

FEEDBACK FROM EAN MEETING: 21st September 2016 at Offices of Friends of the Elderly

Present:

Marjory Broughton (chair)

Bill Ions (NE)

Liz Mandeville (EM)

Noreen Hasleden(NW)

Tony Watts (SW via Conference call)

Julia Pride (SE: Secretary)

John Welham (YH)

Apologies:

Peter Dale (SE)

Mervin Eastman (London)

1: Jess from Friends of the Elderly welcomed us and said her organisation was keen to work with the EAN.

2: EAN is to apply to become a charitable company with a Board of 7 trustees. I would be one. Julia is working up a constitution and will circulate idc for comment. I pointed out from the LOPF experience that it can be a very long process. It took LOPF a year to get Charity Commission agreement.

3: no progress made as yet with organising a launch event. Bill and I said it was vital to get a date and a venue in the diary. Others agreed. ACTIONS: Marjory to seek a Palace of Westminster room in December. Peter Dale to be asked to speak to David Brindle (Guardian) to help with hosting. All present to let Marjory and Julia have suggested invitees (great and the good).

Marjory, Peter and Tony to form a Steering Group and meet ASAP to progress this event.

Consider inviting Phillip Dunne, the recently appointed Minister for Community & Social Care.

I suggested that the launch event could usefully focus on what is unique about EAN and how it is different to the other organisations focusing on age/ later life issues. This was agreed.

4: EAN needs to develop a costed business plan, demonstrate clearly what success will look like and how it will add value at national level. Funding is available to engage a consultant to draw this up in consultation with the Trustees. If EAN is to be successful in any BIG funding application it needs to address these key issues. John Eastwood (?) BIG is interested in the EAN proposition and its strategic direction.

5: there is some suggestion that in due course EAN might take on the AAA function. Not pursued at this meeting. Need to keep a watching brief on this.

6: the meeting went through the A4 EAN briefing paper and amendments were made. The final version will be sent to the printers and copied round the group. (Julia has since done). I volunteered to be the person to whom the 1000 printed versions will be sent and would then circulate around the EFAs.

7: A website is under development: engagenet.co.uk

8: the AAA is looking at a theme for celebrating its 5th Birthday.

9: Julia tabled the new SEEFA leaflet " A New Narrative on Ageing" (now sent out electronically.)

10: the EFA reps then highlighted key activities in their regions.

NW: recently ran a successful Transport Conference (I have asked Noreen for a copy of the Agenda). Workshop on housing is being planned with Wendy Cocks of Care & Repair.

SE: Attended launch, with Tony, of HAPI 3 paper. Tony is preparing a 2 page EAN "script" so that we can all be consistent in our messages about the EAN: it's purpose and priorities etc.

NE: lack of resources means restricting geographical area to be covered. Likely to focus on Newcastle/ Tyneside area only in future.

EM: has recently submitted evidence/ views on the Buses Bill. I have a copy.

YH: I referred to our planned Transport Conference in December and impact of the recent loss of our administrator

11: DONM: Friday 4th November. A PR guru, Simon Taylor, will be invited to join the meeting.

JOHN WELHAM

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