



Area Service Committee Minutes for November 2008

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Attendance.

Julie secretary, Sharon chair, Joanne vice-chair, Ruth alt treasurer, Collette treasurer, Henoc webservant, Bill S alt webservant, Danny addict, Andy M H&I chair, Jimmy F H&I vice chair, Andy D GSR Bury, Darren GSR Warrington, John GSR Lister Drive, David GSR Fusebox and Greenlane, Robbie addict, Davis M addict, Robert addict, Tony H GSR, Paul W GSR Liverpool Fri, John R alt GSR Blackpool Wed, Gary GSR Blackpool Wed, Daimon D GSR Preston Wed, Nicky GSR Preston Thurs, Sally PI chair, Shaun GSR Accrington, Matthew S GSR Tues Blackpool, Graham C Post Box and GSR Wythenshaw, Wendy GSR 12 Monkeys, David Manchester Thursday, Darren H Manchester Monday Treasurer, Ian addict, Yvette GSR Womens Mtg Manchester, Carl GSR St. Helens Sat, Stuart GSR Sally Army Manchester, Craig GSR Bolton.

Concepts Read By.

Nicky

Apologies.

Joe meetings list, John H ASC brews.

Last Months Minutes.

Passed

Treasurers Opening Balance.

£3991.09.

Introductions, GSRs and Group issues.

- 1- Blackpool wed – avg 20 attend, 1 issue – areas financial status.
- 2- Stockport fri – avg 15 attend, they request that groups with no GSRs be put into the minutes.
- 3- Friday St. Nicks – 20-30 attend – avg 20-30 attend, 1 issue of a concept 10.
- 4- Fuse box Blackburn Friday and Greenlane – problems filling service positions and no GSRs.
- 5- Lister Drive - £120 owed to vicar but paid off now so they can donate to area
- 6- Warrington mon - avg 10-15 attend
- 7- Warrington wed – going to close down if no support and they have no funds.
- 8- Warrington fri – avg 30+ attend, no issues

- 9- Bury tues – avg 8 – 25 attend, treatment centre also attend, struggling mtg, looking for another venue
- 10- Croxteth wed – avg 20 attend, treatment centre also attend, no issues
- 11- Crown street Liverpool – no permanent GSR avg 20 -30 attend.
- 12- 12 monkeys meeting Manchester – new format, is well attended and needs volunteer to come and do main shares.
- 13- Plymouth grove fri – avg 5 newcomers attend, rolling theme, 1 issue of photos taken at NA related meals and gatherings and then put on social network sites. A request made for there to be something written in a pre amble. General consensus was that it must be taken up with the person taking the pictures by the person who objects as NA related meals and gatherings are not NA meetings. It was said that there is a rule at conventions for this but not at general gatherings. Positions are also vacant at this mtg and they also request that clean time requirements be put in the minutes for positions vacant.
- 14- Accrington mon –avg 20-25 attend including newcomers, no issues
- 15- Powerhouse Birkenhead – no issues
- 16- Liverpool fri night – avg 20 -25 attend, requesting starter pack for another meeting due to be set up. GSR to see literature chair for this.
- 17- Preston wed – well attended no issues
- 18- Preston thurs – well attended no issues

Groups that do not have GSRs or apologies attending area

- 1- Chester - Monday night Grosvenor street
- 2- Chester – Thursday night Grosvenor street
- 3- Stockport – Monday night St.Saviours church
- 4- Buxton – wed night terrace road
- 5- Altringham – sat night priory hospital
- 6- Bury sat night Chatterton hey
- 7- Heywood – wed night York house surgery
- 8- Manchester – mon night Oldham street
- 9- Manchester - tue night Chorlton
- 10- Manchester - tue night Victoria street
- 11- Manchester – wed Hulme library
- 12- Manchester – fri Hulme library
- 13- Manchester – sat night St.lukes
- 14- Manchester – sat night gay and lesbian centre
- 15- Manchester – sun Fallowfield
- 16- Manchester – sun Longsight
- 17- Wigan – sun night Market street
- 18- Accrington – fri night
- 19- Blackburn – fri France street
- 20- Blackpool – mon night Salvation Army
- 21- Blackpool – tues night Womens meeting

