

Bury Faith Forum



MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON: 13th December 2018

- 1. Present:** Liaqat Ali – (Chair) Qadria Jilania Islamic Centre and Cultural Association
Father Paul Cannon – Guardian Angels
Rev Simon Cook – Bury Deanery Parish of Kirklees
Rabbi Warren Elf – Faith Network for Manchester
Cllr Shaheena Haroon – Deputy Cabinet Member for Communities & Safer Neighbourhoods
Rev Julian Heaton – Bury Parish Church
Abed Hussain – GMP Bury Division
Samra Kanwal – Near Neighbours
David Lewis – Jewish Representative Council & Muslim Jewish Forum
Stephen Newsham – GMP Bury Division
Barrington Reeves – Bury VCFA
Alan Slater – Bury Council
Dave Thomson – Ainsworth Parish
Rev Steve Williams - St Gabriel's, Prestwich & Bishops' Inter-Faith Adviser in the Diocese of Manchester
Jonny Wineberg – GM Interfaith Network & Co Chair #We Stand Together
- Apologies:** Rabbi Robert Ash – North Manchester Reform Synagogue
Tom Hoghton – Bury Council, Communities & Wellbeing
Wajid Iqbal – Noor Ul Islam Mosque
Rabbi Jonathan Guttentag
Paul Schofield – Metro Christian Centre
Cllr Tamoor Tariq – Cabinet Member for Communities & Safer Neighbourhoods
- Minutes:** Joyce Carroll – Bury Council

2 **Minutes or the last meeting 26th September 2018**

The minutes of the meeting 26/12/2018 were approved as an accurate record.

3 **Feedback from Interfaith event**

W Elf reported the interfaith event which took place on 14/11/2018 at Guardian Angels was well received with positive feedback from those who attended. P Cannon reported he has also received positive feedback from 3 primary schools. Primary schools attended during the morning, High schools attended in the afternoon. Each child who attended was asked to complete a work book. It was suggested the event is repeated again on a smaller scale possibly at local schools.

8 faiths were represented – Christianity, Islam, Sikhism, Judaism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Jainism & Baha'i.

On behalf of the Bury Faith Forum L Ali thanked everyone who was involved in organising this successful event.

7	<p><u>Bury Faith Forum First AGM</u></p> <p>The first AGM needs to take place before Autumn 2019. The group suggested holding an event similar to the recent Interfaith event targeting adults either on the same day as the AGM or sooner if the AGM isn't going to take place until Autumn. L Ali asked for suggestions to be forwarded to T Hoghton. J Wineberg suggested something similar to events that have taken place in Crumpsall i.e. an open air event in Tesco carpark to get to a wide range of people from different communities & a range of ages.</p> <p>S Kanwal offered to hold & possibly fund an event around Easter time from the Near Neighbours funding. This would enable us hold out AGM at the same time & enable S Kanwal to make links with the different communities in Bury. However, she would only be able to fund 1 event i.e. this or the Mayor's breakfast.</p>	All
8	<p><u>Holocaust Memorial Day Event</u></p> <p>The event will take place on 24th January 2019 in the Longfield Suite, Prestwich at 6.30pm for 7.00pm start & lasts approx. 1 hour. The theme this year is "Torn from Home". The event will include a guest speaker giving a talk on a more recent genocide in Rwanda & other speakers giving a talk on Interfaith & LGBT.</p> <p>Rehearsals are currently taking place.</p> <p>Invites have been sent out, contact A Slater if you haven't received one & would like to attend.</p>	All
9	<p><u>Bury Council's Trip to Auschwitz in March 2019</u></p> <p>The Mayor and Rabbi Guttentag are in the process of arranging a trip to Poland including a visit to Auschwitz in March 2019. The cost is £350 plus airfare. L Ali asked for the information to be circulated to the group.</p>	J Carroll
10	<p><u>Bury & Rochdale Links</u></p> <p>Carla Schroder has been appointed at as the Community Cohesion Officer in Rochdale as part of the CTU brief & helping to forge links with the community. In particular bringing the Muslim & Jewish communities together. However, there isn't a Jewish community in Rochdale so it is expected she will contact the Jewish community in Bury. She will probably contact T Hoghton & A Slater in the new year to discuss.</p> <p>W Elf will forward some information re the project on to J Wineberg so he can inform local Synagogues.</p>	W Elf
11	<p><u>Faith Walk</u></p> <p>The annual procession took place on 2nd December. The event was covered by the Bury Times & was well attended including attendance by local MPs & Councillors.</p> <p>J Wineberg suggested using social media & making specific approaches to local Synagogues & Churches etc. in future to encourage more attendance from other Religions & Faiths.</p> <p>There was a suggestion for Bury Faith Forum to have their own twitter site to highlight their work & advertise events. However, it was thought that there isn't the capacity or resources available to keep the site up to date at the moment but it could be something the group could consider in the future. B Reeves offered the use of BVCFA social media sites to advertise events etc. to the Bury Faith Forum.</p>	

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Future agendas

Forward any agenda items for discussion at future meetings to L Ali or T Hoghton.

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Composite of Bury Faith Forum

S Kanwar mentioned she thought that women & young people weren't represented on the group. L Ali agreed to look at the composition of the group and the timings of the meetings to encourage representation from the whole community. He will circulate suggested dates & times of future meetings.

We Stand Together

We Stand Together group will be establishing a We Stand Together month during May & will be encouraging communities to put some activities together with the aim of bringing communities together.

Mosque Open Day

March 3rd 2019 is Mosque Open Day

Driving Volunteers for Christmas Day

D Lewis is arranging for volunteers to drive those of the Christian faith to Bury Parish Church for their Christmas lunch. Contact D Lewis if you are available to volunteer to drive someone to and/or from the Parish Church on Christmas day.

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Places of Welcome

Places of Welcome is a network of small community organisations, including faith communities who offer an unconditional welcome to local people for at least a few hours a week. They are diverse in nature reflecting the different communities in which they are located. Some centres and faith centres may already be doing work like this on a regular basis to address social isolation & may want to brand themselves as a Places of Welcome. S Kanwar will circulate details.

S Kanwar

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Date of next meeting

To be decided – Possibly at Bury Police station.

Date:

Time:

Venue: