



**Tuesday 22 June 2010
The Expanse Hotel
Bridlington**

Action

- 1. Welcome:** Susan Oliver expressed her concerns to the members present that there were insufficient numbers for the meeting to be quorate. Ruth Marsden proposed that the meeting and its decisions be accepted without a quorum. Jim Whitfield moved that this be so.
- Unanimous vote to accept this.
- SO welcomed all to the meeting and thanked those who had been present all day for staying on. New Lead Group members present introduced themselves; Louise Beecroft, Sue Dudill, Jon Lancaster, Geoff Pearson and David Vaughan.
- Current Lead Group members introduced themselves; Ruth Marsden, Sylvia Whitton, Ron Hart, Pat Perkins, Jim Whitfield.
- SO introduced Kerry Straw and explained the reason for her attendance at the meeting.
- 2. Apologies:** Adrian Barnes-White, John Brown, Joan Fletcher, Maggie Whitlock.
- Present:** Louise Beecroft, Stuart Carr, Sue Dudill, Nick Evans, Ingrid Feuchte, Ron Hart, Win Hough, Jon Lancaster, Ruth Marsden, Alison Rowlands, Sylvia Whitton, Joan Warnes, Pat Perkins, Geoff Pearson, Jean Rawson, David Vaughan, Jim Whitfield, Jean Turner, Jean Wormwell.
- Host Representatives:**
- Susan Oliver, Ortrud Nield, Julia Bugg
- Also Present:**
- Kerry Straw – Driffield Renaissance Co-ordinator – independent adjudicator.

3. Approval of the Election Results of Lead Group Members: SO reminded the meeting that following insufficient nominations to the Lead Group to warrant an election, it had been proposed that all nominees be accepted, if there were no objections. As the Host had not received any objections this would be the action taken. The meeting agreed that this was the appropriate way forward and the new members were welcomed on to the Lead Group.

4. Ballot Takes Place for Chair and Vice Chair: Observed counting of postal vote and votes cast at the AGM.

SO informed the meeting that on Monday 21 June, she and JB had taken the unopened postal votes to the office of Kerry Straw and that KS had removed the ballot slip from the voting forms in order to facilitate validation of votes. The voting paper had then been placed in a sealed envelope ready to be counted at the AGM. Voting had taken place through the day but was now closed. KS removed the ballot slips from the voting forms in order to allow JB to validate authorised votes only had been received and then progressed to count the votes in view of all present.

5. Receive and Approve ERYLINK Annual Report 2009/10: SO presented the 2009/10 Annual Report, its legislative requirement and deadline date of 30 June 2010. Covers the period April 2009 to March 2010.

SO described the challenges of getting to the hard to reach groups and that we have some groups represented by our new members.

The ERYLINK launch bus had been a particular success and had been adopted by another LINK as a result.

Following the presentation members were invited to ask questions.

WH asked if the underspend had gone back to ERYC. RM replied that ERYC had already rewritten their policy, so that underspend would not be rolled forward, resulting in a loss of this money.

RH and JWh paid tribute to the staff and Chair for their efforts to address an enormous amount of work.

GP proposed that the Annual Report be approved, JWh seconded this and it was approved unanimously.

6. Results of the Chair and Vice Chair Vote

Kerry Straw announced that following the count of votes, which had been held in public, the result was:

Received and Approved:	Ruth Marsden	17
	Maggie Whitlock	67

And therefore Maggie Whitlock was the new Chair of ERYLINK.

JWh thanked RM for her work for the LINK.

Geoff Pearson was the only candidate for Vice Chair and was therefore appointed to the post. Accepted by all present.

7. Receive and Approve the ERYLINK Annual Accounts 2009/10:

Approval was given for the Accounts.

8. Receive and Approve Amendments to ERYLINK Governance:

WH expressed the view that she would have liked more notice of the proposed amendments and more instruction as to how to comment on them.

Discussion arose as to whether to approve the amendments en bloc or point by point. SO requested that members identify issues they wished to treat separately and then the remainder would be dealt with as a group.

4.1 - WH expressed her concerns to alteration of Governance which required that we have a minimum of 8 Forums, the current wording facilitates as many as we want, so why pin ourselves down to a higher number, especially as we are still trialling the format. PP responded that the Forums would take a variety of forms, with the September and December planned events being of a larger scale and then smaller forums, (focus groups), maybe with single topic with a 2 hour duration. It was agreed that 8 Forums of a similar type to the ones already undertaken could not be achieved and that we must be mindful that we are overloading the Host. Discussion took place around the issues of type, focus and timescale.

WH made the proposal that the Governance be left as is. Vote 6 in favour of the proposal, 12 against. Thus the alteration to the Governance was agreed.

5.4.3 – WH proposed that the amendment not be actioned. Following discussion a vote resulted in 11 votes in favour of retaining the current wording. Resulting in the Governance being unaltered.

Approval was sought for the remaining changes to be accepted. Unanimously agreed.

9. Members' Business:

SW expressed her concern that a new member of the Lead Group could be allowed to become Chair.

10. AOB:

None.

SO expressed her thanks to all; Lead Group, new members and staff with special thanks to the outgoing Chair for her efforts to date.

Meeting Closed: 8.10 pm