

**Notes from the meeting of the Third Sector Network Hub  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018, 09.30am  
Room 1, the Gateway**

**Present:**

Derek Jones (DJ)	Disability
Mandy Taviner (MT)	Learning Disability
Matt Davenport (MD)	Homelessness
Stef Woof (SW)	Infrastructure
Lynne Bennett (LB)	Town Centre Management
James Howes (JHo)	Sports
Paul Storey (PS)	Young People
Susan Cassapi (SCa)	Carers (Deputy)
Jonathon Woodruff (JW)	Health (Deputy)

**Chair of meeting:**

Derek Jones (DJ)

**Apologies:**

Alison Cullen (AC)	Infrastructure and Volunteering
Steve Cullen (SC)	Information, Advice and Social Policy
Jo Taylor (JT)	Third Sector Partnerships
Dida Goode (DG)	Substance Misuse
Wynn Higham (WH)	Carers
Hasan Kazi (HK)	Ethnic Communities
Janice Hayes (JHa)	Culture
Matt Parker (MP)	Parks and Green Spaces
Michael Sheppard (MS)	Mental Health
Lydia Thompson	Health

Item		Action
1.	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies received as detailed above.	
2.	<b>Declaration of Interest</b> None declared.	
3.	<b>Guest Speakers</b> None	
4.	<b>Notes of the Last Meeting/Matters Arising –</b> SCa picked up on a comment from WH in the minutes regarding lack of counselling for carers, as this is something WIRED offer. DJ stated this would be clarified for the next meeting.	
5.	<b>Action Points/Follow Up</b> All Action points completed.	

6.	<p><b>Health &amp; Wellbeing Board</b> There were no representatives present to feedback on May's H+WB meeting. This will be rolled over onto next month's agenda.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Central Neighbourhood Renewal Area Board</b> No Update – next meeting July 11<sup>th</sup></p>	
8.	<p><b>News Round-Up</b></p> <p>LB – The inaugural BID Board meeting will not take place until August. LB briefly gave background of the BID (Business Improvement District) and the subsequent closure of the Town Centre Board, and the significant gaps and concerns this raises, not least the lack of a communication channel between the BID and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sector re: issues affecting the Town Centre. LB advised that Steve Parks has been nominated to raise this issue at the first meeting.</p> <p>MD – Various activities across the Town Centre are causing concern, including the camp site in Victoria Park and on-going conflicts between known individuals. The rough sleeper count is down due to squatting and sofa-surfing. The PCC's pledge to have an Officer in each ward has harmed the Town Centre, as it is not a ward. The lack of visible police presence is significantly contributing to antisocial and dangerous behaviour, mainly around drugs. The Room at the Inn is running on a monthly rolling contract, and due to minimum accommodation standards may be forced to close the night shelter and continue as a day service only. The new Homelessness Reduction Bill is having a significant impact on Warrington. You do not need proof of a local connection when you present as homeless, and lots of people are coming from out of area. When asked why they have come to Warrington, they quote the night shelter as their main reason. James Lee House are now proposing provision for 6 new beds rather than 8, and this will go to the WBC planning committee in the next few months. James Lee House is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary with an afternoon tea on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July, and everyone is welcome. SW to send invite out to the sector.</p> <p>JW – Healthwatch staff are going through a transitional period as Engaging Communities Staffordshire are due to run the service from August 1<sup>st</sup>. The staff await further updates, are keeping existing clients up to date, and are working to complete existing work. There is no update re: location of the service or other strategic/operational progress. LB stated that they have not approached the Gateway regarding office space, and would be rejected in that event as their work as a wider organisation is in direct competition with current tenants, which is against policy. LB and MT stated the decision to award the contract out of area was disappointing in light of the work of the commissioning sub group.</p> <p>PS – Urgent update from the Warrington Safeguarding Children's Board on an online game called Doki Doki Literature Club which could be seriously affecting young people, as one local young person who had played the game took his own life. SW to distribute the update to the CFYP mailing list. Verve Place is celebrating it's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on July 27<sup>th</sup>, colleagues were asked to save the date.</p>	<p>SW</p> <p>SW</p>

	<p>JHo – There will be a stakeholder meeting this Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June to discuss Warrington’s bid for the Rugby League World Cup 2021. Warrington will bid to host a range of elements. The themes to discuss are health, community and culture, legacy, and the ‘big idea’. Contact Alison Harbidge at WBC to register interest. Woolston Rovers have been awarded just under £10k from the Big Lottery to improve their changing facilities. SW stated that WVA supported the bid.</p> <p>SCa – fed back about Carer’s Week, which was very successful. The week included boat trips on the Wizard canal boat courtesy of Warrington Disability Partnership. The Carer’s Conference had the theme of health, as this is something that carer’s personally neglect in favour of their caring commitments. One highlight was young carers standing up and sharing their experiences. More than 100 people were involved, 65 were carers and there were many new faces. Overall very successful.</p> <p>MT – this week is LD awareness week, and Speak Up are acknowledging this locally by highlighting health issues. Pip delivered a big engagement event where NHS England were in attendance. Speak Up also recently delivered an engagement event focused on employment where Local Authority representatives were in attendance. Reception regarding the LA’s contribution/response to issues was mixed.</p> <p>SW – Vol Fest took place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June, and was well received despite the poor weather. WVA continue to showcase the organisations who attended on social media to further advertise their opportunities. The council are keen to support a similar event next year. Warrington Vale Royal College have inviting organisations to submit expressions of interest to deliver adult community learning for the academic year 2018-19. Contact the college for details.</p> <p>DJ – Updated on the Avatar project, which now has sufficient match funding for a 12 month pilot, WDP expect to work with 12 individuals over the course of the pilot expected to start in October. MD stated that figures for LD people in meaningful employment stand at 18%. A letter is almost ready to go to PM Theresa May on the issue, and she will be invited to Warrington. DAD week starts on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, with a whole programme of events taking place each day. Over 200 exhibitors will be present on Disability Awareness Day on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July at Walton Hall and Gardens.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Third Sector Policy Group</b> Next meeting October. DJ asked if there was an update on the Compact refresh. SW to add this item to next meeting’s agenda.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b> None</p>	
11.	<p><b>Dates of Next Hub Meetings</b> Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Room 1 Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September – Room 1</p>	