

Feeding Bradford and Keighley AGM 2025.

Minutes of the AGM and Network meeting.

Monday 13th October 2025. 13:00-14:30pm at The Storehouse. Bradford.

Present: Cathy Henwood (CH), Dan Palmer (DP), Imogen Stewart (IS), Graham Walker (GW), Barbara Wall (BW), Kathryn Hughes (KH), Katie Smith (KS)

Apologies: Andrew Forsey, Clare Leighton, Jane Lees (just recorded steering group apologies)

Feeding Bradford and Keighley AGM 13/10/25.

1) Welcome, Introductions and Apologies.

2) Feeding Bradford and Keighley Reports for 2024/25.

CH presented and went through:

- The Feeding Bradford and Keighley Finance Report for 2024-25 and
- The Feeding Bradford and Keighley Activities Report, Nourishing Change 2024-25.

CH discussed the details of both reports. Any questions from the meeting today will be taken to the Feeding Bradford and Keighley Steering group.

Also discussed Feeding Bradford and Keighley's vision and 4 priorities.

Other points discussed:

- New Vision drug and Naloxone training still available, please contact CH for further information.
- Resource available –
 - i) “Find food in Bradford” postcards available to take away today.
 - ii) “Worrying about Money” leaflet – copies available to take away.
- Date for the diary – in November 2025, a short film *More than just food by Feeding Bradford and Keighley* is one of 5 films being shown at the Science Festival in Darley Street Market on Saturday 1st November. You can see the films here <https://environment.leeds.ac.uk/see-research-innovation/dir-record/research-projects/2104/food-on-film-community-led-film-making-in-the-context-of-bradford-food-sustainability>.
- Crisis and Resilience fund will be replacing the Household Support fund.
- Looking ahead – how can we work together?

Actions:

- CH will take the 2 reports (Financial Report and Activities Report) to the Feeding Bradford and Keighley Steering group for approval.
- CH to make enquiries regarding what's happening locally with the 'Bread and Butter Thing'. – *Report back: no planned introduction of Bread-and-Butter Thing by council currently though this may be looked at again when the guidelines for the Crisis and Resilience fund are published*

iii) **Election of Steering group** – Introduction of the Steering group members for election.

Those present today at the AGM elected in the Feeding Bradford and Keighley Steering group.

iv) **Any other formal business?**

Feeding Bradford and Keighley is a constituted community group.

v) **Close of AGM** – Network meeting to follow.

Feeding Bradford and Keighley Network meeting 13/10/25.

1) What should our main work plans be in our priority areas for 2025/26?

The priority areas for 2025 – 2026 are:

- **Ensuring accessible Good Food in a Crisis**...better supported.
- **Supporting providers to support service users** to move on from or avoid food crisis...Better Engagement.
- **Low-cost Community Solutions**... Better Empowerment.
- **Contributing to Understanding of Food Insecurity and informing Policy and Practice**...Better Informed.

Questions put to the Network meeting - Is there anything else we should be doing?

Are there areas with gaps in services?

Are we meeting the real need?

What can Feeding Bradford and Keighley support with?

- Meeting discussed some of the current practical issues faced by Network Members who attended the meeting today.
- Importance to keep up with shaping the New Crisis and Resilience funding when plans get developed.

- Big issue for several groups is that they have a cohort of single men who are hard to move on. These people attend foodbank provision and community meals. They can dominate community meals to the point that families need to be excluded due to some of the groups unpredictable behaviour.
 - Many other groups of people (families, couples etc can be given support and advice – benefits help, budgeting, cooking classes etc and will move on from crisis
 - However, there is a substantial group of single men who are hard to move on.
 - These single men include men under 40.
 - with addictions
 - with mental health conditions
 - Some asylum seekers (though we recognise this is due to very low income)
 - Smaller group of older men
 - With long term health conditions including mental health
 - Widowed men not coping on their own.

The group recognised the priority to work with families, but groups find it hard to get the right support for these men, so they tend to return as often as they are able to. It is hard to find support that would make the difference to these men.

How do we best get these men's needs met?

- Talked about working with partners and other local services and support services.
- Are our food projects the best people to offer this kind of support?
- Suggestions made – linking up for staff training sessions and printing information resources for referrers.
- Discussions around looking to the future, discussed grants available and the Crisis and Resilience fund.

Actions:

- CH to take today's main discussion topics to the next Steering group meeting.
- To also discuss at Steering group – could Feeding Bradford and Keighley put on a mini conference or half day meeting with Partners and different services for single men?

2) News updates from the floor

- Updates from Network members at the meeting.

- NHS Healthy Start Champions training sessions are running this month. Please speak with CH for further information or to book onto a session.

3) Any other business

- Keighley Open Door meeting on Wednesday 15/10/25.
- To invite representatives from different local NHS organisations to future meetings.
- Copies of the 2 resources mentioned in AGM available to take away today. (Postcards and 'worrying about money' leaflet.)

Close of Network meeting at 14.30pm.