

Minutes from general meeting on 2nd July 2015

1. Present: Sharon Minter, Paula Chapman, Catherine Hesmer, Diane Dean
Emma Beardshaw and Grace Horn Via phone
2. Apologies: Joan Hesmer and Richard Chapman
3. Minutes agreed by Catherine Hesmer and seconded by Paula Chapman
4. We are pleased and proud to announce that Special Kids Bexhill has been successful in being given a grant of £8,561 from The Big Lottery Fund for a full year of our activities program. Sussex Community Foundation application has been submitted for £4800 towards Drayton Manor & other coach trips in 2016. We will hope to hear if we have been successful by 18th September 2015.
5. Bag packing raised £249.82 and was well supported by volunteers. We feel that having more people for a shorter time worked well.
Quiz evening, Thomas, David, Paul and Helen are happy to organise and run a quiz. A venue needs to be booked. 18th September is a good evening, no raffle at this event. A hamper for the winning team and a hamper for the losing team as prizes. Cost £5pp max of 6 per team. Arrival from 7pm for 7.30pm start. Paula has asked coast if they would consider being a venue.
6. We have had enough expression of interest forms to go ahead with Drayton Manor. The unsubsidised price would work out around £90pp. However we have applied for funding and are hoping to bring the cost down to £35pp. If we are unsuccessful, we will look into funding it via fundraising efforts such as bingo

night, bag packing, sponsored swim etc, to bring the cost down to £55pp.#

7. "Otherworld immersive theatre and play space" in Seaford have asked us to attend between 8th-12th July. Unfortunately, it was decided that it was too short notice to arrange for our members to attend and also too far away for most to attend. Diane mentioned that she has a contact at Battle Abbey School. The school choose a charity to support each year and Special Kids Bexhill has been put forward to be their charity next year. They usually hold fund raising activities such as sponsored swim etc.

Catherine said that All Saints Church in Sidley have agreed that one of the collections in the church will be donated to Special Kids Bexhill, in a couple of months or so.

Diane knows a solicitor who deals with probate which has been bequeathed to charity. Special Kids Bexhill has been put forward as a possible receiver of some of these funds. Diane has been chasing this up to hear more.

Code of conduct: 2 additions to the code of conduct. The following additions were agreed and voted in by all trustees. When emails are sent out informing members of the new additions to the code of conduct, the Incident Action Form will be explained, both when it is likely to be filled out, and what possible outcomes of the forms could be.

** If you wish to smoke (any form of smoking including ECigs) whilst attending our events please make sure that your children/young adults with special needs are being actively supervised by another adult who has agreed to take responsibility for them. Make sure that you are only smoking in appropriate places that are not near the entrance/exit to the*

event venue. Have consideration for other members whilst smoking, especially while they are loading and unloading their children/young adults from their vehicles. In addition to this, please follow the rules of the venue regarding when and where to smoke.

** While at our events, if an incident occurs with your child and someone else's child, please feel free to inform the parent, and then allow them to parent their child in the way they deem appropriate. Alternatively, feel free to approach a trustee (wearing their blue T-Shirt) informing them of the incident, who can then inform the parents involved. Should the trustee deem the incident to be severe enough, then an Incident Action Form (IAF) will be filled in.*

8. Date of next meeting to be 1st October 2015 7.30pm at 1 Constable Way, Bexhill TN40 2UH