



A voice for families of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities

MINUTES OF AGM 18th Sept 2018, KRAZY PLAY DAYS

ATTENDEES:

16 parent carers attended the AGM, which included Trustees and members and a representative from Dingley.

APOLOGIES:

3 apologies were received.

Chair's Report

Ramona talked through the Chair's section of the Annual Report and Accounts which detailed the Forum's work over the past year. The report had been circulated to members and non-members prior to the meeting, and attached. Ramona pointed out that there is still some money left for anyone wanting a speaker at a school group. There is one vacancy for a Youth Forum Coordinator as Samia has now left. We have a seminar on Dispute Resolution, Mediation and Tribunals on 7th November 2018 and the Information Day is 9th March 2019. Ramona asked attendees if happy with our events such as coffee evenings. Attendees in agreement.

Treasurer's Report 2017-18

Alice explained the expenditure and accounts and asked for any ideas on events to run, or running of the Forum. Pauline said any help/input would be greatly appreciated. Aimee from Dingley asked if we had much representation from 0-5 yr old age group – which we have not. We could help promote the Forum's work at one of Dingley's coffee mornings. Linda Bolster is a family worker and is invited to the Forum meeting on 26th September where she can hear more of our work.

Schools Link project is now in 50 schools.

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Nominations and Elections

No new nominations were received or put forward at the AGM.

- Chair re-elected
- All Trustees appointed for another year in the same roles.

Brighter Future for Children

Ramona spoke of the new company above. This includes social care for children aged 0 – 18 yrs and Special Education for ages 0 – 25 yrs. Social Care for 18 years plus will be with RBC's Adult team. Ramona asked for any feedback and difficulties following the transfer of young people aged 18 – 25 to the adult social care team. Some have had letters about this but it is all very new.

General feeling was that recent staff at RBC had been professional and known about the law, and made some progress. They have now all left. Stephen Kitchman is the new director and the Forum will arrange a meeting to get to know him.

Recent Ofsted report for RBC was slightly better than the last report.

Future Coffee Evenings

The following topics/speakers were suggested for forthcoming coffee evenings:

Invite Stephen Kitchman and other new staff in the children's social care team CYPDT, including how to access assessments of children and carers' assessments services, this should be combined into a family assessment unless a parent chooses a separate carers' assessment, and the impact of the loss of outreach services.

Aimee Trimmer – role of Senco/sensory needs.

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Emotional Support for siblings – Brookfields have been good in supporting sibs and parents – could see if speaker could come to a coffee evening or a conference.

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