- 22- Blackpool – thurs night grange park
- 23- Blackpool – fri 3pm ad action
- 24- Blackpool – fri night grange park
- 25- Blackpool – sat 6pm laycock gate park
- 26- Blackpool – sat morning lostock gardens
- 27- Blackpool – sun night Ibbotson court
- 28- Burnley – wed 3pm inward house projects
- 29- Burnley – thurs night (change of venue but no details as to where due to no contact)
- 30- Chorley – tues night chorley new hospital
- 31- Chorley – thurs night chorley new hospital
- 32- Darwen- wed night
- 33- Darwen – thurs night
- 34- Darwen – Saturday night
- 35- Lancaster – tues night friends mtg house
- 36- Lancaster – fri night friends mtg house
- 37- Preston – mon night lund street
- 38- Oldham – fri night union street
- 39- Rochdale – thurs night drake street
- 40- Rawtenstall – tues night kay street
- 41- St.annes – mon night St.Thomas rd
- 42- St.annes – sun 2pm pensioners hall
- 43- Barrow in furness – mon 1-3pm duke street
- 44- Carlisle – wed night
- 45- Liverpool – mon night boundary street
- 46- Liverpool – Monday night Garston
- 47- Liverpool – tues night womens meeting
- 48- Liverpool- wed night anfield
- 49- Liverpool- thurs night Rodney street mens
- 50- Liverpool – sat night Scotland road
- 51- Liverpool – sun 1pm Blackburn place
- 52- Liverpool – sun night wavertree
- 53- Liverpool – sun 3pm rodent street
- 54- Wirral – tues night Birkenhead
- 55- Wirral – fri night- Birkenhead
- 56- Wirral – sat night Birkenhead
- 57- Llandudno – fri night Baptist church

Positions Vacant

Position	Servant	Start Date
ASC Chair	Sharon	Aug08
ASC vice Chair	Joanne	Oct 08
ASC Treasurer	Collette	April 08
ASC Treasurer Alternate	Ruth	March 08

ASC Literature	Adam	Nov 08
ASC Literature Alternate	lee	Nov 08
ASC Secretary	Julie	Oct 08
ASC Secretary Alternate	Position Vacant	6mths
ASC Brew person	John H	July 08
Regional Committee Member	Position Vacant	5yrs
R.C.M Alternate	Position Vacant	4yrs
CD & Tape Library	Position Vacant	1yr
Convention Chair 2008	Carl	june 08
Helpline Chair	Tony	Oct 07
Hospitals & Institutions Chair	Andy	May 08
Meetings List	Joe	Aug 08
Outreach Chair	Position Vacant	2yrs
Parents & Carers Chair + F&E	Position Vacant	2 yrs
Post Box	Graham	Dec 07
Prison Sponsorship	Leanne	April 07
Public Information Chair	Sally	Nov 08
Web servant	Henoc + Bill	March 08
Share Review Chair	Position Vacant	2ys

No one put themselves forward for any positions vacant this month.

Old business.

A vote on the meetings list was suggested so that people could download them from the internet rather than pick them up at area to save cost.

Nicky said it wouldn't really save money as GSRs would get the funds from the group rather than area.

General consensus was that it be left alone and no vote was taken.

Ad hoc meeting was carried out as said last month regarding ASC funds.

Paul said this needs dealing with today.

Collette said no money will be given out until all donations are in.

28th November 2008 Ad Hoc Meeting re ASC Monies

Attendance: Sharon (ASC Chair), Adam (ASC Literature), Paul (GSR Liverpool), Jo (ASC Vice Chair), Lee (ASC Alternate Literature), Collette (ASC Treasurer), Rob (PI)

There was a general feeling that the Literature account should be closed and all amalgamated with the Treasurer. This will mean raising the Prudent Reserve.

The Treasurer would like Treasurers of Sub Committees to put their balance in to their reports with an explanation of how the money has been spent.

We are asking the Sub Committees who haven't already to provide a Plan/Inventory for their money.

A strong suggestion is that the Treasurer has the right to say no to handing money out if it is not coming in.

A suggestion was made re the mailing list. There are a number of people on the mailing list who no longer attend ASC or even the fellowship, so we could attach a letter to this month's minutes advising all those who are receiving the minutes and no longer attend ASC to contact us to take them off the mailing list or advise if they still want the minutes. It is using resources that could be ploughed elsewhere. They are available to download on the NA website. Anyone can go to a library and print off a copy.

The question needs to be asked of Sub Committees – have you got a Bank account, if not why not and if you don't have one, do you really need one.

A reminder of Tradition seven, about what being fully self supporting actually is. Without people donating to ASC it affects all the Sub Committees and stops them from being able to fulfil the Primary Purpose of NA. It seems only a small number of groups are donating each month. Where is the money going?

Concept 11.

