

**Minutes of the meeting of the Karten Network held on 22nd January 2015
at the offices of RNIB, 105 Judd Street, London WC1H 9NE.**

Present

Dawn Green (Chair)
David Fullerton
Christine Price
Tim Simon
Rohan Slaughter

In Attendance

Ceri Hibbert
Angela Hobbs

1. Apologies

Mubina Asaria
Joel Elias
Matthew Kayne
Anthony Davis (IKCT Trustee)
Arwyn Jones (Beacon Centre)
Martin Pistorius

2. Minutes of the last meeting (08.10.14)

DG drew our attention to an error in point 4 of the minutes. The first sentence should read, "DG informed the board that the "Children and Families Act" came into effect in September".

3. Matters arising from the minutes

CH to put Landmarks impact of funding report, written by DG, on the **CH** website.

4. Chair's Update

DG announced that she had now left her post as Principal of Landmarks although was still employed as a consultant there.

5. Network Manager's Report

CH tabled her report, which contained centre visits and other activities. This had been distributed to board members prior to the meeting.

6. Israel Representative's Report

Prior to the meeting the board received a very detailed and interesting report from DB-T. This included a report on her visit to England in

October, updates from CDB, ONO, ALS and Chimes and a possible request for funding in the future to Beit Gan Or.

7. Mobile Technology Advisor update

CH was pleased to notify the board that Martin Pistorius has been appointed the Mobile Technology Advisor. He attended two Regional meeting has had discussions with quite a few people in the Network.

8. Karten Network Strategy

Prior to the meeting CH circulated a draft of a workplan for the Mobile Technology Advisor. CH, MP and DG to review. **DG**
CH

9. Regional events 2014

CH paid thanks to RS and Matt Harrison from Portland for their help with the presentations at the Regional Meetings. CH had received many feedback forms, all of which were very positive. Prior to the meeting CH distributed the comments. Attendees said they valued sharing ideas with local people who were experiencing the same challenges. 93 people in total signed up for the events. The worst attendance was for the on-line event – 8/20 with only one apology. CH to email to try to establish the reason for the poor on-line attendance. **CH**

10. Regional events 2015

The preference was for regional events rather than a conference as they seemed to attract more people. It was suggested that they be more client focussed, with participation from them as well as staff. CH to publish in advance of the meetings the theme what will be discussed, e.g specialist disability. CH to think about good practise presentation, the role of service users and a publication after the events to draw one's attention to the people who have areas of expertise in the Network who they could contact for help. RS to email his contact details at NESTA regarding ideas for a Make-a-Thon as it may be more favourable to have the Network's involvement rather than our lead it. **CH**
RS

11. Any other business

TMS said that he and CH had a meeting arranged with David Lerner, CEO of the Samuel Sebba Charitable Trust and their Technical Advisor shortly after the Network meeting to discuss sharing information.

CH said she was still working on her job description, to distribute at the IKCT Trustees meeting in March. **CH**

CP told the board that there is now a "Karten" page on the Portland website. A date for your diaries - Portland to host a Karten day on

Thursday 7th May.

The meeting closed at 1.25p.m

Date of next meeting

11.15a.m. on Thursday 23rd April 2015 at the offices of RNIB.