**Minutes of meeting** held on: 24th February 2022 at Winkfield Resource Centre, 33 Winkfield Road, Wood Green.

**Present:**

(QQ) Qasim Qureshi – Co-Chair

(GD) Graham Day – DAH Trustee

(AY) Anita Yiannoullou – Sanjuro Training Systems

(IM) Ian Mclaughlin - Haringey

(DB) Daniel Ball - Haringey

(GH) Gareth Heard – Haringey

(JA) Jalpa Assani – Haringey

(MM) Mobasha Mahmood – New River/Haringey

(YD) Yvonne Denny – DAH Trustee

(DW) Darren Willbourne - Disability Action Haringey

**Apologies:**

(PS) Phil Stephens – Disability Action, Linda Almond

**Minutes of last meeting & Matters arising:**

Approved – No Actions

**Item 3: Chair/Co-chair update -**

AY -

To be advised for next meeting

**Item 4: WHY Sports Conference -**

GD (on behalf of PS) –

Improving Health and Activity conference on 14th June, developing different ways to communicate all things sport & leisure. Venue: Royal Society for Medicine, London. Attendees from Government, Sports, Education, NHS, Community Groups, Charities & Private Sector.

Proposal that 2 community members from DAHPAN attend the conference. Opportunity to network and learn best practice, community engagement & engaging people with sport.

YH –

Very important that 1 or 2 disabled people attend to provide a perspective on the difficulties faced in engaging with activities.

ACTION: Conference agenda to be distributed (DW – with minutes of this meeting)

**Item 5: Promotion and expanding DAHPAN -**

Disability Action Network

DB – Suggesting a small IAG event at Winkfield Resource Centre – DAHPAN members advertise and promote their services. And DAHPAN.

AY – Suggest tapping into existing events to market and promote, utilise frontline workforce by telling them about DAHPAN. Produce a short (30 second) video for those who can’t access services in person.

YD – Please send the information out to the new SEND group for parents.

AY – We need to be clear on what services are available and accessible in order to be able to promote effectively and signpost accurately.

**Item 6: Accessibility of provisions and customer journey –**

GD – Would be interested to find out more about Haringey Walks which AY co-ordinates?

AY – They are split into 2 types. Wellbeing walks are guided and last 30-minutes, accessible routes for as many people as possible. Community groups and others organise the alternative walks, which could be themed, heritage walks etc. We are trying to ensure that there are as many walks as possible that anybody can access, we are currently looking at 2 walks; One in Chestnuts (as there is a sensory park there) and another in Finsbury Park, as there is an accessible toilet there and the paths are quite wide and accessible. We are open to suggestions, but it must be sustainable – getting the right partners together so that the walks can continue.

YD – Finsbury Park is not fully accessible, getting to the café is very hard as the facilities are all at the bottom of the steep hill – so wheelchair users can’t access it. Parking bays are also limited for disabled users.

GD – Access Audits have commenced at the leisure centres – we don’t have a date yet for completion or publication of findings, but (DB) related that this should be an estimated 2-4 weeks after the audit visit date. Hopefully by the next (DAHPAN) meeting we should have the report and some actions.

**Item 7: Suggested Activities –**

Haringey Park Summit: DB – Part of the Parks and Green Space Strategy, Saturday 5th March 11am to 4pm in the Transmitter Hall at Alexandra Palace, the team wants to make sure that Disabled People’s voices are heard. The summit is about how parks and open spaces can be improved for residents, to inform the Parks and Green Spaces Strategy. Looking at Facilities, Infrastructure, Sensory Gardens, activities etc. We will send a link around to the group members.

YH – It’s very hard for wheelchair users to access Alexandra Palace because of the steep hill – even scooters would struggle and would run out of charge getting up the hill. Can the summit not be changed to a more easily accessible and flat area venue? It is also hard to get a space on a bus and dial-a-ride is very expensive.

DB – The team will also be reaching out by attending other group meetings. There may be other options and (I) will talk to the team about that.

QQ – We should look at swimming opportunities for people with disabilities, can we ask for some additional activities around this?

DB – We are currently looking into Autism-friendly swimming sessions with (GH) and Fusion and looking at access and swimming instructors. We offer school-age swimming during the day and this extends to SEN, we can maybe look at extending this further.

IM – When Park Road goes back to its normal opening times, Piranha Swimming Club will look at starting up again – we are a PAN-Disability Club, any disability and any age.

**Item 8: Setting dates of next meetings –**

Wednesday 20th April 2022, 2 – 3:30pm Hybrid Winkfield Resource Centre/Teams online

Wednesday 22nd June 2022, 2 – 3:30pm Hybrid Winkfield Resource Centre/Teams online

**Item 9: AOB –**

None at this time