

MINUTES
Member Council – meeting 9
Tuesday 8th November 2022



Who was in the meeting?

- Maisie
- Allana
- Jacob
- Jonathan
- Michael
- Johanna

Apologies from Matt.



Introductions

Everyone introduced themselves.



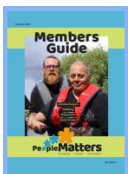
Minutes from the previous meeting

Reviewed the minutes – no changes needed.



Actions from last meeting

- Everyone who can: Join Wellbeing groups 18/10 and 21/10 - completed
- Johanna: find out the next steps with the art donation - ongoing
- Johanna: feedback about Christmas party games - ongoing
- Johanna: send Member council photos to Tina - completed







Members guide and easy read-strategy

We looked at the new Members guide and easy read-strategy.
Talked about how Members council has contributed to these –
for example providing feedback for the code of conduct.



Art project donation

Members would like to donate the Happy place –art piece either to Touchstone House, New Wortley Community Centre or Bridge Café.
Johanna will contact these after the Wellbeing group’s event one at a time,
to see if they want to accept the donation / have space for the art piece.

	<p>Activity ideas for Christmas party</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quiz (about Christmas or People Matters) - Music and dance - Arts and crafts table (colouring pictures, word searches, celebrity picture quiz sheets) - Card and board games - Guess how many sweets in a jar –game
	<p>Employment project</p> <p>People Matters is creating a training session for workplaces about hiring people who have disabilities. Everyone is happy with suggested topics about stereotypes, positive qualities, communication and available assistance.</p> <p>Members would like these ideas to be in the training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Positive qualities that people can have: loyalty, sense of humour - Communication: use easy read/plain English if needed, use pictures and videos where possible - for example for trainings and policies - Remember hidden disabilities – ask all new staff if they have disabilities or need extra support – don't assume that some has or doesn't have a disability based on how they look - Treat everyone with respect – speak to all employees like you would speak to any adult even if you use plain English - Keep people's strengths in mind when sharing tasks at workplace - Offer extra training if staff need it to become confident in their job - Explain reasonable adjustments and Access to Work –scheme
	<p>Help with university research</p> <p>University of Leeds is planning a research about how to make self-driving cars safer in traffic, especially for pedestrians who have disabilities. The research will start in 2024 if they get funding for it. Members council will be invited to provide feedback about the research.</p>
	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Monday 5th December at 4.30 pm - Barkston House</p>

Actions:

- Johanna: find out the next steps with the art donation
- Johanna: share ideas about Christmas party and Employment project
- Johanna: tell the university that Members council is happy to help with the research