**Minutes from Pride in Luton Meeting**

**13th January 2022 6pm – 7:30pm**

**Zoom**

**Present**

Andy (took chairing role), Scott, Alan, Ejal, David, Laurence, Cllr Amy Nicholls, Ari-Joe, Marcus, Jennifer,

**Apologies**

Paul

Elizabeth

Rachel – Culture Trust

Michael – Gayle Ale

The group discussed briefly the values of the group and agreed Terms of Reference would be circulated for approval.

**Pride in Luton**

2nd July –agreed as date and good for the council and police

2pm – 7pm was the suggested time for the event.

The event will take place in the Hat District area.

**A discussion took place on what Pride in Luton should look like:**

* Andy confirmed Stonewall happy to be involved
* Luton Bid happy to support
* Groups to contact, - GUM, Total Wellbeing, Stonewall, THT,
* Reflexology/ Rakki sessions were proposed
* UKCCA happy to support
* George II pub on board and have things planned for the evening which will complement the day.
* Outside broadcast of the radio station for the university – David to explore
* TOKKO Young people have been doing work on history that could be displayed
* Police wouldn’t want anyone else selling alcohol on the street as number of licensed premises already in the area.

**Things to consider/ questions we need to ask:**

* What’s happening at the bear club? – Andy to speak to Justin.
* Things in Hat Factory afterwards – Scott and Rachael to discuss further
* Logo and strapline needed – Andy to see if can support with this

A discussion took place on wider consultation and the group proposed that we ask the wider Luton community about their view if Pride should take place.

*On further conversations with the EDI team at the council, it has been suggested we should only ask for positive contributions of what people would like to see at Pride and not if it should take place or not. This will elevate any potential homophobia/biphobia/transphobia or disruption. As such it is suggested the following:*

1 – Promote on Social Media asking for what people would like to see and they can email in suggestions.

2 – Use LGBTQ+ history month to press release it’s happening in July and we want the community to get more involved.

**AOB – LGBT History Month**

**A discussion took place on what people expected to see from the council in relation to LGBTQ+ history month:**

* LGBT history of community in Luton, Pictorial archive of LGBT history that could be displayed. – Lauren to ask on “Luton I remember” FB group.
* Statement from the leader of the council in support
* Flag flown in support – this may be from the Balcony (which got Cllr Nicolls agreement as best approach)

Meeting concluded at 19.30