

Northampton Borough Council - Northampton Women's Forum

Tuesday, 21 March 2017 at 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Agenda

1. Welcomes, introductions and apologies
2. Minutes and matters arising
3. Cassie Farren
4. Discussion on memorial to victims killed in 1917 Zeppelin raid in Northampton.
5. Rukhsana Bashir - Northants Police, Hate Crime Coordinator
6. Action Plan
7. Community Information Exchange
8. Suggestions for items for future meetings
9. AOB

Map and directions at: www.northampton.gov.uk/guildhall

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Code of Conduct for the Forums

This Code of Conduct sets out the standards that the Forums expect of its members. It aims to provide members with an effective ethical framework in which to do business. It is not intended to be exhaustive, or to cover every eventuality, but sets out some common sense requirements to enable the forums to function smoothly and successfully.

It is the responsibility of the Chair to encourage and enable input from forum members, to ensure all voices are heard.

1. Meeting Etiquette

As an attendee you must comply with the following requirements and any others that may be stated from time to time:

- 1.1** Contribute positively to discussions concerning the issues of the meeting
- 1.2** Be friendly, polite, courteous and respectful at all times to fellow members, and others present
- 1.3** Not insult, abuse or use offensive language or behaviour
- 1.4** Comply with Northampton Borough Councils Equal Opportunities Policy
- 1.5** Demonstrate actively that you are interested in and care about the issue that you are discussing and want to make a positive difference
- 1.6** Show respect for buildings, facilities and equipment being used
- 1.7** Speak only through the Chairman of the meeting and not interrupt, heckle, make distracting noises or gestures
- 1.8** Speak clearly into any microphone provided and comply with any instructions given about its use

2. Being Objective

- 2.1** Your own experience and views should inform, but not dominate or dictate how you participate.
- 2.2** If you have a specific issue with regards to a service matter to raise these can be discussed with a member of staff at the end of the each meeting or you can ask for the appropriate officer details. Meetings attended by other residents are not the place to raise any issues of this nature.
- 2.3** Be Fair
- 2.4** You must have and show respect for the people you deal with, and take their circumstances and personal differences into account. This is about putting equality into practice. The key is simply to respect differences fairly, so that you do not exclude anyone, or treat anyone inappropriately or unfairly because of their particular circumstances.

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If any person's behaviour breaches this Code of Conduct, they will be required to leave the meeting and vacate the premises where it is being held. They will not be permitted to attend future meetings unless they provide satisfactory evidence to Northampton Borough Council that they will comply with the Code – e.g. a letter of apology.

If you would like further information or if you would like to discuss the Code of Conduct please contact Vicki Rockall, Partnerships and Communities Manager at vrockall@northampton.gov.uk or on 01604 837074

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Tuesday, 17 January 2017 – 11am to 1pm

1. WELCOMES, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

Present:

Cllr Anna King (Co Chair AK), Pauline Woodhouse (Co – Chair PW), Christine Kent (Aquarius CK), Neelan Aggarwal-Singh (IHWO NAS), Karolina Zalewska (VOICE KZ), Kate Scott (NABFA KS), Pindy Chahal (SCCYC PC), Rachel Packman (Northants Police RP), Nicola O'Neill (Aquarius NO), Janice Duffy (Cllr JD), Ann Bodsworth (Women's Aid AB), Ghislaine N'Tandou (UAA/Zimwomen GN), Debbie Maccoll (NBC DM), Louise Musson (NBC LM), Morcea Walker (MW), Nisha Mejer (NBC NM), Alice Morgan (NBC AM)

Apologies:

Jeanette Pidgeon, Liz Carroll-Wheat, Debbie Ferguson

1. Welcomes, introductions and apologies

Cllr Anna King welcomed everyone to the meeting.
Introductions were made by everyone in the room.
Apologies listed as above.

2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Issue of Child support Licensing on going. AK looking into this.

