



Member Meeting - Minutes

Date:	Wednesday 18th of October
Time:	12:00- 13:30
Venue:	The Gateway Centre, N. Methven St- Hybrid

Attendees
Bob Bennett - Member
Evander Coban - Member
Grant Harrison- Member
Cindy Godfrey-McKay - Chairperson
Kim Williamson- Member
Kim Williamson PA
Irene Johnstone - Member
Axelle L'Hortalle- Administrator
Jane Moncrieff - Manager
Douglas Brown- Trustee
Apologies
Keith Robertson- Member
Cristina Wilkie - Member
Alison

Attendees
Duncan Irvine - Trustee
Nettie Sutherland - Member
Mel Todd - Member
Georgie Williams - Member
Georgie Williams PA
Amanda Wood - Member
Duncan Irvine PA
Vikki McCall- Guest Speaker
Dianne Theakstone - Guest Speaker
Alasdair (Dianne's PA)
Apologies

Agenda Item	Topic	Action
Item 1	Welcome and Introduction JM welcomed everyone to the meeting. Followed by round the table introductions.	
Item 2	Apologies Apologies as above.	

Item 3

ISPA Presentation by Dianne Theakstone & [Vikki McCall](#)

VM introduced herself and her team present at the meeting. She told us about their ongoing project (ISPA).

The central aim of the ISPA project has been to tackle stigma related to age, disability and place. VM's team have been looking to work with people who are over 45, particularly those that may be living with a disability, and gain insight regarding their personal experiences of stigma. The ISPA project has been particularly focused on finding out what makes homes and wider environments exclusionary and how they could be made more accessible.

VM mentioned the challenges faced when dealing with public transport accessibility for older people or disabled people to which GH strongly agreed.

VM continued to explain how their ISPA project addressed feelings of exclusion. Her team had been keen to gather lived experiences through their research, demonstrations, access audits and diaries. VM and DT shared that they were looking forward to working with CILPK members if possible. CILPK's vision, mission and values harmonize with the ISPA project's aim.

VM suggested offering training to CILPK members on how to do effective research to deliver impactful stories and reinforce their voice when sharing their lived experiences as disabled people.

VM explained how often spaces and environments require better planning to allow for a better more inclusive future. NS agreed and shared her experience of living in an adapted house as a wheelchair user. She had noticed how the layout and functionalities had not been well thought out for proper accessible inclusive living.

NS felt that with consultations held by the right people who have knowledge and experience of living with a disability would help prevent accessibility issues from the very beginning.

CGM agreed and shared how she felt spaces and facilities were often built with no consideration.

VM suggested doing research to help gather enough information so it is possible to develop a good constructed space, in the right format which is fully accessible and appropriate to everyone.

JM mentioned how the Perth Museum had contacted CILPK to do an access audit when everything had already been completed.

The members agreed that accessibility and inclusivity felt like an afterthought in this situation. JM shared that she had also heard that part of the Museum might not be accessible for wheelchair users at all.

VM would like the ISPA to support CILPK by raising awareness on the work the organization had accomplished throughout the years. She would also like to encourage other communities by using CILPK's impact and positive changes in the local community of Perth and Kinross as an example.

NS mentioned the lack of awareness in Edinburgh and Glasgow's Taxi drivers. She felt that the train and buses were more accessible in the major cities.

JM shared how she had attended the See Hear Strategy group meeting with EC and CGM and how it had not been effective.

VM proposed joining up the ISPA and CILPK to combine the experience and immersion both groups have to better support CILPK's strategy and goals.

VM apologized and left the meeting early.

DT and her PA distributed hand outs and mentioned easy read format slides to be sent out to CILPK's members.

JM suggested having another meeting at CILPK's Disability Champion Meeting (29th of November 12:30pm- Gateway Centre) to read through the easy read hand out together as a group and figure out how best to get involved.

DT shared that the ISPA was flexible when collecting reports. They are able to gather CILPK's members' experiences through phone calls, in writing or at group meetings.

JM suggested meeting as a group and sharing experiences at CILPK's next disability champion meeting in November.

Alasdair (DT's PA) shared that to help gather information for their report they could give a prompt/subject for CILPK's members to talk or write about.

DT offered to give out tablet holders for CILPK's wheelchair users. CGM and NS showed interest in getting one and would like to share this resource with other members of the organization.

