



North Warwickshire
Borough Council



Disability Forum Agenda

Wednesday 25th September 2024 10.30am-12pm

To be held at The Osca Centre
42 Owen Street
Atherstone
CV9 1DG

Minutes

The minutes will be taken by Deborah Sharp

Agenda

1. Welcome, introductions, tea and biscuits.
2. Apologies. Sue Healey.
3. Action notes from the launch of The New Disability Forum on 27th June 2024. See attachment.
4. Guest speaker: Cody Treen, Operations Officer for North Warwickshire Borough Council. Cody will be speaking about inclusivity within our leisure centres.
5. Guest Speaker. Thomas Seaman, director of a local business called Wonky Candles. www.wonkycandles.co.uk He will be talking about his journey to overcome disability by resilience, determination, support from loved ones and personal growth, embracing one's unique strengths while facing limitations head-on.
6. AOB.
7. Date of next meeting in January 2025.

Feedback from The New Disability Forum launch is as follows;

1. People would like a Disability Forum page on our council website with links to benefits, housing, clubs, support groups, social media etc, so people don't have to search through the whole site trying to find information. It's very hard to navigate for people with learning difficulties. We could also post the agenda and minutes of meetings. Is there any help available for form filling, face to face? Link on DF page and information on this. Large print, readable text.

We have begun to develop a webpage (see below) all ideas and input is welcomed.



2. Positivity. It's about what we can do, not can't. Disabled people want to feel accepted in society, deserve to be treated properly and there is more to them than simply being disabled. Sharing stories, case studies. Meeting new friends, making more people aware that people with a disability are not too be feared or treated differently.

We will be having some amazing guest speakers visit our Disability Forums.

3. Comprehensive list of clubs and activities suitable for children and adults with a disability.

This is a work in progress and we will add information to our webpage as soon as we can. Please visit our Disability Forum webpage to share information.

4. Employability – Which companies employ people with disabilities. We are going to find out more information on Disability Confident Employers.