

Minutes of meeting of FoCL, Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 9.00am – 10.00am

Venue – Colyton Library

1. Apologies for absence – JF, MH, AK, MM, RM, SW

Present : DD,JD,RH,JU

2. Minutes of meeting on 4.11.14 : agreed

3. Update on successful pilot application and subsequent meeting with all pilots on 11.12.14:

JD and RH attended the meeting, which was useful and positive, concerning sharing information and support for the future. The 12 pilot libraries' proposals are to be circulated to the committee. Some involving relocation will take several years to come to fruition. There was encouragement for the 12 to make a combined rather than individual bid for funding to take plans forward. The advice to turn to EDVSA (East Devon volunteer support agency – our local branch of DEVA) for support was viewed with some scepticism arising from personal experiences.

Colyton's designated pilot manager is Jo Launder; having worked with Exeter City and Topsham libraries, her experience should be helpful. Jo will come to Colyton with Mark Peasley (new manager, replacing Carole Burgess) for a formal meeting in January.

Ciara Eastell had quizzed JD as to why we were keen to own the building, and was relieved when told that we suggested that as a means to make savings and generate income and to ensure that money donated by local people was certain to be used for Colyton Library. The group would prefer not to own the building if other ways can be found to achieve the same outcomes.

Other points from the meeting:

RH – the new computer system to replace Galaxy is being developed; a user group is involved but managerial staff at the meeting appeared to know little about it.

January 30th will be an all day meeting , presumably in Exeter, when speakers from York will describe their model. 2 committee members are required to attend.

Mid-December there is a meeting of DLS with DCC to approve proposed funding for pilots.

Volunteer hours need to be recorded (for possible EU funding); RH can provide details for Tuesdays and Saturdays. We also need to record hours spent on committee business.

Pilots are expected to have their new models running by the end of 2015, other libraries by end of April 2016.

JD – there was little focus on savings as DLS can achieve more savings than anticipated by going to the mutual trust model.

4. Library matters

- **Christmas party and decorations :** the library will be decorated. It had been agreed to acquire a small artificial Christmas tree (<£30) to be retained for future use.

The status of the Christmas party is currently unknown.

- **Memory Cafe?** MH had originally suggested this, to be held monthly on a Wednesday. The small venue, with refreshment facilities, certainly lends itself to such a venture.

DD volunteered to lead an initial exploration. Eventually this should include an assessment of need, and liason with GPs and dementia support groups.

5. FoCL membership/recruitment : nothing to report

6. Volunteer matters : nothing to report

7. AoB : none

8. Date of next meeting : to be arranged when the date for Jo Launder's visit is known.