

BCAN
Homeless Forum
Crisis Centre Ministries
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Meeting Notes

Open

Present

Present at the meeting were Val Moore, Richard Drake, Paul Hazelden.

Previous Meeting

Paul had not finished working on the notes from the previous meeting. He apologised.

Notified Business

Sleepout

Paul has updated the BCAN web site with the current Sleepout details.

Pip 'n' Jay is booked.

St John Ambulance: Val confirmed they will be there: probably the same people who do the night shelter. They will have an ambulance present and two people. The ambulance will turn up between 8 and 9 pm. Paul be there with the keys to the car park.

We will use the risk assessment from last year as a starting point; Richard will visit the site, review it and update the risk assessment as needed. He will send Val and Paul a copy when he is done.

Richard will send out the standard letters to the Fire, Ambulance and Police services. Paul will send him the letters from last year.

Politicians: Richard will contact Mark Wright, who is no longer the housing chap but may want to join us again. He can encourage the new council leader responsible for housing to take part. Paul will ask Graham to encourage his political contacts to take part.

Paul will check on provision of food and drink for the evening.

Publicity: Richard will ask Ian Webb if he has a copy of the press release used last time, and update it. Val will ask the Bishop to take part or support the event. We don't have any posters about the event at present: Val has a contact who may be able to produce one. If she has no success, she will get back to Paul in a week. Paul has a

member of staff who might have time to produce one.

There is a move to establish a 'Speakers Corner' in Bristol. Richard went to a meeting about this. The plan is to run them on the first Saturday in each month, starting in March. So the first one will be on College Green at 11 am on the morning after the Sleepout. It will have the theme of homelessness. Richard is planning to take collecting tins and speak to the public. There is also the 'Spectrum' event in the Cathedral the same day, on Saturday 5 March.

Women's Night Shelter

Alan from CCM is keen to set up a women's night shelter as soon as possible

Novas Scarman are trying to get a Women's Night Shelter going at the New Street Day Centre. Sally from Novas Scarman been in touch with Richard Drake: they are hoping to use the One25 volunteers to help run it. Sally's phone number is 0777 576 5029.

The University did a report on how well the Women's Night Shelter trial went, and presented the report at the Pierian Centre. It was used by women who did not engage anywhere else. There is a great deal of support for the idea of a permanent shelter, but no funding as yet. Richard will send Paul details of the report.

Information Share

Caring at Christmas

Val was busy on the two nights she was there.

Churches Together in Clifton, Cotham and Redland

The Lunch Run served over 60 lunches every Saturday in December. The Breakfast run is still operating.

Val has not yet been able to talk with Clare Flemming. The health clinic evaluation of the Julian Trust clinic is still outstanding.

Wild Goose

The Wild Goose has been going very well since moving to Carpenter House. Renovation upstairs is continuing, but there is still a lot of work left to do.

The Park Bench library service for homeless people is going very well on Friday mornings at the Wild Goose.

Val will visit Carpenter House and assess it as a possible drop in for the St John Ambulance. She may possibly be able to offer a basic first aid course for homeless people and/or volunteers. Val never managed to get in touch with the British Red Cross people. Paul will pass the contact details on to her.

It was noted that Carpenter House and Trinity Tabernacle ought to be on the

survival handbook map.

CCM

The Women's Night Shelter is one possible use for the City Road building once the offices move to Carpenter House. The other possible use being discussed is to run a community café from the ground floor rooms: this could be done in conjunction with the night shelter, and would probably aim to reach the former clients who have found somewhere to live and are clean or stable but not managed to find appropriate work.

CCM has just agreed to help some people in Easton set up a Foodbank: this will primarily be aimed at families in need, but single people can also benefit from it. CCM hopes the project will be up and running by the Summer.

Close

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on 10 March at Christ Church, Clifton, in the crypt. Please use the entrance at the front of the church.

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