



Speak Up Be Heard

Date : Wednesday 3rd May 2023

Venue : Eastham

1) Introductions and Apologies

█████ welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted.

Everyone agreed to the meeting being recorded although the Zoom link kept dropping out due to the WiFi signal.

(█████ arrived at 10:50)

2) Minutes from the last meeting and matters arising

The minutes were run through on screen share and all agreed they were right, proposed by █████ and seconded by █████.

Everyone noted there were 2 actions for █████:

- Find out about community hubs for future meetings
- Send out Terms of Reference and ask for dates for Development Day

There were no updates as █████ sent her apologies for today.

3) Development Day arrangements

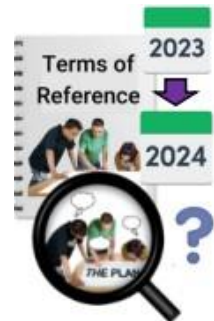
This is a day to review the Terms of Reference for this Speak Up Be Heard group for the coming year.

It is a chance for everyone to look at:

- the rules for the group and how it works
- the Chair and Co-chair
- what people want from the meetings
- what they want to make happen in the next 12 months
- which managers people would like to come (like █████ today)

All agreed this should be face-to-face, not on Zoom, and █████ suggested it should be held at The Grange as that's the base.

█████ said last time we had trouble fitting everyone in there.



We have discussed before how it would be good to take turns around all the centres but we are limited by space and WiFi signal.

This is why we are looking at other venues.

Some alternatives were discussed again, including The Floral Pavilion, Birkenhead Town Hall, Birkenhead Park visitors centre and The Lauries Centre, as well as the fire station community hub.

■■■■ summed up we need somewhere accessible, for around 30 people, with a good WiFi signal and free to hire.

(Most non-Council buildings charge a fee).

Also do we want somewhere for just the Development Day, or for all Speak Up Be Heard meetings? A 1 off or once a month?

■■■■ added it's not just about the venue, it's also about people getting there - this means transport.



There was a discussion about when people wanted the meeting.

- All agreed it should fit into the Speak Up Be Heard calendar on the 1st Wednesday in the month.
- It should be a separate meeting on its own so it needs to replace the usual meeting that month.
- It should start at the normal time of 10:30.
- It should be sometime this Summer - █████ suggested July.

█████ asked if the people we support wanted to form a smaller group to organise this.

█████ felt she has enough responsibilities already with the Day Services Coproduction Group.

If anyone would like to, they can speak to their centre managers about this - █████ agreed that would be ok.



4) Update about the Sports Day

██████ confirmed this was discussed at a recent Managers' Meeting.

It can't happen for a while yet as it needs a lot of planning and there is a lot going on at the moment, but it is in progress.

The group wanted to know when and where it might be.

We had agreed it would be in the Summer but not which month.

██████ said again that the activities chosen would decide where it would be.

The group suggested a range of activities including cycling, tennis, cricket, rounders, relay race and 7-a-side. ██████ added that she likes kayaking.

██████ asked if people would have to pay?

There may be a cost if we needed to hire a leisure centre for the day, but Birkenhead Park is free.

██████ said we've had Sports Day at the Oval before. They cover a lot of sports and may have a cycle track too. It could be worth asking what each of the leisure centres offer.

██████ asked if everyone has to take part.

Nobody has to take part in anything if they don't want to - everyone always has a choice.

There was further discussion about the weather on the day.

██████ said if it hot, then cold drinks will need to be provided. Hydration is important, especially while doing sports, and it would be good to have a gazebo for shelter if we are outside.

██████ advised that Sports Day is on the agenda to be discussed with people we support at their centre's next monthly meeting.



5) Anything else

Elections tomorrow

█ checked again that everyone knows what the election is for.

All said yes - it is to vote for local Councillors, like Councillor Nolan who people know from the Day Services Coproduction Group.

Everyone also remembered the next election like this is in 4 years.

█ added that there would be a general election before then and people need to remember to take photo ID (identification) with them tomorrow.

█ suggested her train pass would be good photo ID.

█ confirmed that anything issued by the government with your photograph on should be accepted.

The polling stations are open from 7am to 10pm.

Each area will have 3 Councillors, so we can make 3 votes for 3 different people.

█ added that whoever people vote for, it is your business - it's your life.

7) Date of next meeting

Wednesday 7th June 2023.

Venue to be confirmed.

*** TOMORROW ***



*** NEXT TIME ***



7am to 10pm

