

Committee Meeting – 18th March 2010

Members: Philip Stanton (PS) – Chair
Andrew Morris (AM)
Derek Andrews (DA)
George Chapman (GC)

Administrator: Monica Elsen (ME)

1. Welcome and Apologies

Apologies received from Maz Carty and Dave Brinson.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting/Matters Arising

Health and Social Care Forum - it appears that ESCC's intention is to set up a separate group for health and social care. In order to clarify this Cesar will be invited to the next meeting. It seems counter productive to have two groups running when BourneOut is the recognised voice for the LGBT community in Eastbourne.

Action: DA to invite Cesar to next meeting and ME to invite Claire Debenham

Ideas for BourneOut for the future – see Item 3.

Dates for future meetings were agreed as follows:

- AGM – 29th April 2010 at the Hart
- Committee Meetings – 20/5/10, 15/7/10, 16/9/10, 18/11/10, 20/1/11, 10/3/11
- Forums – April AGM, 15/7/10, 18/11/10, 10/3/11 (or AGM 2011)

3. Items for BourneOut activities for year ahead

a) LGBT History Month – could seek contacts in respect of LGBT history, i.e. a speaker who could come and give a talk such as Gay History through the Ages. Stonewall could be contacted in the first instance.

It was agreed that LGBT History Month would be a key activity for BourneOut during the coming year and the committee would begin preparation now.

b) Raise awareness of BourneOut and its profile throughout Eastbourne. Look for joint working activities with other agencies i.e. library services for LGBT History Month, schools, the Council, THT, ECCN etc.

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All agreed that an introductory letter should be sent out to organisations and groups in Eastbourne raising awareness of BourneOut, its principles and aims. Encourage other groups to signpost LGBT people to BourneOut and let them know the group is here.

- c) **Promoting BourneOut at Existing Events** – such as Airborne, the AEGON International tennis, Emergency 999 weekend etc. BourneOut could have a presence, although cost implications might arise if the wish is to have a ‘stall’ like arrangement. This would need to be investigated further, but the 999 weekend was considered a possibility, with contact to be made with Victim Support and THT to see if they would be willing to do something with BourneOut.

Action: ME to investigate possibility of BourneOut having a presence at 999 weekend, tennis etc

- d) **Work with ESCC** – on health and social care services. More details to be explored if Cesar and Claire can attend the next meeting.

PS will email Maz and Dave for any more ideas, but all four suggestions put forward above will be pursued.

4. Dates for meetings in 2010/11

As per matters arising.

5. AGM and Prospective Parliamentary Candidates

ME informed members of the advice she had received from her manager, the Head of Strategy and Democracy re BourneOut’s wish to invite candidates to the AGM to take part in a mini ‘question time’. His advice was to approach party agents in the first instance and stress the importance of inviting **all** parties. This was agreed.

Action: ME to prepare a letter to party agents on behalf of PS, PS will send these letters as Chair.

6. Any Other Business

GC advised that the THT in Eastbourne had a new manager, Marie. It was thought that Marie had previously worked for EAVS/3VA. It was agreed that the committee would send a welcome letter to Marie inviting her to the next committee meeting and AGM on 29th April.

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This letter will also confirm BourneOut's ambition to have stronger links with THT and explore joint working opportunities.

Action: ME to find out when Marie starts in post and prepare a letter for PS to send from the committee.

AGM – 29th April

PS advised he needs to get nominations in for committee places. It was agreed that PS would send out an email to the membership advising that the AGM is taking place and which committee places are up for grabs.

Nominations to be received by the 22nd April and sent to ME. Committee nominations will be revealed on the night and votes taken by a show of hands.

Action: PS to send email to membership re AGM and committee place nominations for Chair, Deputy Chair, Treasurer, Communication Officer and 3 committee officers

ME to prep press release for GC to finalise.

Funding: DA had received some information in regards to funding opportunities from Comic Relief. PS raised awareness of a funding day being held by 3VA in Polegate, it would be good for someone to go along to hear about different funding available.

Meeting ended at 7.30pm

Next meeting 29th April at 6pm at the Hart Pub.