

NEW DEAL : NEW HORIZONS

Charity Number 4582937
A Company Limited by Guarantee
Registered in England

Employment Minutes held at Blakenall Village Centre On Thursday 18th January 2007 at 7.00 p.m.

In Attendance

Paul Jay	Business Stakeholder
Charlie Robertson	Patch Representative 14/Theme Chair
Bill Smith	Trader Stakeholder
Graham Morris	Patch Representative 11
Alan Venables	Patch Representative 17

Officers

James Kelly	Interim Programme Manager
Bob Crundwell	Employment Manager
Diane Jones	Theme Administrator

Partners

Dave Rosser	Citizens Advice
Elaine Britton	BCLSC
Peter Whitmore	Future Foundations
Teresa Read	Work on the Horizon
Linda Bowen	Jobcentre Plus
Ian Homard	Steps to Work
John Price	Walsall EBP
Ann Ruddy	Steps to Work

1. Apologies

Kath Phillips
Jean Jevons

Agenda Item		ACTION
2.	Introduction CR welcomed everyone and introductions were made round the table.	
3.	Declarations None.	
4.	Minutes of Last Meeting Thanks and well done were offered to Amy who had taken the previous minutes, no easy task when she is just learning how to do them. Two amendments to the minutes; Anne Rudely should read Ann Ruddy and Item 5, paragraph 4 it should be made clear that this is still in the early	

NEW DEAL : NEW HORIZONS

Charity Number 4582937
 A Company Limited by Guarantee
 Registered in England

	<p>tender stage.</p> <p>LB said that the tenders are still out for the “Pathways to Work”. This is a Government initiative to get people who are on incapacity benefit back into work. Different organisations, including Steps to Work will be involved in delivering some parts of this programme, but tenders are still at the early stage.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>Work on the Horizon presented to the meeting a list of 40 interventions that are run from the shop. TR gave a short explanation of what is done at the shop and how clients are helped.</p> <p>‘Skills for You’ is a new project that Work on the Horizon is to start operating. It is mainly focussed on people who have a limited qualification in Maths and English, lone parents, people with a disability To develop their skills and link with local businesses. This programme will run for 20 weeks.</p> <p>‘Training for Carers’ is a project is any anyone who cares for an older person, neighbour as well as someone wanting to go into this aspect of work. This programme will run for 12 weeks.</p> <p>Also more Outreach sessions in various locations within the footprint to access those people who are unable to attend the shop.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Projects Update</p> <p>Reports had been circulated and these were taken as read.</p> <p>Construction Project – BC said that the success that this project had shown should be highly publicised. Steps and Work on the Horizon to head the publicity for this.</p> <p>5 of the young people had been offered permanent jobs with apprenticeships and therefore 5 places could be made available for stage 4.</p> <p>It was suggested that this project be evaluated by an outside evaluator.</p> <p>PW suggested nominating the youngsters for Learning Awards to show what various organisations can achieve working together, WHG, ND, STW, who and the College.</p>	<p>BC to liaise with Steps & Work on Horizon</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>BS asked BC about the Business Start. BC replied that it had come to the appraiser but the project submission needed further development</p>	

NEW DEAL : NEW HORIZONS

Charity Number 4582937
 A Company Limited by Guarantee
 Registered in England

	<p>and this was taking time to sort out.</p> <p>DR passed round a sample graph and asked the meeting if this is what they wanted to be included in his report. He was agreed that a graph would be included in the report to complement the report that is given as a graph was easier to read and showed more impact. CAB had received 29 new clients in the last week, though they do get an increase at this time of year. All their sessions are been fully attended, which as BC pointed out shows how much this type of project is required in the area.</p> <p>PJ asked if a brainstorming session could be put on the agenda for the next meeting. This was agreed.</p> <p>BC asked AR and TR how they were getting on with engaging with employers and getting back into the community and have they any thoughts on this and how other outreach surgeries could be planned.</p> <p>JP advised the theme that 40 youngsters from the footprint were going to Aberdovey next week for outdoor activities, this was possible as New Deal and the Coop had sponsored this. The question on what publicity for this has there been?</p> <p>CR asked if it would be possible to invite our Communications team to a future meeting and advise the meeting on how they could get as much publicity for this theme's projects as possible.</p>	<p>DR to include graph in his report</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Date of Future Meetings</p> <p>Thursday 15th March 2007 Tuesday 8th May 2007 Thursday 12th July 2007 Thursday 6th September 2007 Thursday 1st November 2007 Thursday 20th December 2007</p>	