



Social Meeting Wednesday

2nd October 2025 6pm - 8pm at MAKE

- **Welcome**

Michelle welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Guests:

- Tony McCarthy (Hive)
- Sarah Lehmkuehler (Accessibility Working Group)

- **Icebreaker**

The group started with a fun quiz to get everyone involved.

- Minutes from the Last Meeting read by Michelle

Michelle read out the minutes from the previous meeting.

- Guest Speaker Tony McCarthy – Hive

Tony spoke about a new Youth Alliance service being proposed to bring all Portsmouth services together on one easy-to-use search engine.

The group discussed:

- Services currently available in Portsmouth
- Accessibility and ease of use of the Hive website

Afterwards, everyone enjoyed some pizza and continued chatting informally with our guests.

- **Guest Sarah from Accessible working group**
- New Project - Sarah joined the group to introduce a new joint project following on from the Accessible Voting Guide.
- The new project will focus on creating an Easy Read Guide about who works for the Local Council and Government.

Sarah had already shared a list of council and government roles, and as a group we:

- Reviewed and discussed the wording
- Chose appropriate symbols and pictures to match each role
- Suggested taking real photos during a visit to the Council Chambers in Portsmouth Guildhall and Civic Offices

Action: A group visit has been arranged for Wednesday 4th December 2025.

- **Any Other Business (AOB)**
- Michelle shared a list of upcoming events and asked for volunteers.
- These have been emailed to members, and a copy is attached to the minutes.
- **Close of Meeting**

Michelle thanked Tony, Sarah, and everyone for their input and participation.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday 5th November 2025 at 6:00pm

Present:

Tony, Sarah, Abbie, Ashley, Sam, Lucy, Matilda, Emma, Steven, Michelle, Karen, and Saarah