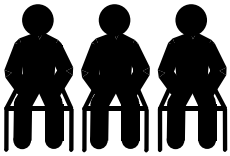




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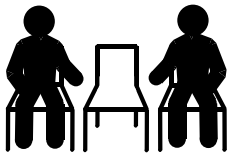
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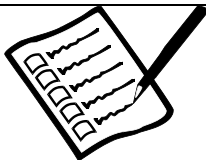
Present:

Norman McKenzie, Linda McCullagh, Shena Milroy, Lisa-Marie Robertson, Mary Spence, Alex Woods, Cllr Douglas Yates, Jean Alcock, Irene Brown, Farkhanda Chaudhry, Liz Duguid, Brian Dunigan, Douglas Grant, Donna McSwiggan, Gerry Maguire, Bernard Fishman, Chris Houston, Nicola Kennedy, Linsey Stronach, Hameeda Haseeb, Gillian McDonald, Rosemary Cameron, Laura Spiers, Kofi Tordzro



Apologies:

Jayne McKerrow, Tony Forry, Jacqui Reid, Helen Gourlay, Jim Murray, Kenneth Stirling, Andrew Williamson, Linda Arthur, Lorraine Kennedy, Elaine Fisher, Scott Cunningham, Helen Gourlay, Susan McClure, Eric Clarke,





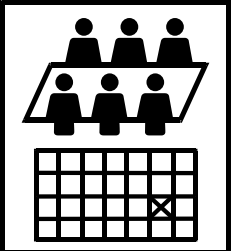
Note of Meeting

Kofi talked about the Barriers & Bridges Conference on Sunday 5 December in Williamwood School. Jean said that the ERDWN leaflet was now printed & that process of designing a flowchart about the Benefits Appeal System was underway. She reminded people that they could send information for posting on the Website.

Hear to Help



Donna McSwiggan from the RNID Hear to Help project gave a Presentation on the service she offers in helping people who are hard of hearing get information, advice and routine maintenance of their hearing aids in local community outlets. She praised East Renfrewshire's attitude towards her service. She is looking for other community outlets and volunteers. Her

	<p>presentation will be posted on the Website.</p>
	<p>Brian Dunigan talked about the Welfare Rights Service in East Renfrewshire; how members can access it for their service users; and the training he can offer. He gave details of the appeals process and updated information about the benefits cuts. Douglas Grant from the Macmillan Cancer Care then talked about the service he offers to people in East Renfrewshire who have a diagnosis of cancer. Information about both services will be posted on the ERDWN Website.</p>
	<p>Garry Maguire from The Advocacy Project gave an interesting presentation outlining what is meant by advocacy and how it can help people with a range of needs. He then went on to talk about how the Advocacy Project has recently expanded in East Renfrewshire from a service for elderly people to cover all adults. His presentation will be posted on the Website.</p>
<p>Information Sharing</p>	<p>After the 3 speakers, there was general networking. Linda McCullagh told members about the Happening in Paisley Town Hall on 15 November. This is a Social enterprise Fair. She had negotiated a 30% reduction in fee for projects based in East Renfrewshire.</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting Thursday 24 February 2011 Suggestions for topics welcome!</p>