

Northampton Borough Council - Northampton Women's Forum





Tuesday, 26 September 2017 at 11:00am - 1:00 pm

Agenda

1. **Welcomes, introductions and apologies**
2. **Minutes and matters arising**
3. **Toby Birch - Community Centres**
4. **Northamptonshire ACRE - (Action with Communities in Rural England) - Elaine O'Leary**
5. **Mavis Munderwa - Stories of Resilience International Women's Day**
6. **16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence**
7. **Information exchange**
8. **AOB**
9. **Date of next meeting**
28th November 11am – 1pm

Map and directions at: www.northampton.gov.uk/guildhall

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Code of Conduct for the Forums

This Code of Conduct sets out the standards that the Forums expect of its members. It aims to provide members with an effective ethical framework in which to do business. It is not intended to be exhaustive, or to cover every eventuality, but sets out some common sense requirements to enable the forums to function smoothly and successfully.

It is the responsibility of the Chair to encourage and enable input from forum members, to ensure all voices are heard.

1. Meeting Etiquette

As an attendee you must comply with the following requirements and any others that may be stated from time to time:

- 1.1** Contribute positively to discussions concerning the issues of the meeting
- 1.2** Be friendly, polite, courteous and respectful at all times to fellow members, and others present
- 1.3** Not insult, abuse or use offensive language or behaviour
- 1.4** Comply with Northampton Borough Councils Equal Opportunities Policy
- 1.5** Demonstrate actively that you are interested in and care about the issue that you are discussing and want to make a positive difference
- 1.6** Show respect for buildings, facilities and equipment being used
- 1.7** Speak only through the Chairman of the meeting and not interrupt, heckle, make distracting noises or gestures
- 1.8** Speak clearly into any microphone provided and comply with any instructions given about its use

2. Being Objective

- 2.1** Your own experience and views should inform, but not dominate or dictate how you participate.
- 2.2** If you have a specific issue with regards to a service matter to raise these can be discussed with a member of staff at the end of the each meeting or you can ask for the appropriate officer details. Meetings attended by other residents are not the place to raise any issues of this nature.
- 2.3** Be Fair
- 2.4** You must have and show respect for the people you deal with, and take their circumstances and personal differences into account. This is about putting equality into practice. The key is simply to respect differences fairly, so that you do not exclude anyone, or treat anyone inappropriately or unfairly because of their particular circumstances.

Breaching the Code of Conduct

If any person's behaviour breaches this Code of Conduct, they will be required to leave the meeting and vacate the premises where it is being held. They will not be permitted to attend future meetings unless they provide satisfactory evidence to Northampton Borough Council that they will comply with the Code – e.g. a letter of apology.

If you would like further information or if you would like to discuss the Code of Conduct please contact Vicki Rockall, Partnerships and Communities Manager at vrockall@northampton.gov.uk or on 01604 837074

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Tuesday, 25 July 2017 11am -1pm

1. WELCOMES, INTRODUCTIONS AND APOLOGIES

Present: Cllr King (AK Co-Chair), Pauline Woodhouse (PW Co-Chair), Sheila Baker (SB Townswomen's Guild), Ann Bodsworth (AB, Northamptonshire Domestic Abuse Service), Dawn Thomas (DT Northamptonshire Rape Crisis), Paula Whitworth (PW Women's Institute), Morcea Walker (MW Individual), Aimee Luck (AL NBC), Nisha Mejer (NM NBC), Debbie Fergusson (DF NBC), Janice Duffy (JD), Phil Harris (PH NBC), Louise Musson (LM NBC), Kate Scott (KS)

Apologies: Jeanette Pidgen, Kelly Jordan, Inderjit Jutla, Neelam Aggarwal-Singh, Amber Wright, Karolina Zalewska, Nikki Parrott.

2. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes approved

AL gave an update on Legal Aid issue. It was decided that AL will check Law Society website for different objectives and draft a letter in support of this.

3. ELECTION OF CHAIR

The forum thanked PW for chairing the meetings. PW was voted to be Chair for a further year.

4. HOUSING AND WELLBEING - PHIL HARRIS

PH gave a presentation on Housing and Wellbeing and gave an overview of the work the department does and the future priorities.

ACTION: NM to send out presentation to the Women's Forum.

5. NATIONAL RAPE CRISIS WEEK OF ACTION AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE MONTH - DEBBIE FERGUSSON AND DAWN THOMAS

Forum members to be part of 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence dated 25th November – 10th December. There will be coordinated events and a steering group to be created encompassing key organisations in Northampton.

ACTION NM to organise a date with the steering group to meet to discuss further.

6. ACTION PLAN

16 Days of Activism against Gender-based Violence discussed in previous meeting.

International Women's Day – A book called Stories of Resilience is being compiled to be launched for International Women's Day. Previous award winners will be invited to write a short passage to be part of a book along with other women who inspirational stories.

Townswomen's Guild to have an activity corner in the Great Hall.

Further planning to be done later on in the year.

Hate Crime Awareness Week – activities to be planned for the week 14th – 21st October.

7. COMMUNITY INFORMATION EXCHANGE


LM: NBC is now part of the Dementia Action Alliance. All organisations are invited to be to be part of this. Forum members can go to the Dementia Action Alliance and choose the "Northampton."

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

26th September 2017 11am – pm.

Northampton Women’s Forum Action Plan 2017

Chair:	Cllr Anna King (NBC) and Pauline Woodhouse	Responsible Forum:	Northampton Women’s Forum
Outcomes identified within the Corporate Plan:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empowered local communities with a greater capacity to become involved in community life Promote integration and cohesion Appropriate support provided to those in most need Services are fair, accessible and responsive to individual needs residents and customers feel informed and engaged in service quality and design Future developments informed by the views of local people Delivery of events to celebrate and enjoy the Town’s heritage and culture 		
Priorities agreed for 2017:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivering partnership activities collectively – adding value Communicating together better Health and wellbeing, including violence against women 		

Actions:						
 Action	Owner	Activity (intelligence led)	Timescale	Cost	Measure	Last Updated
International Women’s Day	Cllr.A King/ N Mejer / VRockall	Planning to begin later in the year.	March 2018	£1000.00	Event March 2018	May 2017
Northamptonshire Rape Crisis Week of Action and 16 Days of Activism against Domestic Violence	A Luck	Steering group has been formed to coordinate activities across the 16 days of activism. Mind map created for planning, actions set. Next meeting 4 th October 2017.	November 2017	Nil	TBC	September 2017
Support for victims of Interpersonal violence	A Luck	Explore possibility of Pro-Bono legal support – practical and meaningful. Cllr King to speak to Chambers to see if this something they could offer. AL drafted letter to MP’s for forum – to be discussed Phil Harris Head of Housing and Wellbeing attended July to discuss welfare reform and housing.	October 2017	TBC	TBC	September 2017
Hate Crime Awareness Week 2017		There is no reporting in schools. Cllr Golby invited to forum to discuss the matter. Steering group set up and meeting to coordinate events. Inter forum tea party to take place on Wednesday 18 th October.	October 2017	TBC		September 2017

