 2) Minutes from the last meeting and matters arising

D read out the previous minutes on screen share and all agreed they were right - proposed by D and seconded by J2.

## 3) Wirral Evolutions update and Consultative Board update

Lorraine shared the happy news that during the Easter weekend, N who looked after Wirral Evolutions' social media had given birth to a baby boy - warm congratulations to N and family.

Dale Farm is closed today while a large tree is being taken down but will be open again tomorrow - this was why L sent her apologies.

D1 commented that her absence was felt and praised her input when she is here - all agreed.

WE are taking new referrals again with a few coming in already.

This ties in with the future return to multi-services. The infection figures look good so should be ok for July.

K had heard that Jean (Managing Director) was talking to lawyers about Wirral Council taking over running the services.

Lorraine advised that Wirral Evolutions' Board has sought legal advice. The Board only met last week so there is no update yet.

J1 said that the names of the Consultative Board reps had been put forward. The Council mixed up some names from TAAA and the SUBH Group but this has now been sorted out.

V confirmed the TAAA reps will be J1, K and herself.

R asked if her name is still on the list - yes.

We are now just waiting for Jason Oxley to decide the next stage, although there may be a delay due to WE seeking legal advice.

K suggested TAAA could email the Council to remind them - if there are delays for any reason, they should confirm that to us.



#### 4) Face to face meetings and what else we can get involved in

Lorraine said that if people do return to multi-centres in July, then hopefully the first face-to-face meeting can be July, with cake and sandwiches to celebrate as promised.

K confirmed the first meeting would be best outdoors and a few options were discussed.

A lot depends on seating and how many people are expected - we can take chairs outside as long as there are enough for everyone.

Lorraine will check previous meeting numbers and seating at Highcroft for next meeting.

C1 asked if there was any update about a minibus. M2 added how wheelchair users are meant to get to whichever venue is decided?

J1 mentioned that pre-COVID, some centres shared minibuses and she was sure Christina's was one of them.

Lorraine gave her word that this is still on WE's agenda but there is no update yet. Once a venue is agreed, special transport can be arranged - taxis if need be.

#### 5) My Life visit by Together All Are Able

R said that TAAA travelled in a Merseycare minibus to visit 'My Life' with Councillor Yvonne Nolan and Graham Hodgkinson.

They are a charity based in Wigan supporting day services across different locations, including the Thompson House Equestrian Centre and Leigh Sports Village.

8 people went in total (including the minibus driver) - unfortunately Daniel couldn't make it on that day.

Everyone enjoyed spending time with the horses and other animals.

Lorraine confirmed she had visited there a couple of times - WE have looked at their services before.



M2 asked for further information.

J1 explained they also have cabins for short breaks / weekend holidays if anyone else would like to go and visit.

### 6) Anything else

V reported she is starting up Zumba classes again - the first meeting will be Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May at Birkenhead Scout Hut (6-7pm).

Classes are free of charge and also still on Zoom if people can't make it in person. All are welcome.

K said on his last visit to Heswall they were talking about starting a book exchange and he has books he'd like to donate.

S wasn't sure if it was running yet so Lorraine called to check. Heswall advised they have a Community book exchange, not managed by our centre.

C2 advised that Cambridge Road has a library and K would be welcome to donate books there.

### 7) Date of next meeting

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2022 at 10.30am.