Money is used to pay the expenses involved in running NA recovery meetings, to inform the public about NA and to reach addicts who can't get to meetings. It is used to develop, produce, translate and distribute our message in written form and to bring members together in a service community committed to the vision of spreading our message around the world to those in need. All this is done in support of NA's spiritual aim: to carry the message to the addict who still suffers.

Neil said he would like to start afresh with the posting minutes. There will be a notice going out in the posted minutes for people to get in touch to remain on the list.

Sally said PI have a rolling 2yr budget, they have a bank account and should they be penalised for fulfilling the commitment? Sharon said this will be taken into account.

Rob said PI don't want to bankrupt ASC if there are no funds then there are no funds.

A motion to move ASC was put forward. Nicky seconded it.

Venue details: Area – Warrington

Contact details: - (venue organizer)

Steve Wright

Phone - 01925 – 658171

Available – Monday to Friday in the day only

Address

St. Margret's Committee Centre,

Lindley Ave,

Latchford,

Warrington,

WA4 1QB

Committee Centre details

- Large room holds 100 people or more with tables and chairs. (that fold away)

- Small room holds 30 people.
- Large kitchen with hot water 24/7 – Fridge – Cups & plates & cutlery.
- *Heating comes free with venue.*
- Car parking for 12 cars in the front and 10 at the back of the building.

Invoice details

- Key is given to a member of NA – Chair of A.S.C
- Invoice is on a monthly basic – cash or Cheque
- Cost £10.00 per hour - but 30 mins before start time and 30 mins after finish time is free.
- Time request for pay is 4 hours 1pm until 5pm – total £40.00

Start date

3rd January 2009 for one year. A year is *provisional* booked until January 2010. The venue is aware we need to vote as an A.S.C before there can be a sold booking confirmed.

Motion

The motion is for a new venue location for the A.S.C. The A.S.C has to be moved on a yearly basic and that time has come. We would like to move the A.S.C to a CENTRAL location to the whole of the North West England and North Wales. A venue has been found which has all the requirements to fulfil the A.S.C needs. Located in Warrington which is central, a hall that is capable of holding a 100 members at once, with tables and chairs, separate large kitchen and spare room for 30 people, (possible lit & treasure room) with car parking and is not problem. There is a full public transport service running all the time on Saturday and the venue is only 15 minutes walking from any public transport. There has heating included in the price and the room does not echo when members are talking. The venue is available for one year or more if required. The venue becomes available from January 3rd 2009. The venue owner is aware of Narcotic Anonymous and the importance of a monthly meeting taking place and the local community of Warrington welcome NA, feeling that we can help the community grow. They have asked us to help them and put up posters. We will have sole use of the venue with no other public activates going on, when we use the building. (Total exclusivity of room)

Intent

The reason for moving the A.S.C to Warrington is to help the fellowship grow. The first Warrington meeting started 6 years ago and they have a total of 3 meetings now, but hope to open up another 2 very soon. Are intent is to help Warrington meeting grow in this area as well as are own fellowship. We as an area have never had the A.S.C at Warrington which is the most central place for the whole of NWE & NWA and we feel that all the meeting with in the NWE & NW Area will grow as more G.S.R will be able to attend the A.S.C easily; with out all the travel and we hope the intent will be that the G.S.R's will be more willing to stay for the length of A.S.C running.

PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT

PI MINUTES: Date –.18.10.08 Contact Sally: 07824 441090

Venue: Wash Lane School Hall, Wash Lane. Latchford Warrington WA4 1JD.

POSTION FILLED - POSITION VACANT:

Chair – Sally. Treasurer – Rob. Literature – John. Liverpool Paul Cheshire Peter Robert H Lancashire. Paul Cumbria

John handed in literature position and was applauded Penny was voted in.

Dave voted in as alternate Cheshire committee happy with his 3 ½ months clean time as he has been promised upmost support by all.

We would like to thank every one for their service. “**Thank you**”

ATTENDANCE:

Ste K, Jack, Peter, Dave, Paul, Paul W, John, Richie, Charlene, Penny, Rob, Tony, Sally, John

Apologies – Linzie, Rob H

TREASURER OPENING & CLOSING BALANCE:

Opening Balance: - £345.18 + £100.00 phone line

£20 Rent of room Nov & Jan	£15 Travel to ASC
£9.38 Tea & Coffee.	£10 Petrol Liverpool co-ordinator
£10.20 Manchester presentation.	£33.70 extra for literature order
£20 Travel from Wales.	£20.83 for tea coffee and storage containers

TOTAL = £111.51 + £10 Phone line (not including petrol for next ASC)

Closing Balance: - £216.22 + £90 phone line

Bank account opened 11/10/2008 awaiting cheque book and details, when arrive pass onto Paul Liverpool to be added as signatory.

