**LGBTQ+ Community Steering committee**

**31st January 2022**

**Present**

Sara, Cllr Amy Nicholls, Andy, Alan, David, Ejel, Bill, Laurence, Lauren, Marcus, Ashley, Andy C, Andy (schools out).

**Apologies**

Paul, Michael

1. Constitution document agreed.
2. **25th June agreed**

Some conversation about if we should of moved the date or not as it clashed with London, but felt that as a new Pride it wouldn’t be wise to clash.

1. **Pride prep**
   1. Khadam Dance and Pulse connects
      1. Make sure they are diverse.
      2. Irish dancing groups – Lauren to contact
      3. Peter Thatchell – Ejel to contact
      4. Story telling
      5. Mask making
   2. Community stalls

Stonewall – keen to be involved – Andy C

Beds Police \_ marcus

Keech hospice

Luton Sexual health – Andy C

THT? \_ Laurence to confirm

TOKKO – Andy C

LBC fostering / Adoption

New Family Social – Andy

Rotary stall – Andy C

LGBTQ+ beds – Ashley

* 1. Working groups and responsibilities

People – to email Scott their number to add to whatsapps

* + 1. Entertainment working group
    2. Community stall group
  1. Funding – Scott and Andy to work on it

1. **LGBT Beds**

Relatively new organisation and branching out in Luton and will be launching soon.

4 x taster sessions in Luton, walking / book club/ training session/ Wellbeing

Programme of activity groups and social groups that aren’t alcohol focused.

Diversity and training packages for organisations, faith organisations etc

Befriending service for older LGBTQ+ people and disabled people

Eventually a library service.

[www.LGBTBeds.org](http://www.LGBTBeds.org)

1. LGBTQ+ History Month

Links to visual Arts – painters and sculptures – politics in art – the Arch is long.

TOKKO – creating a piece of art work and will be displayed in the hat factory, films to see etc.

Higgins in Bedford – 26th Feb – Out in the Past – 11 to 4pm – online.

[Www.thehigginsbedford.org.uk](http://Www.thehigginsbedford.org.uk)

40th Anniversary of THT  
50th year since a Pride event in the UK.

1. AOB – None