

Northampton Women's Forum

Tuesday, 29 May 2018 at 11:00am-1:00pm

The Jeffery Room, The Guildhall, Northampton.

Agenda

1. **Welcomes, Introductions and Apologies**
2. **Minutes and Matters Arising**
3. **Natasha Tyrell - Genii Home Care**
4. **Kate Holt - Healthwatch**
5. **Community Information Exchange**
6. **Any Other Business**
7. **Items For Next Forum**
8. **Date of Next Meeting**

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

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More information about the Forum generally is at: www.northampton.gov.uk/forums

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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.

Breaching the Code of Conduct

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

Northampton Borough Council - Northampton Women's Forum

Tuesday, 20 March 2018. The Jeffery Room, The Guildhall.

1. WELCOMES, INTRODUCTIONS & APOLOGIES

ATTENDANCE: Pauline Woodhouse (PW, Co-Chair), Michael Macleod (MM, NBC), Debbie MacColl (DM, NBC), Lauren Dyball (LD, Student), Ann Bodsworth (AB, NDAS), Natasha Tyrell (NT, Genii Home Care & Lifestyle Services), Kamila Poole (KP, Police), Morcea Walker (MW, NBHA).

APOLOGIES: Louise Musson, Kate Scott, Paula Whitworth, Inderjit Jutla, Cllr Anna King.

2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes are accepted as true.

3. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2018

DM talked about the feedback survey that is on Survey Monkey. Trying to get as much info as possible about how people felt about the day to see what information we can to help for next year.

ACTION: MM to send out to stall holders, inspirational women, authors.

NT: There could be a designated area for children so they can see the stage better. There could also be a children's buggy parking area so people are not trying to push them through a crowd.

AB: More young women here this time.

NT: Many people hadn't heard of it so need to find ways to spread the word more.

Q: Could there be more stalls in the café?

A: It would be a struggle with health and safety.

NT: Maybe make one area a 'children's zone'.

RP: Use our contacts to spread the word to their contacts.

NT: The Women's Institute have a large reach – could be useful contacting them.

Forum members talked about how some of the speakers on IWD were talking in a loud hall so it was hard for them to be heard. Forum members discussed having the speakers first and then open the stalls after so speakers are heard. Speakers could also speak in another room (Jeffery) but it may be hard to get people to leave the hall.

See if any other councils run an International Women's Day and see what they do to generate interest and how they run the day.

Cllr King and Pauline to look further afield to see what they do.

Sunday 29th April – health and wellbeing event at Earls Barton – the old silver band club.

ACTION: DM to bring the results of the survey to the next forum.

4. COMMUNITY INFORMATION EXCHANGE

RP: Working with minority groups, there has been a rise in Asian Gold burglaries. This involves large groups of males entering the property whilst the habitants are there and threatening them with violence.

RP: There has also been a letter that has been sent out for “Punish a Muslim day” which people should be aware of. The letter has a scoring chart with various hate crimes and violent crimes such as verbally abuse and acid attacks for example. The letter says the date for this is on 3rd April.

RP: Pearls of Peace are looking to hold a stall on the market to show the good that Muslims do in the community.

RP: There is a meeting at Police HQ where the Asian community will be invited to discuss the gold burglaries.

PW: This could be done in the community as opposed to the Police HQ to make it more accessible.

AB: Male refuge is full already, not long been open.

AB: Years extended contract with NCC – limited service for child protection.

MW: Walter Tull events happening weekend of 24th. There will be an event at the Guildhall which will come at a charge. Also, there will be a civic service at 5pm.

MW: Carnival is on Saturday 9th June – Anna King would like to have a forum float.

MW: The dinner event with the Palestinian women is happening this Thursday 22nd March.

MW: VIN have called a community event on Wednesday 28th 10:30am at the Pavillion, to talk about the voluntary sector infrastructure after the recent County Council audit.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

6. ITEMS FOR FUTURE FORUMS

ACTION: MM to invite Nicky Marzec to the next forum – if not May as that may not be suitable, the forum after.

ACTION: MM to invite Cllr Golby to talk about children and families the current situation.

ACTION: MM to invite Kate Holt from Health Watch for next meeting to give updates to explain where they are currently at.

ACTION: AB to send contact detail to MM. MM to contact relevant people from VIN and Support Northamptonshire and ask to attend future forums.

ACTION: MM to set a date for Natasha Tirrell to come in and share more information about the work that Genii does and how people can support.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

May 29th 2018 – The Guildhall

The meeting concluded at Time Not Specified