

MINUTES

Whetstone Good Neighbour Scheme

6.00pm 8th May 2024

In Attendance

Louise Hathaway (Chair), Veronica Rye (minutes), Jenny Hilton, Richard Caple, Steve Webb

Pecuniary Interests

The meeting was reminded of their obligation to declare any pecuniary interests in the affairs of the scheme
None were declared.

Apologies for Absence

Danuta Jeeves, Helen Caple

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting, 12th March 2024, have been read and declared to be a true and accurate record These will now be uploaded to the website.

Matters Arising

A grant from Whetstone Parish Council to be applied for – Steve to action.

A grant from BDC to be applied for – Richard to action.

The Facebook page is still getting anonymous postings and no security questions are being asked of people requesting to join – settings to be checked and group rules pinned to the top of the page.

Services Update

Due to illness, there is no befriending service available at the moment. There is a big need for weekly phone calls to some service users. A couple of members of management committee offered to make calls to a service user each week – phone numbers to be passed on.

The current system for job requests cannot be sustained. A letter has been written to send out in the post to all service users informing them that same day / next day transport requests will no longer be accepted. All requests must be made by 5pm on a Friday for the following week. New requirement to start Monday 13th May 2024.

DBS and Safeguarding

No updates.

Financial Update

Report from the Treasurer was received. Balance remains healthy.

Additional debit card to be applied for.

Public Liability policy needs reviewing – Steve to action.

Love Blaby Lottery – syndicate all up to date.

Any Other Business

Arrangements for 100th birthday celebrations all in place.

Limetree summer event for service users and volunteers to be held on 23rd July 2024.

Meeting planned for Friday 10th May with Susan Palmer (BDC volunteer coordinator) to discuss advertising WGNS at BDC Job market on 5th June 2024.

Louise to contact voluntary transport service to find out more information and see if WGNS service users can access.

Person has been found who is willing to keep the website updated – there will be a cost implication.

The management committee received a letter from Jenny Hilton who needs to cut back on her involvement in WGNS – Jenny will continue as call taker and coordinator. Members of the committee present thanked Jenny for all her hard work.

The decision was made to start future meetings at 7pm.

No other business being raised the meeting was closed at 7.20pm.

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 10th July 2024 at 7pm