

### Minutes of AGM 2014

<b>Date</b>	5 August 2014
<b>Time</b>	10.30 -12.30
<b>Venue</b>	Committee Room A Civic Centre Stoke

Agenda topic	Action				
<p>Attendees:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="225 786 1350 1397"> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Beech</li> <li>• Pam Bryan</li> <li>• Geoff Bryan</li> <li>• Stephanie Wood</li> <li>• Winston Green</li> <li>• Philip Woodward</li> <li>• Stewart Barker</li> <li>• Angie Bunn</li> <li>• John Burgess</li> </ul> </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matt Simpson (Sentinel)</li> <li>• Lesley Smith (Stoke City Council)</li> <li>• Mick Jones</li> <li>• Val Turner</li> <li>• Alan Mountford</li> <li>• Paul Astley (Healthwatch)</li> <li>• Brian Turnock</li> <li>• Jennifer Pardue</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </table> <p>Apologies received from:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="225 1529 1350 1738"> <tr> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dave Sanzeri (CCG)</li> <li>• Malcolm Dawson</li> <li>• Barry Simpson</li> </ul> </td> <td> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pat Dixon</li> <li>• Mike Dixon</li> </ul> </td> </tr> </table>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• John Beech</li> <li>• Pam Bryan</li> <li>• Geoff Bryan</li> <li>• Stephanie Wood</li> <li>• Winston Green</li> <li>• Philip Woodward</li> <li>• Stewart Barker</li> <li>• Angie Bunn</li> <li>• John Burgess</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matt Simpson (Sentinel)</li> <li>• Lesley Smith (Stoke City Council)</li> <li>• Mick Jones</li> <li>• Val Turner</li> <li>• Alan Mountford</li> <li>• Paul Astley (Healthwatch)</li> <li>• Brian Turnock</li> <li>• Jennifer Pardue</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dave Sanzeri (CCG)</li> <li>• Malcolm Dawson</li> <li>• Barry Simpson</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pat Dixon</li> <li>• Mike Dixon</li> </ul>	
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Minutes of meeting of AGM 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2013 were approved for accuracy.					

<p><b>Matters arising</b></p> <p>Matters arising will be discussed after delivery of the Chair's Report and Treasurer's Report.</p>	
<p><b>Chair's Report</b></p> <p>A report on the activity of the Group was delivered by Chair, John Beech. :</p> <p>A very warm thank you was delivered to the people and groups who have supported the work and activities of STAND in the last year</p> <p>Items discussed:</p>	
<p><b>1. Private hire association</b></p> <p>John Beech reported that he had been invited to speak to the Stoke on Trent City Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee which is looking into the Private Hire Association's request to be allowed to drive into the City Centre bus lanes. Hackney carriages are already allowed in these areas. STAND supports the Private Hire Association's request as it will give disabled people more chance to get closer to the businesses and premises that they want to visit.</p> <p>There was a discussion about the effect of pedestrianisation of parts of the City Centre on access for disabled people. The consensus of opinion was that pedestrianised areas are "no-go" areas for many disabled people and possibly discriminatory.</p> <p>John Beech advised that there will be a follow-on debate by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee about pedestrianised areas and the impact on disabled people</p>	
<p><b>2. Parking at UHNS</b></p> <p>Although some areas of concern have been addressed thanks to the intervention of STAND, there are still some major issues with regard to parking at the UHNS. Stephanie Wood is liaising with Unity Law. This discrimination-specialist legal firm has written to UHNS as they agree with STAND's belief that the UHNS are in breach of the Equality Act 2010 due to the distance from parking areas to building entrances.</p> <p>There was a general discussion about the parking issues at the UHNS. There was a general opinion that many of the problems are caused by ignorance about the needs of people with disabilities or lack of forethought. Stop gap measures such as the proposal to have volunteers help disabled people on the car parks are not meeting current needs as there are not enough volunteers recruited to meet support needs.</p>	
<p><b>3. Issues requiring action</b></p> <p>Pam Bryan (Secretary) asked members to contact STAND if they became aware of any problems or issues that were causing difficulties for people with disabilities. STAND needs to know about problems in order to take action and try to find solutions.</p>	

<p><b>4. Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>Winston Green (Treasurer) presented the group's annual report.</p> <p><b>Report Approved</b></p>	
<p><b>5. Election of Officers</b></p> <p>All officers stood down as per STAND's Constitution. Temporary Chair was handed to Lesley Smith (Stoke on Trent City Council) for election of officers.</p> <p><b>Officer Election results:</b></p> <p>Chair: John Beech</p> <p>Deputy Chair: Geoff Bryan</p> <p>Secretary: Pam Bryan</p> <p>Deputy Secretary: Stephanie Woods</p> <p>Treasurer: Winston Green</p> <p>Deputy Treasurer: John Burgess</p> <p><b>Vacant posts:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Membership Secretary</li> <li>• Publicity Officer</li> <li>• Webmaster</li> </ul> <p>Angie Bunn will be making enquiries about a local company who may be able to update STAND's webpages free of charge</p>	
<p><b>Work Programme 2014-2015</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UHNS – Parking issues and Unity Law – on-going</li> <li>• Stafford Street Hanley– Lowered kerbs</li> <li>• Tontine Street Hanley issues</li> <li>• Obstruction to pavements / parking on pavements</li> <li>• Pedestrianisation / Hanley City Centre</li> <li>• Public toilets</li> </ul>	LB

<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Transport Lane Longton</li><li>• Access to Chiropody Services</li><li>• Issues in Meir – drainage channels</li><li>• Winton House – on-going issues</li><li>• Drugs Shortage</li></ul>	
<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>Members were advised of the Green Door and More event at Central Forest Park Hanley on Saturday 16 August 2014 11am to 4.00pm</p>	