

LANARKSHIRE BREASTFEEDING INITIATIVE

Meeting Held on Wednesday 27th January 2010 at 7.30pm
in Netherton Community Centre, Wishaw

PRESENT:

Laura Heaney (Chair)	Lorraine Campbell (Vice Chair)	
Louise James (Secretary)	Anne Marie McAteer (Treasurer)	
Anne Marie Lee	Heather McCaig	Sharren Walker
Catina Hayward	Karen Kerr	Karen Morton
Margaret Thomson	Alison Buesnel	Gayle Scott

APOLOGIES:

Gwyneth Scott	Francesca Aaen	Anne Marie Bruce
Kirsty Wright	Fiona Cameron	Annette Cartwright
Shona Brownlie	Angela Dow	Lydia Duncan
Jean Gaston	Mary Grant	Wendy Drysdale
Sharon Murray	Frances O'Connor	Emma O'Keefe
Mary Rafferty	Sharon Simpson	Heather Allan

Action

1. Welcome and Introduction

Laura Heaney welcomed and thanked everyone along to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Noted.

3. Treasurers Report

Anne Marie McAteer noted the closing balance at **£9,747.00**

4. Committee Skills Training

Gayle Scott explained that following the AGM the LBI committee had agreed to attend a training course on committee skills training. Gayle had received a quote for this training from ALVO a voluntary organisation based in Lanark. The cost for this would be £240 for six sessions which could be taken over 3 evenings or in 1 day. It was noted that 5 members would prefer day and 2 for an evening session. It was agreed to try a date for a daytime session and hold this in the Wishaw area.

Gayle to contact ALVO and arrange a daytime session. Also arrange a training room in Wishaw area.

GS

5. Breastfeeding Friendly Campaign

Anne Marie McAteer explained that the LBI and NHS were looking to re-establish the BFC campaign in Lanarkshire. To date 178 premises are registered including North and South Lanarkshire Councils corporately in areas where children are already allowed. The aim of the project is to increase numbers of premises registered and to reassess the existing premises which are.

Anne Marie noted that the group would be looking to commission LBI members on a sessional basis to visit and assess premises. Phase 1 of the project would hope to see libraries within the North Lanarkshire Council area visited as already 4 of these libraries have signed up in 2004.

Sessional workers would receive £7.00 per hour and travel expenses at 24p per mile.

The majority of members present agreed to be involved in this project. Anne Marie will contact North Lanarkshire Council to get things started and will report back to the next meeting when timescales etc. will be agreed.

AMM/AB

6. AOB

Anne Marie Lee reported that an email had been received from Adele McVey who is a midwife at WGH with regards to approaching a local senior citizens knitting group to make knitted breast models with a view to these being used as a training resource. Would these be of use to the LBI or Community Mothers for training purposes etc. Much discussion followed and it was agreed that it would be useful to contact the group(s) and get more information. This could be an opportunity to promote breastfeeding amongst 'significant others' and during breastfeeding awareness week in June this year. *POST MEETING NOTE: AML has spoken with Adele and she is happy to discuss further and will attend the next meeting.*

AML

It was noted from members that attendance at some BF support groups was low. The group in Cumbernauld had moved venue recently to the Town Hall however this is no longer available as a service. Sharon Walker (LBI member and Community Mother) raised her concerns about the group not being available for breastfeeding mothers in the area. It was also noted that guidelines to standardise the format of breastfeeding support groups in NHSL are being finalised. In the interim a copy of this minute will be sent to the Service Development Manager in Cumbernauld and AML will communicate with him and the Unicef Baby Friendly representative to explore the reasons why the group has been disbanded.

Karen Kerr reported that BF support groups were to receive funding for equipment etc. and agreed to give a breakdown of these costs available at next meeting.

KK

Gayle and Alison to update LBI website with BF support group details.

GS/AB

Louise James suggested writing to the facilitators of BF groups to promote awareness of the LBI. Possibly a member of the LBI speaking at the group?

LJ

Anne Marie Lee to raise awareness of the LBI at Unicef locality meetings.

AML

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 24th February 2010 at 7.30pm in Netherton Community Centre. Gayle to book venue.

GS