

LGBT Forum

Tuesday 29th January 2019 at 2.30pm

Mosses Centre, Bury

Present

Phil Landells David Catterall

Sam Palmer Gwyn Starkey

Natasha Franklin Michelle Allen

Gary Hardman Karl Haslam

Susan Brooks

Apologies

Julie Bentley

Minutes

1. Welcome & Introduction

2. Minutes of last meeting

3. Rainbow Train

***KH** highlighted that the ELR have been hard work, having contacted them back in November and only just got confirmation on the 18th January. The train would have 5 carriages, 260 seat and would set off at 16.25pm and return at 17.44pm at a cost of £1600. Ambition for aging have agreed to cover this cost. **KH** explained that if we wanted any additional activities further negotiations would need to be made and a new price agreed. **KH** informed them that we would have the LGBT meeting to clarify final details.*

KH suggested due to it being challenging communicating with them that it might be worth meeting with them in person to tie down all the details. **DC** to arrange a meeting with them when necessary.

NF raised the issue around having breakfast at the Mosses Centre before going on the train pointing out that due to the times being later in the day that this would now not be suitable. The suggestion of having lunch at the Mosses Centre was put forward as a better alternative.

DC brought up the entertainment on the train as a topic of discussion. **SP** suggested that each carriage might have a theme being Drag Queen Bingo, pub quiz, sing along, comedian, and a chill out carriage. The group discussed the idea of people moving from one carriage to the next at stops, with the further suggestion that rather than the people moving the activities could simply move along instead.

The topic of cost was brought up and **NF** suggested that a charging for people to attend might be helpful as it would make it more likely that people would turn up as they would have invested in the event. **GH** agreed that paying would ensure more attendees. **MA** suggested Eventbrite as a method of collecting payment. **DC** highlighted that if they were to charge then it should fit in with the agenda of Ambition of Aging. Reduced rates for over 50's was suggested by **NF** as an option.

The following price structure was suggested

Under 18 £3

Over 50's £3

Others £5

QS suggested that if food was provided by **AM** then this should also be reflected in the cost of a the tickets. **QS** said that he would speak to **AM** about the aforementioned lunch and the costs that might be entailed.

Age range of those attending was also discussed. **GH** said a range is good from over 50s to younger individuals. **KH** thinks good to have a mix. **DC** suggested young people might be an issue for comedy and bad language etc. **KH** suggested that most of the carriages won't have this issue so they might be able to get around it.

The group discussed how people might get to the train whom couldn't walk and the group suggested that a minibus would be a good idea.

Furthermore the group discussed the need for goodie bags to and **GH** mentioned that Julie might have some bags that might be usable. **MA** also mentioned that there might be some spare hate crime bags after hate crime awareness week. **AS** to explore this option. **SB** suggested that Tesco and business similar to this might also be able to help. **DC** said he'd contact these groups. Additional funding for merchandise to go in the bag was also discussed **KH** mentioned about talking to Tamoor Tariq and **GH** mentioned talking to Sajid from the Bury VCFA.

SB asked about social media sharing of event. **DC** explained that once event is confirmed and Eventbrite is set up that'll be good to go. Discussed linking up with Rossendale and Bolton LGBT forums.

4. Bury Pride

DC gave an update as to the performers on the day being Sclub, a pink tribute, Mr Wilsons Second Liners.

NF is organising the rainbow walk- 45 minutes parade.

DC brought up a previously discussed idea of changing the traffic lights to some sort of LGBT reference but mentioned that due to the type of lights they were that this was not possible however signs could be modified. The support of the event was brought up and the fact that police would be present as well as civic security. Super Josh also volunteer to support the event as stewards. **SP** asked whether we need more volunteers. **NF** welcomed more support. Suggested selling train tickets on the day. **KH** asked who is responsible for marketing, **DC** mentioned that Comms team of council responsible for marketing.

Stalls for the event at the town hall were also discussed with the use of a tea room, balcony bar, Peel Room. At the event youth groups would be involved, a LGBT choir, Tower FM and James Frith would be in attendance. **KH** asked whether a plan for the rundown of the event is being made- Comms responsible for this. Booklets will arrive at **DC** office and also be shown on the bury council website. **PL** offered to support to **NF** with parade.

5. Logo

A was the most popular choice of designs and DC now has a sticker to share with the group to. DC to email out and everyone to say whether they are happy with it. Stickers are for approved organisations whom have hit a benchmark. DC said that they need to decide a criteria for approved places. DC suggested this should be on future agenda to discuss.

6. Any other business

GH to set up an email address for Bury LGBT forum and to stop using Bury LGBT network. **DC** to promote LGBT Forum via media and global email.

Actions

1. Once all the details of the train are decided **DC** is to arrange a sit down meeting with ELR to tie in final decisions.
2. **QS** is to speak to AG about having lunch in the Mosses centre rather than breakfast and any cost this might entail.

3. **AS** to see if there are any spare HCAW bags that can be used.
4. **DC** to talk to Tesco and other organisations to see if they could provide bags for the event.
5. **KH** is to talk to Tamoor Tariq about further funding and **GH** is to talk to the VCFA in this regards.
6. **PL** is to offer support to **NF** with the parade.
7. **GH** to set up an email address for Bury LGBT forum

Next Meeting

TBC