

**Notes from the meeting of the Third Sector Network Hub  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
Room 1, the Gateway**

**Present:**

Derek Jones (DJ)	Disability
Jo Taylor (JT)	Third Sector Partnerships
Alison Cullen (AC)	Infrastructure and Volunteering
Steve Cullen (SC)	Information, Advice and Social Policy
Hasan Kazi (HK)	Ethnic Communities
Dida Goode (DG)	Substance Misuse
Wynn Higham (WH)	Carers
Stef Griffiths (SG)	Infrastructure
Matt Davenport (MD)	Homelessness
Paul Storey (PS)	Young People
Leon Carroll (LC)	Children and Families
Adrienne Gilbert (AG)	Healthwatch

**Chair of meeting:**

Steve Cullen

**Minutes:**

Alison Cullen

**Apologies:**

Dave McNichol (DM)	Youth Zone
Michael Sheppard (MS)	Mental Health
Mandy Taviner (MT)	Learning Disability
Lydia Thompson (LT)	Health
Lynne Bennett (LB)	Town Centre Management
Matt Parker (MP)	Parks and Green Spaces
Janice Hayes (JHa)	Culture
James Howes (JHo)	Sports

Item		Action
1.	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies received as detailed above.	
2.	<b>Conflicts of Interest</b> None declared	
3.	<b>Notes of the Last Meeting/Matters Arising</b>  Minutes correct with one amendment: the Allen Street Carers Group (caring for people with severe mental health issues) has moved to WIRED and meet on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month.	

	<p>Matters Arising – JT &amp; WBC are following up the update from Dave Thompson regarding Andy Burnham announcing investing in the 3<sup>rd</sup> sector in Gt Manchester. JT to report back any findings at the next meeting.</p> <p>HK has forwarded details of potential Faith Rep AC to contact. Ac to ask JHa if they experienced increased registration numbers for Spring Heritage network meetings due to WVA circulation.</p>	<p>JT</p> <p>AC</p>
4.	<p><b>Wellbeing Service feedback</b></p> <p>A hard copy of the overall feedback on the service was shared with Hub. The Hub agreed that the feedback collated should be forwarded to Katie Donnelly as confidential. AC to submit and report back on response at next meeting. Hub members not attending the March meeting to contact AC for copy of feedback.</p>	<p>AC</p>
5.	<p><b>Central Neighbourhood Renewal Area Board</b></p> <p>JT fed back that phase 2 has started, a display and consultation leaflets outlining the 135 potential priorities are in the Gateway and will continue to be promoted around the town, central area and at appropriate venues/events until 12<sup>th</sup> April and online until 14<sup>th</sup> April. Focused priorities from this phase, many of which have cross cutting themes will lead to a worked up plan with projects, stakeholder commitments, timescales etc.</p> <p>Hub members encouraged to support the consultation through their networks. LC stated they are supporting the consultation through their youth outreach projects. The BID has been engaged, to link in with transport and town centre developments.</p>	
7.	<p><b>News Round-Up</b></p> <p>MD- Building work for the 6 bedrooms is due to start in April. The homelessness commission framework will be announced next week with consortia bids expected. It is anticipated that the funding allocation will decrease. AC asked if MD had been contacted by YMCA St Helens, Sefton/Knowsley as they have approached WVA, MD hasn't been contacted. MD attended the DWP multi-agency meeting which included presentation on ATOS PIP medical process by Mary Dunning (PIP Champion), she wasn't able to give figures but MD estimated that figures equate to one month in every year, ATOS is failing all clients. SC commented that increasing numbers of people losing mobility benefits and they are taking 44-46 weeks to respond to appeals, Cit A is engaging with the Courts and Tribunal Service and our MPs. MD reminded Hub - Art Exhibition at the museum created by James Lee House service users.</p> <p>PS – attended consultation event on the Childrens Safeguarding Board (CSB) new arrangements and governance and pleased to see that the sector is represented by WVA on the CSB. The TAGS celebration event went well, funded by the #iwill programme. The Verve have set up a Think</p>	