VISITORS REPORTS / REQUEST:

No problems reported from volunteers during September and October, all shifts have been covered. The one thing that is concerning me is that I am still only receiving monthly phone line data from at most four volunteers it is not enough to collate information for PI to identify areas to concentrate resources for future actions i.e. poster blitz and presentations also I have only received 12 step volunteers from four groups which is disappointing. I have taken a personal inventory on my year as chair and feel I could have done better, two most important areas being communication and delegation (Tonys will and not Gods)

We will be holding a training day in January second Saturday of month if possible at this venue I will design flyer and distribute as soon as I receive confirmation from committee. My service ends in November and will be handing the position in at Decembers sub-committee meeting. Thankfully it is a two year plan and not a twelve month plan. I'd like to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to serve and hopefully we have carried the message to the still suffering addict. Workshop date confirmed as Saturday 13th January.

Your willing servant

Tony

p.s. it's been emotional

LITERATURE REPORT:

John handed in his position Penny is going to meet up with Chair to discuss her role.

CHAIRS REPORT:

Minutes got read out at A.S.C by Literature person as there has been no chair.

CO-ORDINATORS REPORTS:

Liverpool Co-ordinators report.

Hello,

First month, new position, very productive, and very busy. It is starting afresh and there's life in it!

Whenever I have announced P.I. (r?) in meetings the response has been encouraging. As a result, I have collated six, or seven names and numbers of reliable members who are interested in doing service. A lot of people came up and offered their services and then asked what P.I. was!

Expenditure. The only expenses I have are: £5.00 petrol for picking literature up from Warrington. Do I have a monthly budget?

Literature. I tried, as instructed by committee, to contact old co-ordinator and collect the literature he holds. He is refusing to hand it over. I need more posters

New Meetings. A presentation was given to a venue in South Liverpool and a new meeting is being set up.

Posters. A poster blitz is ongoing. Five members took the thirty or so posters John passed on and awaiting response back. I gave them a ten-minute briefing on what to/not do when asking to have them put up etc.

Members seemed grateful to be asked to do service. The plan is to start in the middle of Liverpool City Centre and work outwards.

Presentations. Three presentations are being lined up. One is for The Lighthouse Project in the first week of November. Second is for Armistead, also in the first week of November. Third is on 11th November for a class of undergraduate, medical students at Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine. This has the potential of becoming an annual event.

As part of my own commitment, I have asked members who have limited experience of P.I. Work and all of them expressed gratitude for being asked to become involved.

Overall. The response I have had from the Liverpool Fellowship is great. A lot of members want to become involved and I am thinking of forming a committee to share the workload.

Cheshire.

I have been in touch with Wigan CDT and hope to be doing a presentation between, Oct 27th + 31st. When the date is confirmed i will get literature packs. I have also been in touch with Warrington Collegiate, regarding a stand or presentation during their health awareness week in November.

Attended a service user conference 14th October in Manchester Kings church, Sidney Street (Dave & Rob) gave out business cards, Posters, Meeting lists and literature the event was attended by 200 addicts and professionals good feed back regarding open meetings. We feel that we need to get the stand fixed as it would of made us look a bit more professional.

Future presentations:

N.T.A have requested a NA member present at a north west recover conferences on 13th November – Rob setting up a stand with another member.

NEW BUSINESS:

Concept 10 attached (1 hour given to this)

Rob going to price up a stand for the NA banner to be used at PI events.

SERENITY PRAYER:

Closed the meeting with Serenity prayer & “thank you” to all, for your service.

NEXT MONTHS MEETING DATE & VENUE:

Date: - 22/11/08

Time: - 2pm until 4pm

Venue: - Wash Lane School Hall, Wash Lane. Latchford Warrington WA4 1JD.

