

**Notes of the Annual General Meeting of the Bradford & District Disabled People's Forum held on Thursday, 28 April, 2011 at the Carlisle Business Centre, Bradford**

**Present:** Cath Stevenson (Chair) Rita Exley  
Paul Anderson Susie Farrar  
Abdul Adeem Joan Fenton  
Amina Aham Mehmoudah Hadi  
Stephen Bailey Linda Hanson  
Rita Berry Craig Hudson  
Lee Bottomley Bashrat Malik  
Gill Bowskill Imtiaz Naqvi  
Alice Brown Teyyeb Rashid  
John Cooper David Swanborough  
Janet Cuff Emmerson Walgrove  
Paul Deary Jean Walker  
Halyna Dowhan Geoff Watson

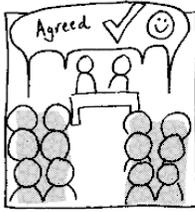
**In attendance:** Nisa Almas, Kath Beer, Phil Cutler  
(Bradford Alliance on Community Care)  
Two BSL Interpreters



**Apologies:** Mike Allcock, Sheila Allcock, John Boyle,  
Sue Crowe, Trevor Ramsay, Peter Warwick

**1. Welcome:** Cath Stevenson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2.



**Notes of the Special General Meeting held on 26 May, 2010** were agreed as a correct record.

2. **Chair's Report** - Cath emphasised it had been a busy year for the Forum and felt a lot had been accomplished to help increase the voice of disabled people through the Forum. She highlighted some key issues:

She had enjoyed being Chair and appreciated the enthusiasm of Forum and committee members and thanked them for their support. A written copy of the Report was circulated and would be placed on the Forum website: [www.disabledpf.org.uk](http://www.disabledpf.org.uk).

3. **Amendments to Constitution** - a number of amendments to the Constitution had been suggested during the course of the year and the following amendments were proposed by Paul Anderson, seconded by Gill Bowskill and agreed by a show of hands:

Para 6.1 Annual General Meeting: delete 'January' insert 'within 15 months of the previous Annual General Meeting'.

Insert sub-paragraph:

Proxy voting: After 'Every member shall be entitled to one vote' insert new sub-paragraph as follows:

'Members unable to attend the Annual General Meeting shall, on completion of an official Proxy Voting Form, be allowed to nominate another member to vote on their behalf at the meeting.'

Para 7.3 The Management Committee: Delete 'annual general meeting of the Organisation' insert 'first meeting of the management committee after the Annual General Meeting'. Insert 'Vice-Chair' after 'Chair'.

## 5. Election of Committee:



The names of the people nominated for the Committee were read out. Ballot papers printed with the names of the nominees were distributed to each attendee. Where more than one person was representing a single organisation one ballot paper was issued to those people.

Members placed their completed ballot papers in the box provided and staff from BACC counted and double-checked the votes. The names of the nine elected members are listed in appendix A.

Cath thanked everyone for their interest and a formal note of thanks was made to John Brown, Anne Kay and Peter Warwick, former committee members.

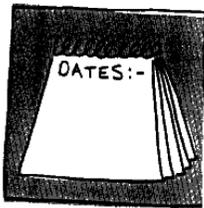
Some members commented that more information about the nominees should be available. The nominees were invited to

state briefly what their interests were and give the names of any organisations with which they were involved.

It was agreed this issue should be considered again prior to next year's elections. In addition, there was some disappointment expressed that a member of the deaf and hard of hearing community had not been elected to the committee. The Chair and members of the Committee made it clear that everyone was welcome at the Forum and the Committee did their utmost to support all members from all groups and backgrounds.

**6. Close** The formal part of the meeting was closed and the new committee members arranged to meet on Wednesday, 4 May at 2011 in Unit 71 at the Carlisle Business Centre.

## **7. Dates of Future Meetings of the Forum**



**All meetings to be held from 10.30am to 12.30 pm at the Carlisle Business Centre, Carlisle Road, Bradford BD8 8BD unless agreed otherwise.**

**The following people were elected to form a committee for the Bradford & District Disabled People's Forum at the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday, 28 April, 2011**

**Paul Anderson**

**Stephen Bailey**

**Gill Bowskill**

**Janet Cuff**

**Susan Crowe**

**Jill Grant**

**Linda Hanson**

**Cath Stevenson**

**Emmerson Walgrove**