<p>Tank for young people to give them a voice in shaping local policies, SG supporting this work. They are currently working on homelessness from a young persons perspective. PS updated on Warrington Safeguarding Board training programme. Will send info to AC to share.</p>	PS
<p>DJ – New CCG Personal Health Budget Manager is Sharon Lomax. Organisations with CCG contracts have been given a 12 month extension. DJ updated on letter from Rick Howell, WBC that was sent to all commissioned organisations regarding challenges and potential cuts. WDP have received a roll-over for Shop Mobility. WDP shop based in the Golden Square is moving to a more visible location near Spec Savers. DJ commented on New Leaf celebration event at the Parr hall being a success with some good news stories from NL clients.</p>	
<p>AG – HW England have awarded funding to all Healthwatch’s to collect views on NHS 10 year plan. HWW is holding an event with Tree of Hope on 25<sup>th</sup> April. The HWW first public board meeting is due to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> March.</p>	LC
<p>LC- 67% of their young people related to having mental health issues at some point. In response WYC are working closely with 3 schools to develop a bespoke programme with each young person having an individual plan of support. NCS programme, WYC have 450 contracted places and are looking for some meaningful community projects for young people to get involved in. LC updated on Krypton factor fundraising quiz and bike ride from Saltsburg to Vienna. Will send info to AC to circulate.</p>	
<p>SC- from 1<sup>st</sup> April Citizens Advice working with DWP on a one-year pilot to assist with UC claims. WBC has lost funds to help with referrals, with a smaller pot of funds allocated to Citizens Advice. The UC pilot will be working from the Gateway and co-located one day per week in the Job Centre, supporting 600 people. Consultation is out regarding housing and possession action, with cuts to legal aid people now need to travel to St Helens. UC roll out has been slowed down, Amber Rudd has announced a 10,000 claimant pilot, this time it isn’t in Warrington.</p>	
<p>AC – feedback from ESIF committee and Into Work Board suggested that New Leaf has not yet been granted match from the LEP beyond March 2020, discussions are ongoing. AC pleased that LB has a place on the BID board, as external providers have been contracted to deliver activities e.g. fundraising and film production. Mental Health Strategy has been signed off, a good piece of work involving partners and service user input. Volunteer conference was successful and highlighted the need for more opportunities to access information and networking, this could be an opportunity to refresh network lunch meetings with short, fast paced informative conferences/networking.</p>	
<p>HK- WIA held successful event, with guest speakers from the Rotary Club Club and an Islamic Scholar. WECA have hosted a social dinner for 55 Syrian refugees. This was their first gathering with the refugees from the re-</p>	

	<p>settlement programme. WIA held a condolence event on March 17<sup>th</sup> following the Christ Church shootings.</p> <p>SG- delivering WAYV young peoples voice project, currently working with The Verve, WYC, Wired and young people in care. Also speaking to school PHCE leads, specifically focusing on primary care and culture.</p> <p>WH- updated on Carers UK state of caring online survey. Wired are holding a 'connecting to communities' event focusing on those that don't identify themselves as carers. Wired are holding drop ins at the Olive Tree in Penketh. The Carers Partnership Board discussed direct payments and are setting up a task and finish group to look at the assessment stage. Also, discussed need to connect services and raise awareness of services.</p>	
8.	<p>All Hub members agreed the Third Sector Network Hub AGM/Annual Review to be held June 19<sup>th</sup>. AC to forward information regarding elections etc. in due course.</p>	
9.	<p>AOB – Warrington Guardian featured article on trams for Warrington and extensions to wider tram network. Trams aren't cited within the LTP or CNRB.</p> <p>JT to present on the masterplan work at May Hub.</p>	
	<p><b>Dates of Next Hub Meeting</b></p> <p>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – Room 1 Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May – Room 1</p>	