3. LOUISE MUSSON AND NISHA MEJER - DEMENTIA FRIENDLY NORTHAMPTON

LM and NM went through presentation and offered to give members of Women's Forum 1 hour session to enable members to become Dementia Friends. A discussion took place on whether Dementia sufferers should wear ID to notify others of their illness.

ACTION: Forum members to contact NM if interested in becoming a Dementia Friend. .

Question and Answer:

Q: What does this mean for the public?

A: Dementia cannot be cured but the session raises awareness of what support there is for carers and the sufferers.

4. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY UPDATE

NM gave an update on International Women's Day. There will be mini treatments, performances and workshops.

ACTION: NM to contact bra fitting service and Cop A Feel organisation.

5. ACTION PLAN

NAS Raised concerns that vulnerable women are not receiving legal support.

ACTION: AK/NM to contact Community Law and NREC to ask whether a representative from these organisations can attend future meetings around supporting people from a legal prospective.

DM: The Good Loaf has a language café to help support people where English is not a first language.

KV: Voice can also support with form filling.

6. DEBBIE MACCOLL - INTER PERSONAL VIOLENCE

DM explained the work the Community Safety team does.

There will be a Domestic Violence conference and will keep the Women's Forum updated.

ACTION: DM to feedback more information about conference.

7. COMMUNITY INFORMATION EXCHANGE

LM: Tollers solicitors are holding a Mental Health conference 8th March.

Memory Day 21st Sept – University of Northampton are carrying out an event in Grosvenor Centre.

AM: Partnership Grant applications are now open until 17th February.

Holocaust Memorial Day events on 26th and 27th January.

AM will be leaving the team to work for Northampton Museum and Art Gallery. AM was thanked for her hard work.

NAS: Chai and Chat every Friday 12-2pm at Weston Favell Parish Council.

PC: New project starting at SCCYC to help enhance employment skills. Limited spaces. **ACTION:** PC to send information to NM to circulate.

MW: Northampton Carnival 10th June at the Racecourse. Celebrating the Wonder of Nature.

RP: Police are collaborating with the Fire Brigade and carrying out safety talks. Can

help facilitate this with groups.

CK: It is the 40th anniversary of Aquarius. Friends and Family coffee morning 30th January 11am – 2pm.

AB: Only 28 units left in county - should have 70. We have had good support from NBC.

GN: Newly appointed and would like to reorganise the UAA. Aims to create umbrella effect to pull together all African organisations.

PW: The Partnership Showcase event was well received and was busier than last year. Positive feedback from forum members.

Chinese New Year 12th Feb 11am -3pm.


ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AT NEXT MEETINGS

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

21st March 2017 11am -1pm.

Northampton Women’s Forum Action Plan 2014

Chair:	Cllr Anna King (NBC) and Pauline Woodhouse	Responsible Forum:	Northampton Women’s Forum
Outcomes identified within the Corporate Plan:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empowered local communities with a greater capacity to become involved in community life • Promote integration and cohesion • Appropriate support provided to those in most need • Services are fair, accessible and responsive to individual needs residents and customers feel informed and engaged in service quality and design • Future developments informed by the views of local people • Delivery of events to celebrate and enjoy the Town’s heritage and culture 		
Priorities agreed for 2016:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivering partnership activities collectively – adding value • Communicating together better • Health and wellbeing, including violence against women 		

Actions:						
 Action	Owner	Activity (intelligence led)	Timescale	Cost	Measure	Last Updated
International Women’s Day	Cllr.A King/ N Mejer / VRockall	Anna, Vicki, Nisha and Liz Carroll Wheat met to discuss plans for IWD. Guildhall booked and Nisha and Liz making contact with organisations and performers.	March 2016	£1000.00	Event March 4 th 2017	Nov 2016
Northamptonshire Rape Crisis Week of Action and Domestic Violence Awareness Month.		Debbie Fergusson to attend Women’s Forum to discuss ideas and ways to support.	October 2017	TBC	TBC	Dec 2016
Support for victims of DV		Explore possibility of Pro-Bono legal support – practical and meaningful. Cllr King to speak to Chambers to see if this something they could offer	October 2017			January 2017