

**Notes from the meeting of the Third Sector Network Hub
Wednesday 21st November 2018
Room 1, the Gateway**

Present:

Derek Jones (DJ)	Disability
Wynn Higham (WH)	Carers
Matt Davenport (MD)	Homelessness
Jo Taylor (JT)	Third Sector Partnerships
Eileen Fitzgerald (EF)	Older People
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

Chair of meeting:

Steve Cullen

Minutes:

Alison Cullen

Apologies:

Dave McNichol (DM)	Children and Families
Stef Woof (SW)	Infrastructure
Mandy Taviner (MT)	Learning Disability
Michael Sheppard (MS)	Mental Health
Lydia Thompson (LT)	Health
Matt Parker (MP)	Parks and Green Spaces
Janice Hayes (JHa)	Culture
Eileen Fitzgerald (EF)	Older People

Item		Action
1.	Apologies Apologies received as detailed above.	
2.	Conflicts of Interest None declared	
3.	Guest Speakers Ashley Smith delivered presentation on 'My Life Warrington'. Ashley asked for volunteer user groups and Hub members to contact Ashley directly. AC expressed interest to ensure avoidance of duplication with the sector.	

	<p>SC requested link to the Advice Partnership website and others along with opportunities for reverse link and avoidance of duplication AC asked about google analytics. Ashley suggested that top searches have been nursing homes, wills, registering deaths and home visits to help people stay at home. WH asked about getting info out to Carers. Ashley has made contact with Carers Centre. AC to forward presentation to Hub members.</p>	AC
<p>4.</p>	<p>Notes of the Last Meeting/Matters Arising</p> <p>Minutes were agreed as a true record.</p> <p>LD Forum has progressed. MT has met with WBC, Rick Howell will be coordinating the reinvigoration of the Forum. DJ has met with Neil Woodward in relation to LD employment.</p> <p>AC updated on email to Cllr Tony Higgins outlining concern regarding Community Initiative Fund grant process not being open and transparent. AC received reply from TH via phone to suggest that sifting through the grant submissions was WBC policy, although he agreed that a letter to unsuccessful organisations should provide better feedback regarding eligibility etc. AC to monitor next CIF grant panel to see if procedures have been updated as appropriate.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Action Points Carried Forward</p> <p style="text-align: center;">None</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Health & Wellbeing Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCG issues – letter of no confidence, stepping down of the Chair due to conflict of interest and conversation about what happened to the Warrington Health Plus monies • The draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy is now being circulated for consultation • Safeguarding report – children and adults • Cultural Strategy – Cllr. Dan Price presented on the Cultural Framework post City of Culture Bid. Presentation and forward strategy were well received • Domestic Violence Report – next week is domestic violence awareness week. SC to circulate training opportunity to become champions/ambassadors. JH updated that Wolves had a champion and are coordinating a champion dinner this week to raise awareness. • Care Homes report – highlighted declining standards and WBC’s response which WCL has challenged. 	SC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clatterbridge Centre outreach pod – this might come to Warrington, currently evaluating all locations in east of area but Warrington is a contender • Warrington new Hospital – slowly but surely progressing <p>DJ mentioned unsuccessful bid to work and health challenge fund and how this could be used to inform H&WBB work.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Central Neighbourhood Renewal Area Board</p> <p>Various stakeholder events have been held looking at the development of the Masterplan. JT updated on a reasonable turn out for stakeholder sessions, particularly at the primary schools, with more events taking place over the week.</p> <p>Hub suggested that Communications hadn't been good and suggested a delay in promoting, JT is picking this up with consultants. JT has 10,000 survey cards to disseminate, the survey is also available online. Key messages to date include transport (but not all areas), convenience of services i.e. leisure, utilising riverside (from primary children).</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>News Round-Up</p> <p>SC – no cessation of roll out of Universal Credit, with increase in homelessness, poverty and food banks there are united calls in parliament to halt the roll out. Colleagues fully aware of effect of UC across Warrington. With increasing agency work and zero hours contracts there is a growing concern about insecurity of income, better employment opportunities are needed in Warrington. Welfare reform is increasing the need for foodbanks and support from the sector. Housing partnership – discussion around social housing properties for lower income families.</p> <p>HK – Council of Faiths event with college students and exhibition went well. WECA polish school celebrated 10 years of existence. WIA celebrating prophet Muhammed, Hub members invited to attend reading.</p> <p>JH – Updated on Active Warrington sub group activities. Sport England developing consultation around 'activity spaces. Locally, Muna is leading on the planning committee looking at travel routes and open green spaces. Playing Pitch Strategy will go to Exec' Board before the end of the year. Warrington Wolves considering dementia buddy scheme with Chester University accompanying people to the matches, the contact is Steve Phillips at WWF.</p> <p>MD – Homelessness- minor issues awareness week, James Lee House is working in partnership with Livewire to increase awareness around alcohol and responsible drinking for night time/street drinkers. The SIT UP service is being delivered by neighbourhoods as there was no other provider interested, it wasn't a feasible proposal. Building work to accommodate the new beds has not yet started it will be the New Year. Four weeks ago the rough sleeper count was 21 people, 2 weeks later the Rough Sleeper Action</p>	

	<p>Group counted 8 rough sleepers, which is the usual count for Warrington. The figures for the yearly account will highlight the spike so this could attract more resources. Severe weather protocol- WBC will be required to provide accommodation and emergency provisions so no one is left on the streets at night. There are enough resources across the borough to accommodate in case of severe weather and no reason why people should be sleeping rough in Warrington. There is also known professional beggars in the town and not all are homelessness but have chaotic lifestyle. Examples of good partnership work outside of the town centre were discussed.</p> <p>PS – updated on funding applications to the ‘I will Youth Social Action Fund’. Only 1 successful bid for Warrington to WVA. PS updated on the ‘Adverse Childhood Experiences’ event at Chester University and the ‘Resilience: The Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope’ film.</p> <p>DJ- attended a ‘Disability Confidence’ conference hosted by Channel 4. Channel 4 are employing more disabled actors, due to acting ability not disability. Malteser’s have seen a 9% rise in sales through their adverts. Nationally, there are 10,000 business signed up. Warrington has less than 40 signed up, although this doesn’t account for head office’s located elsewhere who will be registered. The majority are level 1 – working towards. 2 is actual employer providing opportunities and level 3 is seen to be a leader and promotion. The number of construction companies signed up is positive, but we need to have a push for third sector increase. AC to promote via alerts. Purple Tuesday took place last week, shopping for people with a disability, examples given were lights turned down for people on autistic spectrum. Update on Autism Strategy, not a large mention of adults predominantly early years. DJ suggested the need for some training opportunities for those working with people in transition. DJ thanked colleagues supporting WDP in achieving Matrix accreditation.</p> <p>WH- Carers Rights Day is 30th November and Wired will be holding a Power of Attorney session from 11am-12pm. WH is awaiting packs from Carers UK, the next meeting of the Carers Partnership Board is December 4th WH has asked for direct payments to be an agenda item. Susan Cassapi has requested to deliver a presentation. AC needs to confirm date of WBC budget meeting which is usually Jan or Feb.</p> <p>AG – HWW work is progressing as the team is now established. The Advisory Board is set up but a Chair is yet to be appointed.</p>	AC
9.	<p>Third Sector Policy Group</p> <p>Commissioning sub-group postponed until January 15th – Hub agreed the importance of CSG as stretched public services could lead to poor commissioning with price above quality.</p>	
11.	<p>AOB – none</p>	

12.	Dates of Next Hub Meeting Wednesday 23 rd January 2019 – Room 1	
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