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North Norfolk Pride Minutes Meeting at the Red Lion Inn Cromer 10/1/12 7.00pm

Attendees: Pieter, Duncan, Simon A, Alan, Jan, Ruth, Hilary, Jacqui, Louis, Simon R, Amy

Apologies: Gill, David, John, Alex C

- 1. Treasurers report from Jan:** There has been little activity from the North Norfolk Pride account except the very generous regular donations.
 - ⤴ The steering committee decided in the last meeting that the North Norfolk Pride bank account would be moved from Nationwide to Natwest, for ease of access for the new treasurer and secretary.
 - ⤴ Anonymous donors will be contacted to notify them of the changes.
 - ⤴ The Chair, Treasurer and Secretary will talk and agree a date for the change over.
- 2. Co-opting another member of the Steering committee:** It was decided after looking through the constitution of North Norfolk Pride that 6 would be a good number of people to have on the steering committee.
 - ⤴ Alan very kindly offered to be the 6th member.
 - ⤴ It was also mentioned in the constitution that in order for motions to pass and be carried at least 2 members of the elected steering committee must vote.
- 3. Membership registration form:** The website has been trial running the new form for the membership register. Everyone voted this form was easy to use and accessible to those wanting to use it. It will now be used for the implementing of the new membership register.
- 4. Health and Safety policy:** Jan talked us through the Health and Safety policy (available on website) She explained that the Beach Chill Out will have a separate Health and Safety policy and Risk assessment set up by the Chair. It was agreed that the appointed Health and Safety officers would be the Steering committee.
- 5. Scarf photography project:** Repairs on the scarf were done very kindly by Paul Sampson. Calico costs were discussed along with ease of transport of the scarf after the backing is put on. It was decided that calico would be too heavy for the scarf and prices will now be found for green mesh type netting from garden centres and B&Q.
Possible places for photo shoots with the scarf are:-
 - ⤴ Cley Windmill
 - ⤴ Salthouse Church
 - ⤴ East Ruston Gardens
 - ⤴ North Norfolk coastal beaches

* Pieter said he would talk to Helen Simpson-Slapp about scarf maintenance and

possibilities of un-stitching the scarf for ease of transport.

*[Duncan](#) will look on Google for knitted scarf maintenance tips.

*[Amy](#) will price up the netting and forward costs to Chair before next meeting.

6. **Sylvia Townsend-Warner** – The project was explained to the meeting. North Norfolk Pride have been given a budget of £200 to create a community awareness of Sylvia Townsend-Warner and her writing. It was suggested that informational posters are created with quotes from some of Sylvias' books were made and put up around North Norfolk and at Norwich Pride, focusing on Salthouse as a main area of interest as Sylvia lived there during her life. It was also mentioned that North Norfolk Pride could ask Norfolk County Council if posters could be displayed in local libraries as well.
No immediate action is being taken.

7. **North Norfolk Youth Group:** [Simon R](#) and [Hilary](#) will be making a presentation to North Norfolk Youth Group about LGBT issues.

8. **Beach Chill Out 2012.** - It has been agreed that North Norfolk Pride will host a Beach Chill Out in 2012.

Date will be Sunday 29th July. Which is the day after The Norwich Pride march.

There were a few concerns over needing more advertising this year and needing to change the start time to later in the day. This has been noted for discussion at a date closer to July.

9. **Art with a capital Q** has temporarily been put on hold until Marcus is available for discussions with Simon and Alan.

10. **LGBT History Month:** Opening ceremony 31st January.

- a) North Norfolk Pride Chair will make a brief presentation at the start of LGBT History Month about the projects North Norfolk Pride are undertaking (photography and Sylvia Townsend Warner)

- b) [Pieter](#) has started a cross stitch panel for the Sew Gay Quilt. It's a community project which means anyone can join in. Ideally the North Norfolk Pride panel needs to be complete by May, so sew pride have enough time to sew all the panels together before Norwich Pride. Pieter explained that unlike last year the Sew pride Project will not be used in any form of demonstration political or other.

Ruth suggested we put in place a regulation for what the North Norfolk Pride panel in the quilt should be used for. It was agreed that the North Norfolk Pride panel will be used in the quilt for positive uses and in an attempt to better the popular opinion of LGBT.

- c) Debate – Hilary Koe offered to host a lecture on freedom of expression with an open debate at the end. With the aim of putting an event in the LGBT History Month calendar before 13th January.

It was brought to question how accessible a debate would be to the general public and whether it would be an event people would travel out of their way to attend.

Ruth and Jan suggested instead of it being LGBT history month, having a personal history event. Where people come along and tell their personal stories. Pieter suggested calling it "Patchwork Histories"

It was also discussed about bringing people from Norwich and other areas to tell about their LGBT personal journey.

11. Simon A suggested having a separate meeting for the Steering Committee. Instead of having joint social and committee meetings. Then the Steering committee could discuss the business aspect and general running of North Norfolk Pride. Pieter had mentioned before that more focus needed to be put on the social aspect of North Norfolk Pride and it has now been asked that people send in ideas for group activities North Norfolk Pride could do together.

Suggestions so far, Fakenham races – Ladies day (big hats)

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12. Pieter suggested having a stall at the LGBT history month opening selling books, North Norfolk Pride Rock and novelty mugs. [Hilary](#), [Simon R](#) and [Amy](#) said they would happily “person” the stall and [Jacqui](#) offered to help set up.
13. Amy suggested having a float or procession in Cromer carnival for 2012 and will research dates and costs.