FCA Meeting Minutes 14th Aug 2019 - 12.30 till 2.30 Longshaw Sports and Social Club.

Present – Antony Matthews, Paula Quinn, Carole Bennett, Sam Briggs, Barbara Freeman, Wendy Clarkson, Phyllis Catley, Wilma Burton, Paul Ramsey, Berni Woods, Beverley Barber, Lorna Dundas, Dee Nawaz. Guests – Jaffer Hussain, Tracy Mosley.

All Committee/ members introduce themselves.

Thank you to Paul Ramsey for lending us Longshaw for this meeting.

Jaffer Hussain - Children and Young People’s Participation Officer – 2 months in role replacing Gavin Redhead, works with children and young people up to age of 25, Currently training Young People in interview skills – interviewing tomorrow for CIOC ( Children in our care) officer, Participation meeting postponed to Oct half term once new date set he will let us know, Setting up voice groups – hopefully mid sept – 8 to 12 year old’s and 13 to 17 year old’s -probably at Livesey Children’s Centre – Bi-weekly to start until established, Next Tues at Livesey 10 -4 accreditation event for 18 to 25 year old’s – Lunch and transport provided, UCLAN – looking at reviewing guidelines – want 4 young people – 9 to 16 year old sept 12th – meet up 4 times over the year. Paula Quinn discussed positive experiences with UCLAN. Jaffer asked if anyone has any ideas or suggestions please let him know – Paul Ramsey suggested if Martial Arts could be involved for children and Young people – Jaffer said yes he will speak to Paul and see what they can do.

Mike Dixon - Fostering Recruitment Officer – Sent his Apologies for not being able to attend

Tracy Mosley – Fostering Support Officer – Informed members of her role. Tony Matthews asked Tracy if we were getting a pay rise – Tracy said she spoke to rob in finance in May – asked for new payments sheet – rob told her it hadn’t been agreed yet so he couldn’t do anything.

Paula Quinn – Blackburn with Darwen Foster Carers Association Events and Fundraising Manager – Provided leaflets from Foster Talk regarding Finance and Membership, Virtual School Head (VSH)Pupil Premium leaflets, Summer holiday activities.

Also discussed – Blackburn Rovers Community Trust (BRCT) taken over summer offer from YPS(Young People’s Services) however Anderton Residential for 20 Looked After Children (LAC) and a barge trip exclusively for LAC has been arranged and paid for by VSH. My Max cards made available today – good savings to be made – Paula saved £86 in the last 2 weeks -especially Yorkshire – lots of offers - look on the mymax website for more info – [www.mymaxcard.co.uk](http://www.mymaxcard.co.uk) Vue cinema – fill in a form to get one free adult when taking LAC, Sandcastle Blackpool – if wearing badge/vulnerable children can get to front of queue, Leisure inclusion project is still being run by YPS – Targeted youth programme.

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If anyone has any ideas for activities, events, possible speakers please let Paula and/or Sam know, YPS still have Kentmere Residential – fully kitted out – available to hire out – YPS still have canoe’s/bikes/barge etc available to hire, would like to organize a trip to Kentmere – please let Paula know if interested -Jaffer happy to try to organize a residential incorporating voice with LAC trip so resources could be pooled together -will need support from carers to enable opportunities especially ones like Kentmere as there is quite a significant cost to this. Members still concerned that no breakdown for payments – need to know whether specific payments have been made.

Next FCA Meeting is Wednesday 18th Sept 12.30 till 2.30 at Ivy Street Community Centre.

This will be our Annual General Meeting (AGM) – Buffet Lunch Provided.