**GSR'S TAKE BACK TO GROUPS WE NEED MEMBERS TO
COME ALONG TO HELP FIND NEW WAYS TO CARRY THE
MESSAGE TO THE STILL SUFFERING ADDICT.**

A petition for body of redress – concept 10

- Petition - Steve for Liverpool
- Body of redress – PI Sub-Committee
- Time for redress – One hour in total

- Facilitating body of redress – PI Chair Sally

Sally explained as this is my first really chair position of the Sub-committee after being voted in at the A.S.C and not having been part of the PI committee for Steve’s petition, grievance that she would facilitate the meeting but would not be voting or giving of my Experience or opinion whilst Facilitating (i.e help the

meeting take place by giving everyone a fair chance to be heard.) We as a committee would hear all of Steve's redress and be willing to answer any question and follow the concept 10 guild lines as a committee. We all agreed to hearing Steve's redress and having Q&A session and then voting on his points in the redress, as it states in the concepts.

- ❖ Keeping a Higher Power in the centre of our service and remembering are traditions, especially tradition 1 and why we are doing service and tradition 12.
- Concept 10 was read out in full.
- Steve had typed out x3 - A4 grievance on his petition and read out in full (15 mins) (PI committee does not have a copy of this petition)

Steve was asked question by Sally. These questions were to clarify the points Steve wanted to bring up and to be talked about today. Steve wanted to ask the committee and to get answers. There were x4 topics to be clarified.

1. No PI Sub- committee meeting or minutes – (no dates were given by Steve)
2. The 2 year plan
3. Claiming not aware his 14 month position was up?
4. Argument with another NA member on the Sub-committee but the argument took place 1 month ago and not whilst doing PI service or any other NA service.

WE all agreed that the personal argument with another member was nothing to do with this committee and this was not part of the redress for the body – (PI Sub-Committee to deal with). This brought us to the other x3 topics listed. Each member asked Steve open ended questions to clarify the x3 grievances brought.

1. The committee wanted to know if Steve was aware there where committee meetings going on and if he knew where they were. **The Answers was Yes from Steve.** The committee wanted to know he had sent his apologies for not coming to the committee meetings. **That was a yes from Steve. Steve explained that no one had told him his position was up and that it was not minute any where that he had to hand in his position.** The main answer from the committee round the issues of not being minute was explained – there was no committee as such. Only a Lit person and yourself who was not at the meeting for the last x3 months and the Chair Rob – (Rob - who had handed in his position at the A.S.C as his time was up felt he could not make any decisions or vote anyone in at that time. The last x3 PI sub-committee meeting had been Rob and the Lit person and no other – committee member present. As there was NO secretary and Rob could not do the minutes for that meeting at the time) The A.S.C felt it was best for the Vic Chair to come to PI Sub-committee meeting to help or see that things went smoothly for the new committee to begin and get voted in or to carry on.) The other answers by the committee where that, the position was announced in the A.S.C the month before by a member on the sub- committee and that Steve was aware his position was up. **Steve said he was unable to attend the committee meeting or the A.S.C because he had been ill and is still ill. Steve said he did not mind not having his position and that was not the point. He thought it was a two year position**

because of the two year plan and he would carry on in his position automatically for 2 years. Steve felt he needed to be at the sub-committee meeting before the committee for him to hand in his position or some else could vote in.

2. The PI committee answer's and question; to Steve around the two year plan. The question was, – When you where voted in was there a two year plan. **Steve did not answer.** The committee then made Steve aware that there was no two year plan when he was voted in and that all position are for one year even if you are an Alt or Vis, it does not automatically mean that you would carry on because you may not want too or that the committee would not vote you into that position. The only two or more year commitments in service are in Regional or European or World service. The committee wanted to know if Steve had talked to his sponsor about his service. **There was no answer by Steve.** The committee wanted to know if he felt that the PI – Sub- committee had not helped him do his service, by being supported to do that service. **The answer was yes, he had been supported when he was doing his service.** The committee also wanted to make Steve aware that for the last 9 months all the committee meeting minutes where clearly marked at the bottom of the minutes that anyone wanting to do service should come along to the PI Sub- committee with the address on it and phone numbers for the chair.
 3. The committee pointed out that Steve was one of the first members to be voted in by the old chair and was responsible for his own personal service commitment. **Steve felt that this was not true.**
 - At this point Sally asked Steve what he wanted from today; and how we can help. Steve said he felt his position should not have been offered out and that he wanted it to be opened up again, so that anyone can go for the position.
 - Sally clarified that the x3 points above where not his redress and that he had a new redress after having talked to the committee. This new redress was about his position being opened up for voting again.
 - Steve clarified his new redress and was happy with the wording.
 - Sally, thanked Steve for coming to the committee meeting and bringing this redress and as we all agreed at the beginning, we as a committee would meet up and vote on your redress as stated in the concept 10. Steve was happy to wait outside whilst the committee talked and took a paper vote.
- *A new redress – That Steve position should not have been offered out and that he wanted it to be opened up again, so that anyone can go for the position.*

The PI committee talked about this for some time. Due to the concept 10 there question where careful asked form the book of concept 10 on p39.

