

Minutes for Meeting: Board Meeting **Date:** 20th March 2017

Minute Taker: Katy Saunderson **Chair:** Pauline Heath

Present: George Wallace, Eddie Galvin, Irene Robson, Geof Armstrong,

Apologies: Robert Latham

Who	When
All	EG introduced and welcomed to the board.
	Minutes of last meeting: Matters Arising
KS	Explained that there is currently some uncertainty surrounding the continuation of KL as a trainee due to on-going absence.
GA	Evac chair has now been purchased.
	The Greggs funding has ended and a report has been sent.
	Thinking Aloud Meeting is still on the agenda.
EG	Interested to know if we have a database of contacts we can access for the meeting.
GA	Our relationship with artists has weakened due to the change of direction the HUB has taken us in.

Who	When
	Thinking Aloud would give us an opportunity to address this.
PH	People want to do something but nobody wants to arrange it.
KS	We have had problems in the past when we have attempted to set up forums. People were not willing to coordinate diaries themselves or attend without transport being provided for them.
PH	Technology has changed needs as well as the way people work. A cooperative approach is needed.
EG	Keychange help young people to write funding bids. They may also cater to disability.
GA	To look at. No other matters arising.
GA	<p>Budget</p> <p>There is currently no mechanism for raising fees.</p> <p>The budget we have provided is very conservative. There is no growth included, although this is likely to happen.</p> <p>Looking to establish realistic dialogue to ensure the financial integrity of the organisation and how that fits within social services.</p>

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	NCVO looking at the compact.
EG	How can we engage effective decision makers? They meet people in our space so the value of the service is apparent. Perhaps if community workers are hot desking we could get them to meet here.
GA	Our space is empty a lot of the time & could be better utilised.
EG	It is important to make the space pay. Perhaps a pack could be put together to promote it?
	Q3 Accounts
KS	We have recently had contact from NCC advising that they are in the process of setting an account up for us so that we may invoice them directly, rather than through various social workers. This should make a big difference to some of the issues we have been experiencing regarding late payments.
	Presented management accounts to the board with no areas of concern to note.
All	Agreed accounts.
	Directors Report
PH	Arcadea could perhaps look at working with Launchpad.
GA	Grant received from Greggs for £8k. 2 years were applied for, 1 year received.

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	<p>This allowed us back in to the office and we benefited from an £18k in crease in revenue as a result.</p> <p>GA now does the equivalent of 1 day working directly with the group and KS ½ day. Which keeps us connected to the activity.</p> <p>ICEbox</p> <p>No funding applied for as the kids took a long time in deciding what it is they wanted to do. GA now needs to fond the time.</p> <p>Looking at funders to contribute to staffing costs.</p> <p>The current manager is leaving so we will need to find a new Youth Worker.</p> <p>HUB</p> <p>Social Services often contact us with the harder to place people and we are developing a good relationship.</p> <p>We have begun work with a young woman who suffers with anxiety and is very socially isolated. To cater to her needs we have set up a 1:2:1 service with an artist to gradually introduce her to the group.</p> <p>We are looking at the feasibility of incorporating this into our offer.</p>

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EG	<p>Could be worth approaching an accountancy firm/bank & asking for a volunteer for help with our accounting/Sage. Look at a Solicitors for legal/policy review.</p>
KS/GA	<p>To look at.</p>
GA	<p>Mental Health & Wellbeing We anticipate an increase in those needing additional support. Need to look at training & put together a strategy.</p>
EG	<p>Need to view this as an opportunity not a threat. Perhaps look at building wellbeing into our daily practice. Mindfulness, meditation.</p>
GA	<p>Add wellbeing assessments into projects.</p>
PH	<p>A mental health group is needed for young people.</p>
GA	<p>Square Peg project is based on the It Gets Better campaign aimed at LGBTQ+ for young disabled people. Perhaps look at Comic Relief for funding.</p>
GA	<p>25 Years How do we mark 25 years? This is a good opportunity to re-engage with wider disabled community.</p>
PH	<p>A big event like a festival, cabaret or dance event would be good.</p>

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EG	<p>We need different messages for different audiences.</p> <p>An archive created of work to date forming an exhibition would be relevant.</p>
GA	<p>A party could be a good opportunity to bring people together, re-establish contact & use as a starting point for forward planning. To be held here on site this summer, to get the ball rolling and then follow up with a more formal event.</p>
PH	<p>A time capsule to be opened in 25yrs is a nice idea.</p>
GA	<p>It is important to give as much as possible to the stakeholders, to ask what do you want? What do you need? The disabled community needs to own it.</p>
All	<p>In agreement.</p>
GA	<p>NDACA Project currently funded to establish an archive that the feeling is we should give to if creating.</p>
All	<p>In agreement.</p>
GA	<p>Shelf Life Is also 25 years old. Discussions at that time were based on practical aspects of disability. Project used to address the personal aspects which helped to shift focus, allowing people to open dialogue and have conversations.</p>

Who	When
	<p>DaDa Fest Director has been in touch and would like to revisit.</p> <p>The first pilot took place within the organisation so it feels appropriate that it comes back to us.</p>
PH	<p>Could look at Not Dead Yet to gain contacts.</p>
GA	<p>Do we want to look at this?</p>
IR	<p>Carers need to be addressed now as people will be unable to provide care to siblings etc as they are now. There is a crisis coming.</p>
EG	<p>Dignity in the project won't have changed, even if circumstances have. Is of the opinion that we should look at this project.</p>
GA	<p>Perhaps look at how people are being failed by the state. How living with conditions is impacting on lives.</p>
IR	<p>Future generations will all go into care, siblings won't be able to afford to act as carers.</p>
GA	<p>Perhaps say...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - this is where we've been - these are the problems that are coming.
	<p>Lets Race Working with youth clubs around the city and other agencies to set up a Go Kart race event.</p>

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<p>PH</p> <p>GA</p>	<p>Inclusive teams in local youth clubs to build and race go karts together. Hoping to run in 2018 as missed the round for this year. Looking at developing inclusive practice.</p> <p>Moves us slightly away from arts into play/culture – though there are artistic elements.</p> <p>1in3 – to be looked at in North Shields with a view to displaying work.</p> <p>Youth clubs are really keen to get kids into mainstream provision.</p> <p>AOB</p> <p>Mondays at 2pm are the most mutually agreeable time to meet.</p> <p>Next meeting to be held 19th June 2017 at 2pm.</p>