

# Minutes of Voscur Assembly Bristol North

At the Avon Riding Centre, Kings Weston Road, Henbury, Bristol

Date: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2007

## Attending:

### **Name**

Phillip Lowndes  
Lerraine Smith  
Becky Johnson  
Ian Steele  
Rachel Crozier  
Nigel Barrett  
Sue Moss  
Simon Bale  
Paul Hazelden  
Katie Porter  
Sarah McMahan  
Denise James  
Matthew Symonds  
Emma Rice  
Ruth Pitter  
Polly Stewart  
David Glossop

### **Organisation**

Squadron 2442  
Grounds 4 Change  
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Southmead Development Trust  
Organising Solutions  
Lawrence Weston Community Transport  
Knowle West Health Association  
CCISR  
Crisis Centre Ministries  
Smoke Free Bristol  
BCC Quality of Life Team  
BCC Clean & Green  
Voscur  
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WHEELS project

## **Apologies**

Wendy Stephenson  
Claire Hall

Voscur  
Chair of Voscur Management Committee

		<b>Action</b>
1.	<b>Sign in, Lunch and Networking Opportunity</b>	
2.	<b>Welcome – Paul Hazelden (PH)</b>  (a) PH welcomed everyone on behalf of Voscur, introduced himself and explained about his role with Crisis Centre Ministries, working with homeless people.	
3.	<b>Smoke Free Bristol – Katie Porter</b>  Smoking ban presentation attached	
4.	<b>Clean &amp; Green – Denise James</b>  Smoking litter campaign presentation attached	

## 5. Simon Bale – Voscur Rep to the Bristol Partnership

- (a) Simon has been the Vice Chair of the Bristol Partnership since 30<sup>th</sup> April 2007
- (b) The structure of the Partnership means that the leader of the Council is also the leader of the Partnership
- (c) After the last local elections, Helen Holland became the leader of the Council, but delegated the leadership of the Partnership to Peter Hammond, as he was already involved in the Bristol Partnership
- (d) In September the Council will step down as Chair of the Partnership. The Council will still remain as Vice Chair as this is a legal requirement
- (e) The Partnership will hold a discussion on how the next Chair will be appointed
- (f) The next Chair may even come from outside of Bristol, the Chair may become a paid role or could be someone from another sector

### Questions & Comments

#### **David Glossop, The Wheels Project**

*What is being achieved by the Partnership for the Third Sector?*

In the last two years the Bristol Partnership has considered the Voluntary Sector's contribution more and the Sector is not looked upon as such an outsider as it was previously. The Partnership is working for Bristol and is not a multi-sector partnership. Chairing the Partnership is not about directing the Partnership but about helping the Partnership develop.

#### **Matthew Symonds, Voscur**

*The Benefit of having a Voluntary Sector Chair on the Partnership is that it could potentially give the Voluntary Sector a larger say in the refresh of the LAA (Local Area Agreement) next year. Strong involvement could potentially help the sector have better chance of securing funding.*

#### **Ruth Pitter, Voscur**

*Picking up on the above comment, to have a Voluntary Sector Chair may appear biased to others but the Sector could do with the push forward. The downside for the new Chair would be how to avoid getting bogged down in politics and to concentrate on the important issues.*

#### **Ian Steele, Voscur Rep**

*Simon's decision to go for the Vice Chair role was linked to the perception that the Voluntary Sector were not sufficient involved in the decision making process. It is hoped that the Delivery Groups will follow and the Voluntary Sector would be empowered through this democracy. It is important to change the culture so the Council becomes a partner and is accountable but not able to make all the decisions.*

Those present made it clear that if Simon should decide to go for the role of Chair of the Bristol Partnership he will have the full support of the group.

## 6. Quality of Life Survey – Sarah McMahon

Quality of Life Presentation attached

**7. News, Updates and Announcements**

- (a) Voscur upcoming training
- (b) Make a Winning Application to the Big Lottery Fund on 17 July 2007 (9:30am-4:30pm) at the Gateway Centre, Hareclive Road, Bristol BS13 9JN. Cost: £15 full members, £20 associate members, £25 non-members. Book at <http://www.voscur.org/training/biglot> or phone Sabrina Lee for more details on 0117 909 9949.
- (c) The Voscur AGM (Annual General Meeting) is in October, nominations are invited for Voscur Reps if anyone wishes to stand. More details available in the September Voscur Newsletter.
- (d)\*\*\*\*\* The Community Development Team has a number of information sessions on funding priorities. South Bristol – 18<sup>th</sup> June, Central Bristol – 20<sup>th</sup> June, North Bristol – 25<sup>th</sup> June\*\*\*\*\* (MS promised more details for minutes!)
- (e) The Foodlinks Meeting will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> June at the Wellspring Healthy Living Centre, further details available on the Voscur website.
- (f) The Equalities Action Group Network Meeting is being held on 5<sup>th</sup> July, 10.00am – 1.00 pm at Barton Hill Settlement, further details available from Voscur on 0117 909 9949.

**8. Close**