1. Do you know of anyone who has been wronged in service? Has that wrong been made right?

The committee felt that there was no wrong to Steve in his service and that they have tried to help in every way to support Steve in his service.

2. “Together, the Ninth and Tenth concepts support an atmosphere in which our members feel free to express themselves frankly on matters at hand”. Have you ever been afraid to speak your conscience in service meetings? Do you know of anyone, in your area or elsewhere, who has been afraid to speak freely? If so, why? Would the Tenth concept ease such fears?

The committee felt that he had been listened too in an atmosphere of recovery and was able to express himself freely on the matters in hand.

3. When is it appropriate to apply the Tenth concept? When is it not appropriate?

The committee felt that this concept 10 brought today was not appropriate to any of the question asked by Steve as he has not taken his own inventory in any way, which is what the assents of concept 10.

The committee then looked at the new redress, being brought just minutes early and felt that this was not appropriate. This new redress seemed to the committee to be unfounded. Steve stated very clearly on a number of occasion during the redress today that he did not want his position back or to do it anymore. We as a committee did not see any injustice had taken place towards, Steve when doing his service or on the “voting in” of the new co-ordinator position or the procedures the committee went through to do this, as a committee. We as a committee do not feel any one has been wronged in this process. That includes the committee or Steve. The committee feel that it would be pointless putting the position out to a vote again, as the PI Sub-committee had taken a theory inventory of their self through the concept 10 and are happy that the vote for the new co-ordinator was done correctly.

- ❖ Vote the redress – Should we open up the position of the co-ordinator for Liverpool.
- ❖ VOTE – results
- ❖ 7 no – 3 abstention

We asked Steve to come back and thanked for all his service. The vote answer was given along with an explanation of how the committee had come to the decision.

- ❖ Steve has been asked to bring all the Literature that he has for the PI presentation back to the PI Sub-Committee.
- Steve has agreed to bring back the Literature.
- Steve also has stated that he is not happy with this process and feels the need to go to the A.S.C and put a vote of no confidence against the chair of the PI committee.

Meetings list.

Secretary unable to open attachment. Apologies □

Cd and tape library.

No report. Position vacant.

Post Box Report.

Graham given statements and phone bills to collette, his 12 months commitment is up next month will be his last month as post box.

Graham would like to send literature to a member who is in prison where there is no H&I. john said it can be requested from UKSO.

Hospitals and Institutions.

H&I sub-committee report for Oct 08

Open minutes silence

Traditions read by zoey

Apologise

Lou secretary, mike panel coordinator Manchester, Keith panel leader Birchwood, Gary Merseyside coordinator, Sharon and Louise panel leader and member pierpiont, Tony panel member Kevin white, Pete Eden field, daz and Dave brews.

Attended

Andy m, jimmy f, Zoë, jack l, Liz, Phil p, Ste k, Bryan, Colin, Joe, Lynne g, Phil g, Jon Jon, Gary l, Danny f, Ste h

Positions vacant

Panel leader HMP Lancaster

Panel member HMP Lancaster 1yr clean

Panel member HMP forest bank 1yr clean

Panel leader Kirkham 1yr clean

Panel member Kirkham 1yr clean

Female panel member for Edenfeild

Panel leader HMP Garth
Panel member HMP Garth
Panel member styal
Panel member edenfeild

Positions filled

Danny f, panel leader Birchwood
Ste h, panel member Birchwood
Phil, Lancashire area coordinator
Lyn g, panel member Adelaide house
Zoey, panel leader Adelaide house

Literature report,
No report given
Treasury report, Opening balance £284.60, Closing balance £256.56
Breakdown will be added to the area minutes if requested.

Area hospital & institutions reports

Manchester Area Report

HMP Strangeways

All going well, good relationship with staff and literature required. Carats asking about female NA members being put forward for clearance. Lee completes 12-month commitment at end of November; Ash will put himself forward for panel leader.

Kenyon House

All going well, ok for literature and relationship with staff good.

HMP Forest Bank

Back in contact and they want new names putting forward for clearance. Awaiting new clearance forms.

HMP Styal

Waiting for the governor Sue Kennedy for a start date. She has been off sick and also was waiting for the clocks to go back and new staff rotas to be put in place. 11 names cleared literature in place and raring to go. When meeting does start it will be a Tuesday or a Thursday.

