

Northampton Women's Forum

Tuesday, 24 July 2018 at 11:00 am-1:00 pm, The Guildhall, Northampton, NN1 1DE.

Agenda

1. Welcomes, Introductions and Apologies
2. Minutes and Matters Arising
3. Nicci Marzec - Vulnerability Centre
4. Scrutiny Panel Chair - Rough Sleeping Query/Forum Meeting Invitation Query
5. Community Information Exchange
6. Any Other Business
7. Items For Next Forum
8. Date of Next Meeting

September 18th 2018

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, 29 May 2018, The Guildhall, Northampton, NN1 1DE

1. WELCOMES, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

ATTENDANCE: Pauline Woodhouse (PW, Co-Chair), Debbie MacColl (DM, NBC), Natasha Tyrell (NT, Genii Group), Kate Holt (KH, Healthwatch), Sheila Baker (SB, Townswomens Guild), Irene Bianchi (IB, Aquarius), Morcea Walker (MW, Individual), April Ventour-G (AV, Eve), Pindy Chahal (PC, SCCYC), Kate Scott (KS, NABPFA), Michael Macleod (MM, NBC).

APOLOGIES: Ann Bodsworth, Louise Musson, Neelam Aggarwal-Singh.

2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Previous minutes were accepted.

MM talked through AB e-mail - "Currently there has been no funding allocated from the local borough's/district councils, a proposal put forward by Phil Harris NBC, hasn't been taken forward by the county Chief Housing Officers Group? NDAS/EVE hoping that the MHCLG funding is released soon, to enable refuge sustainability."

3. NATASHA TYRRELL - GENII HOME CARE

NT talked through presentation and explained how she started Genii Home Care and the services that they offer such as:

Genii Homecare and Lifestyle Services, Genii Retail Therapy, Genii Educational Services, Genii Technologies, Genii Environmental Services and Genii Wellness and Wellbeing Centres (Social Enterprise).

<https://www.geniigroup.co.uk/>

Q: Could you tell us more about the centres?

A: Looking to buy and renovate a building in Northampton, still a growing company so the centre this idea is still in the developing stage.

Q: Would you be open to coming out to other communities?

A: Yes, that would be a good idea.

4. KATE HOLT - HEALTHWATCH

KH talked through the Healthwatch presentation.

Sole purpose of Healthwatch is to make sure people are heard – it is a champion for health and social care.

ACTION: MM to send presentation/information out to forum members.

Has statutory right to be on the Health and Wellbeing board of Northamptonshire.

Another statutory role is information and signposting.

Healthwatch can escalate things to the highest level if necessary.

All reports can be found on the Healthwatch website - <http://www.healthwatchnorthamptonshire.co.uk/>.

Q: What are some of the key challenges right now?

A: Healthwatch is small but has to know every detail about health and social care. The less funding there is available, the harder it is to keep on all of this information. So now Healthwatch has to prioritise certain issues.

PW: The Young Peoples conference is well worth going to.

5. COMMUNITY INFORMATION EXCHANGE

PW: We are looking at making International Womens Day better and how we can make the day better, especially for speakers.

SB: It could be better to have a speaker on the balcony so the sound surrounds the room.

DM: There is a St James WoA coming up in the first week of June. There is also another WoA at St Davids in late July/early August.

ACTION: DM to send NT WoA dates.

KS: The Big Ride for Palestine – cycling from Coventry to London. Cyclists can still sign up now – ride is in August. All proceeds will go to a Middle East children's charity which supports children in need.

The visit from Palestinian women was a success and very informative.

PC: There is a ladies event – stalls are welcome too. Sunday 8th July 1pm-4pm at Camp Hill Community Centre.

ACTION: MM to send further information out to forums once received.

Healthwatch also have a newsletter – send info to healthwatch@northamptonshire.co.uk

ACTION: MM to send out information about Eve and the new forum focusing on issues faced by black women once recieved.

IB: Aquarius have moved to St Giles street unfortunately that means no training room, training will still be on but not at the old address – 6th June training course in Rushden. Still offering gambling advice and help to people effected by gambling.

SB: There is an event to celebrate inspirational women who have changed society with multiple speakers – 7th July 10am-4pm. Trying to open new Guilds in the Northampton area. Also looking to try and combat loneliness. Mandates include asbestos in schools and making marriage under 18 illegal.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

ITEMS FOR NEXT FORUM

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Meeting finished at 12:30pm

The meeting concluded at Time Not Specified