

**Notes from the meeting of the Third Sector Network Hub
Wednesday 23rd January 2019
Room 1, the Gateway**

Present:

Derek Jones (DJ)	Disability
Matt Davenport (MD)	Homelessness
Jo Taylor (JT)	Third Sector Partnerships
Alison Cullen (AC)	Infrastructure and Volunteering
Lynne Bennett (LB)	Town Centre Management
Steve Cullen (SC)	Information, Advice and Social Policy
Paul Storey (PS)	Young People
Hasan Kazi (HK)	Ethnic Communities
James Howes (JHo)	Sports
Dida Goode (DG)	Substance Misuse
Adrienne Gilbert (AG)	Health
Mandy Taviner (MT)	Learning Disability
Matt Parker (MP)	Parks and Green Spaces
Janice Hayes (JHa)	Culture
Susan Cassappi (SCa)	Carers

Chair of meeting:

Steve Cullen

Minutes:

Alison Cullen

Apologies:

Eileen Fitzgerald (EF)	Older People
Wynn Higham (WH)	Carers
Dave McNichol (DM)	Children and Families
Stef Woof (SW)	Infrastructure
Michael Sheppard (MS)	Mental Health
Lydia Thompson (LT)	Health

Item		Action
1.	Apologies Apologies received as detailed above.	
2.	Conflicts of Interest None declared	
3.	Guest Speakers Due to bad weather and travel conditions the update from Lynton Green Cllr, Russ Bowden and Cllr Cathy Mitchell on WBC's annual budget was cancelled. AC to rearrange as soon as possible.	AC

4.	<p>Notes of the Last Meeting/Matters Arising</p> <p>Minutes agreed as a true record.</p>	
5.	<p>Action Points Carried Forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DJ to forward AC brief on Disability Confident to encourage third sector organisations and their suppliers sign up. • SC to forward link to White Ribbon campaign and ambassador training 	<p>DJ</p> <p>SC</p>
6.	<p>Central Neighbourhood Renewal Area Board</p> <p>JT- First phase of masterplan engagement complete approx. 1000 completed questionnaires. JT gave credit to neighbourhoods and their effort in this. Emerging messages are: congestion, air pollution and public transport. Good response from schools highlighting optimism but increased worries about safety. Update will be reported to H&WBB and CNRB, including plan to implement delivery mechanisms. Phase 2 will be more in depth.</p>	
7.	<p>Commissioning Sub Group</p> <p>AC to share notes from the meeting</p>	AC
8.	<p>News Round-Up</p> <p>SC- UC slowing down following recognition of concessions. Pension Credit changes are now in force.</p> <p>EU Settlement scheme enabling migrants to apply for settlement status, the paperwork is straightforward but requests range of personal and family details. Nationally, Citizens Advice have advised CABs not to apply for fund due to costs of interpreters and payment in arrears for an unknown service. DJ have registered to support with the form filling but not applied to the fund.</p> <p>AC – Volunteer Conference 6th March. Also, WVA promoting Manbassador campaign throughout 2019 to engage more men into volunteering and developing more male orientated opportunities within the community, to include increased volunteering activity in central wards.</p> <p>SCa- Wired have set up a men’s carers group at the Olive Tree in Penketh. Also, established monthly meetings for carers with mental health issues meeting at Carers Centre. In relation to expected budget cuts, SCa stated that cut backs in services and direct payments is affecting service users what will happen if people don’t have much needed services. SC suggested Citizens Advice could come to talk to people about benefits if needed.</p> <p>HK – students from Chester and Warrington college are having a visit to places of worship. Successful celebrations on 6th January for Indian independence day.</p>	

<p>JH – Holiday Hunger agenda 9067 children’s that’s 20% living in poverty, there is a network meeting next week, partners include LiveWire, WWF, Foodbank and Friends of Meadowside. Identified 3 key principles, activity, food and literacy are all affected during school holiday. 9 million funding is available, as part of national initiative, but Warrington does not qualify. Partners are looking at other ways of leveraging in funds. Active Warrington has a scoping meeting for the Walking Festival led by Public Health highlighting what’s already taking place. JH to circulate draft of Walking Festival</p> <p>MD – Homelessness provider tender event at Gateway 24th January. Harsh period for homeless community with 6 deaths since December 1st, which has impacted on services, in particular managing emotions and disruptive behaviours of community. SWEP is in place to keep people safe and well. Building work for the additional beds is yet to start, completion expected by September at the latest.</p> <p>PS – Childrens Mental Health week is 4-10th February.</p> <p>MP- Playing Pitch Strategy is out for consultation, although this could be out of date due to amount of delays. Orford Park facing increased issues of anti-social behaviour and drug abuse in the evenings including 2 overdoses over Christmas. Livewire don’t have the resources to manage this, there needs to be a multi-agency approach. Love Livewire campaign has started as recovery plan after library issues. MP to share with AC. Bewsey Hub is going to exec committee in February.</p> <p>DJ- Libraries consultation inked in with the Staying Connected forum. Lee Matthews from WBC has been contacting people visual impairments and organisations supporting visually impaired people around accessibility of their website. DJ reported on the number of Shopmobility services that aren’t commissioned and working independently are closing down. Sad news that one of the long term WDP volunteers John Allen passed away.</p> <p>AG – The new chair of the healthwatch Advisory Board is Ruth Dales, the next board meeting will not be public as agreeing terms of reference etc.</p> <p>JH – Council haven’t the finances to support capital investment. Museums and galleries are known to improve wellbeing, there needs to be an invest to save priority. The under 30s have increased numbers of suffering from stress and anxiety and do visit galleries which does have a beneficial impact. Culture Warrington are looking to improve the experience at the Museum with limited funds as it is not adequate for the size of the town. Eric Tucker (Warrington’s hidden LS Lowry) need for a local exhibition, awaiting HLF announcement to deliver 50 years of being a Newtown project.</p> <p>LB – BID board have requested applications for board members. LB has applied as third sector representative.</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>MP</p>
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	Critical friend session with Katie Donnelly was postponed during the meeting due to concerns over funding for the sector with talks of cuts, this didn't resonate well with supporting what appeared to be the development of the Wellbeing Hub.	
11.	AOB – none	
12.	Dates of Next Hub Meeting Wednesday 20 th February 2019 – Room 1	