Edenfield Female

Stephanie Kennedy (consultant psychiatrist) in the process of vetting clients and nearly ready to go

Edenfeild male

We are back in and have put on two presentations, we only have 1 attending client, but it's a start. The facility can now only provide us with 1 slot per month on the 3rd wed of the month.

Requesting £30 fuel expenses for Carl for the last 2 months legwork he has put in, going when nobody could either facilitate or attend the presentation.

Thanks for the opportunity to do service in this area, trusted servant

Panel member Carl and Panel Leader Pete

Merseyside area report

Kevin white unit,

All going well, well attended by client's good relationship with staff. Staff are ordering more literature for unit from ukso. Message being carried. Client from unit attending meetings. Also one attended the H&I sub committee and extended his gratitude to us for carrying the message into the unit

Birchwood

Going well, well attended good relationship with staff message being carried.

Keith has come to the end of his service at Birchwood. The sub committee would like to thank Keith for his service.

HMP Liverpool

Meetings going well. Good relationship with staff meeting being well received by prisoners attends of between 5-10. prisoner has requested a institutional group guide and starter pack as he is being transferred to

jail with no NA meetings we need literature for HMP Liverpool. More names have been put forward for clearance

Adelaide house

Meetings going well relationship with staff good. Attendance 3-8 people residents very keen to go to NA meetings need opening reading cards for facility and a top up of literature.

Liz has stepped down from her position, as panel member and the committee would like to thank Liz for her service.

HMP altcourse

Meetings going very well 12-15 in attendance good relationship with staff carrt worker in attendance during meeting facilities wishes clearance within this jail is limited at the moment this is the wishes of carrat worker who is responsible for getting the meeting going names are going forward for clearance.

Lancaster area report

HMP kirkham

First meeting went ahead on the 21st of October 6 people in attendance had really good positive feed back from prisoners relationship with staff is good and communication is open need posters to put around prison to make inmates aware of the NA meeting times and days we need a full hit of literature

HMP Lancaster castle

No meetings have gone ahead this month due to only six people being cleared and them six having prior commitments this month four more people have been cleared and the meeting is to go ahead this week communication with prison is good and point of contact is back of leave.

Pierpoint

Everything is going really well have had good feed back from staff and clients. Clients are grateful for H&I coming in weekly as this gives them hope

No problems getting shares in, and we do male/female alternatively. We give out literature out when requested.

More literature needed

HMP Garth

Still waiting for more people to fill in clearance forms to get cleared and attend prison with the correct paper work and then the meetings will go ahead once a month

New business

A concern was raised to the sub-committee regarding Adelaide house and Liz the panel member. The concern was in regarding to the fact that Liz is on medication and a meeting had to be cancelled due to Liz's physical appearance and how her medication has affected her. For her own safety and the greater good of the fellowship Liz has stepped down from this position and has shown great humility in doing so the sub committee would like to thank Liz for her service

Concern was raised regarding HMP Preston and a joint H&I, PI presentation and it was suggested that it not go ahead due to PI's conduct over a certain matter. As chair I have been guided in this matter and now believe that this is not H&I's business and if this presentation dos not go ahead then we would be breaking traditions 1, 5 and 12

Old business

Bank account now open with HSBC the chair and the treasurer are signatory's on the account vice chair to add his name

Next sub committee to be held in Liverpool leister drive on the last Saturday of the month 29th of November this venue can be found on the meetings list under Tues and Thurs meetings

CAN ALL GSR'S MAKE THEIR GROUPS AWARE OF THE SERVICE AVAILABLE ON THE H&I SUB-COMMITTEE

Webservant.

Bill would like to support Henoc. 2 people will be better than one and they can help each other. A vote was taken on Bill being an alternate webservant. The vote was passed. Henoc was asked if he will be attending the full ASC. Henoc said no. Bill said between them they will fulfil the position.

Webservant Report October 2008

Bill put asked if he could be the new alt web servant, and was voted in. We had over 700 unique and new visitors to our website last month.

We are looking to check that emails for each sub committee get to the right persons as fast as possible, so are checking all the email links on the site.

The Literature prices and online order form that can be used to print out a lit order is up to date.

The meetings information and meetings list for download is up to date. <http://www.nwna.info/meetings>

The local meetings list download link is <http://www.nwna.info/meetings/meetlist.pdf>

Our online area notice board <http://www.nwna.info/noticeboard> has not been used for awhile, so we are asking sub committees to keep the noticeboard upto date with late changing news, next sub committee meetings times etc. We are a large area and communication is easy via our web site. We are sending out a tutorial to all sub committee to show them how to login in and how to put a notice on the website quickly and easily.