JM suggested putting a group together to visit the ISPA in Stirling

	<p>and do an access audit of the travel from Perth to Stirling via the train station. DT also suggested hiring an accessible bus if necessary.</p> <p>NS noticed that the council’s policies were often out of date for technologies and equipment being used to assist disabled people.</p> <p>Alasdair (DT’s PA) shared how he felt some organizations seem to hide behind their policies. They could claim that their policies were accessible and wheelchair users would soon find out that it is in fact not accessible.</p> <p>JM felt that as an able bodied person and manager at CILPK she was able to speak up and be heard and managed to articulate what our members views.</p> <p>CILPK Members shared that they were often disappointed when reporting issues as it felt as though they were not heard and changes were often not carried out. However, they would prefer to be supportive and constructive when receiving feedback.</p>	
Item 4	<p>Minutes from previous meeting & Matters Arising</p> <p>No matters arising</p> <p>JM suggested going through the action plan update.</p>	
Item 5	<p>Action Plan Update</p> <p>Network Rail</p> <p>JM shared that they had contacted CILPK to participate in research carried out to improve the Perth train station. She felt that they were proactive and the feedback video was good as it covered a lot of issues found at the train station.</p> <p>CGM felt that more could have been added into the feedback video to explain the negative aspects of Perth train station.</p> <p>Golden Route</p> <p>CILPK had submitted their review and all of the information required. JM shared that the Golden route project had come to a halt. She heard that there were not enough funds to complete it.</p> <p>The idea was to complete the golden route to improve Perth city center for tourism, accessibility and inclusivity. CILPK members agreed that the news was disappointing.</p> <p>NS felt that the access audit CILPK carried out for the golden route was political.</p>	

JM shared that she had sent an email to a council official and the response was hopeful. She would like to arrange an equalities meeting where she would raise the issues CILPK faced there.

JM shared that she was able to get £500 from magic little grants for CILPK disability champion programme. At the next Disability champion meeting, members would be encouraged to design a logo for merchandise.

IT Staff Training

NS shared that after the disability awareness training with the IT staff, they had changed the font and background on their website to be more inclusive.

Fundraising

JM shared that awards for all applications to hire a Keep Safe Scheme coordinator had been submitted and looked promising. She felt that the impact report from I Am Me and CILPK's video was useful.

GH agreed that the fundraising application sounded hopeful and hoped it would work out.

JM suggested that a follow up email with the CEO at Perth and Kinross Council should be sent to ask what if any actions were going to be taken and what had been gained from the meeting that CMG and NS attended. Both felt it was a token gesture meeting.

Schiellion Accessible Path

BB was interested in looking into this path further but when asked if he still wanted to do this he said no. This should now be taken out of the action list.

Website

AL to send out website link to gather feedback from members

The Bank Bar and Beer Garden Lift Issues

JM would like to follow up to get the lift fixed as soon as possible. She suggested meeting with the manager at The Bank.

Tay link Road (KR)

JM intended to meet with KR to discuss issues with the Tay link Road. She would like to meet KR next week to understand the situation better as there are steps and multiple issues at Tay link Road.

Flood gates

	<p>CGM had mentioned in the previous meetings how she was not receiving the text notifications when the flood gates open or close. JM will speak to the people at PKC to raise these concerns again. JM pointed out that the main concern in this situation was the communication and not the flooding.</p> <p>Race nights/Quiz nights JM brought up again about organizing a race night or quiz night to raise awareness and funds for the organization's meetings and ongoing projects. CILPK members agreed that this was a good idea - members will need to be involved in organising this though.</p>	
Item 6	<p>General Updates and information JM mentioned the community scam alert. She had received an email regarding reports of scammers posing as NHS or council officials to scam people with community alarms. JM expressed her concerns and reminded people not to provide bank info or personal details to anyone phoning up.</p>	
Item 7	<p>Up and coming events and meetings</p> <p>Christmas lunch and activity- TBC Perth Museum and Art Gallery</p> <p>Dragonfyre- Saturday 11th November- 5:30- 6:30pm Norie Miller Walk</p> <p>Consultation- Perth and Kinross Council Drop In JM asked BB if he would like to come to the office to fill out the online survey.</p>	AL to order more Flyers
Item 8	<p>AOCB NS and EC would like to hold fundraisers at community buildings and she would require CILPK information flyers. She would like to raise awareness about CILPK. NS invited other members to join to help attend the events, raise awareness, recruit new members and collect donations.</p>	<p>Look into license for donations</p> <p>AL to set up donation page on website</p>
	<p>The next meeting will be CILPK AGM on the 1st of November @ 11:30am - 1pm. Venue: The Gateway Centre, N Methven street, Perth and on Zoom.</p>	