

# Ormskirk Foodbank Minutes

## AGM

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015

Attendee's: Peter Chalk, Geoff Fallows, John Rigby, Shelia Rudd, Linda James, Margaret Wiechers, Magee Noble, Bill Jones, Alan Robinson, Kath Lea, Andrew Lea, Jo Cave, Katherine MacKenzie, Helen Murphy, Jeanette King, Rachel Wheble, Diane Nalborczyk, Linda Turner, Mark Hudson, Mark Gibson, Lesley Stewart and Gay Wells.

Apologies: Beth Blamires and Margaret Meadows.

Geoff introduces himself and welcomes everyone, including trustees and steering group members and new member Jeanette King

Beth Blamires is stepping down as trustee.

AGM opened in prayer.

- Previous AGM minutes from 3/6/14 proposed by Bill Jones and seconded by Andrew Leigh.
- Ormskirk Foodbank has fed over 500 people in the first year
- Variable numbers- February very busy- over 100 fed.
- Main source of referrals is Jobcentre Plus and Help Direct.
- 1/3 from Scott Estate
- 1/6 from Burscough
- Looked at opening sub branch in Burscough, but not accepted.
- Boiler Room provided by OCF- for which we are most thankful

Generous donations mean we are able to help others in great need, we have been able to provide food to other organisations in Skelmersdale, North Liverpool, Bootle, Central Liverpool, Shoreline Church-foodbank, café/kitchen.

Main source of food is Tesco twice yearly collections and the permanent collection points at the two Tesco stores.

Food is collected then weighed and stored in Bickerstaff premises, although we are always on the look-out for other stores.

Skelmersdale Food Initiative:

- Running courses at the Civic Hall
- Cooking on a Budget.
- 3-4 courses in total
- Some clients did not attend their sessions.

Fruit and veg vouchers from Barn Owl at £3 per person seems to be working well and being used.

Quality Assurance:

- Done by Trussell Trust
- Good report
- Foodbank offers a loving and non-judgemental service to a high standard

#### Merger:

- Skelmersdale has 3 distribution centres and give out as much food in 1 week as we do in 1 month.
- More demand in Skelmersdale
- Possible merger with Skelmersdale Foodbank.
- Ormskirk Foodbank has tons of extra food.
- Volunteers who want to do more.
- Entails a new charity, trustees, steering group.
- Getting advice from Trussell Trust.
- Board of trustees to make final decision.
- Nothing will happen until next year
- Feedback welcomed
- Suggestion that not all people in our area have been reached.
- Practice managers feel negative about referrals due to additional work load.

#### Accounts:

- In healthy state – as no storage costs.
- OCF rental £1500
- Donations - £564 -bag packing M&S, £1562 – Bishop of Liverpool, £1512 – Tesco top up- worth £2750 over a 2-year period.
- Healthy balance carried forward of £7467
- Vote of thanks to John for all his hard work.
- Tony Leigh proposed as examiner by Pete Chalk and seconded by John Rigby.

#### Elections:

- Those proposed, including Lesley Stewart, were elected un-opposed.
- Steering group all duly elected.

Rachel Wheble is moving to pastures new, and as such her work load will need easing. Geoff Fallows has taken over as Chair from Pete Chalk to ease his work load.

There are still some problems with getting voucher holders within schools and doctors surgeries, it is hoped to send vouchers with covering letters.

#### Thanks:

- To Mark Hudson for the use of his premises in Bickerstaffe.
- To all the hard working and diligent volunteers – 80 in total (30-40 active)
- To Margaret Wiechers for organising the volunteers.
- John Rigby thanked the warehouse volunteers for their hard work and commitment.
- Bill Jones and John Rigby received a round of applause for the excellent job they do.
- Thanks to Trustees and Steering Group members.
- To Pete Chalk for his hard work, big Thank you!

Winner of the draw was Magee Noble.

Closed in prayer by Andrew Lea