The ASC minutes can be downloaded from <http://www.nwna.info/Minutes/> very soon after the ASC has met.

Areas prudent reserve.

Only money coming in can be given out as we are spending more than we are getting. 2 months prudent reserve was voted on. The vote was passed. Thanks given to the ad hoc meeting.

Helpline report.

Phoneline chair position is available next month. Thanks given to tony for his service.

Convention.

Convention Committee Meeting 20th October 2008.

Present; Carl(chair), gary p(vice chair,keith(secretary),michelle(treasurer),ste k(vice secretary),josie (merchandise),donjon(programming),jack(task force),Karl(tea),Tony(registration) Joe and tony.

Treasurers report: after £1000 is spent towards cost of the venue, the closing balance will be £2091.55p which will be paid to hope university on 17th 9th 2008.

Merchandise:£370 has been raised on the sale of t-shirts, josie suggested to the committee to spend £120 on mugs and pens etc. committee agreed to this.

New years dance proposed at the novas premises on upper parliament street, Liverpool 8. venue holds 300 people, 12-1 am at a cost of £240 (Committee to arrange cost dance)

Old business: jonjon to speak to franny to deal with arrangements for flyer(map and location to be on the reverse of flyer)

Re:appropriate insurance, cost to be discussed with laura owens.(Gary P)

Keith to contact Gary L to enquire on commitment.

Next meeting on 24th November 2008 at 6.30 Boundary street(Criminal justice centre)

committee suggests £10reg fee, also unwaged donation.

T-shirts put NW +NW instead of NW+NEW. Its was a hiccup and if any more are need to be printed they will be NW+NEW.

Prison Sponsorship.

Narcotics Anonymous Prison Sponsorship Sub Committee Meeting

Sunday 12th October 2008

Minutes Silence

Attended: Matt (Chair) Mark (Secretary) Dianne (Vice-Chair) Rob (Treasurer) Kim (P.O Box Co-ordinator) Lorna Stuart Gary

Positions Vacant: Service Co-ordinator (1 yrs)

Treasurer's Opening Balance : £153.98p

Minutes From Last Meeting - Kim seconded Minutes

Matters Arising :

Kim has paid P.O Box £60.15p . (Annually) In process of changing Stu's details to Kim's. Checked P.O Box every week – nothing in.

Going to start spreadsheet when correspondence is received from prison.

Rob needs to update the mandate. Will agree to chase up people to go on mandate. Rob to look at having statements' to go to his own home.

Business :

Group concenceus that Dale be relieved of his Position (Brews) Matt put forward a 3 month suggested clean time for brews position group in agreement. Lorna put herself forward for brews and voted in.

Still awaiting response from the Castle, Matt to continue to follow up.

Ged hill to be contacted about literature sent to Strangeways and posters. Stu to follow up and speak to H + I.

Group con consensus to buy 10 UK Stories White Booklets. Mark to sort out.

Group consensus to purchase 3 A4 journals, cashbox, pens and 2 A5 books. Kim to sort out.

New Email address to be set up for Prison Sponsorship. Matt to do and send to N.A Web Site Servant.

Diane attending H + I workshop in Liverpool to do some Networking and to gather information around Women Prison's.

Treasurers' Closing Balance : £153.98p

Close : Serenity Prayer

Time and Date of Next Meeting : 9th November 2008 at St. Anne's Pensioners Hall 12.00pm

Literature.

Adam reported £1116 in the pot. £20 donation given to area. £1196.69 was the cost of last months literature order.

Region report.

Letter read out from region saying they want to know why we are not attending region and they can help if we have issues. They can help financially. They stated we can send a temporary representative whilst we have no RCM if necessary. If never attended they would like us to opt out of region so they can continue business. The next region is at hays garth community centre in Blackpool 8th and 9th November. Craig asked can a member be an RCM if they've not had service at area? And can we make clear guidelines of what is required from an RCM. RCM budget was discussed. Paul asked that the RCM cleantime be re-addressed. Gary said we need to set a new budget for RCM. Bill put in a proposal to have a no quibble budget for the RCM. This was seconded by Gary. This will be dealt with and voted upon at the next ASC.

New business.

Sharon will attend the next PI meeting to facilitate a redress.

Next meeting will be at the pensioners hall in St.Annes and area starts at 1pm – 5pm, Saturday the 6th December 2008