**Notes from the meeting of the Third Sector Network Hub**

**Wednesday 20th September 2017, 09.30am**

**Room 1, the Gateway**

**Present:**

Stef Woof (SW) Infrastructure

Alison Cullen (AC) Infrastructure

Steve Cullen (SC) Information, Advice and Area Management

Hasan Kazi (HK) Ethnic Communities

Lydia Thompson (LT) Health and Social Care

Mandy Taviner (MT) Learning Disability

Janice Hayes (JHa) Culture

Jo Taylor (JT) Third Sector Partnerships

Paul Storey (PS) Young People

Lynne Bennett (LB) Area Management/Town Centre

Michael Sheppard (MS) Mental Health

Matt Parker Parks and Green Spaces

Dida Goode (DG) Substance Misuse

**Chair of meeting:**

Steve Cullen (SC)

**Apologies:**

James Howes (JHo) Sports

Matt Davenport (MD) Homelessness

Derek Jones (DJ) Disability

Eileen Fitzgerald Older People

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| **Item** |  | **Action** |
| **1.** | **Apologies**  Apologies were received as detailed above. |  |
| **2.** | **Declaration of Interest**  None declared. |  |
| **3.** | **Guest Speakers**  None |  |
| **4.** | **Notes of the Last Meeting –**  Notes here accepted as a true and accurate record by the Network Hub. |  |
| **5.** | **Action Points/Follow Up**  SC - The Strong and Resilient Communities meeting (was Warrington Partnership) has been postponed with no further update, and no new ToR to circulate. SC noted that the new board needs to pick up work that is not under the remit of the Health and Wellbeing Board. JT suggested that a letter is written from the Hub to encourage things to move forward.  AC – The updated ToR of the Network Hub have been circulated to members and approved, as no comments were received. The role of ‘Learning and Skills’ has been removed, SW will represent Infrastructure and provide secretariat for the Hub focusing on proactive engagement. Important roles to fill include Faith, and Families & Young People. AC to approach Annie Houghton and Dave McNichol to gage their interest in these roles. | **AC** |
| **6.** | **Health & Wellbeing Board**  MS and SC fed back. Nick Atkin, Chair of the Homelessness Board, delivered a presentation on the latest Homelessness report, which will be available to the hub members at the next meeting.  There was a presentation from the Children and Adults Safeguarding Board which included information on structural changes, and priority areas going forward. The presentation will be available on the WSAB web page shortly.  There was an update on the Accountable Care Partnership; Sue Mutton has been appointed as Independent Chair, and will be based in the Gateway.  There followed a ‘self-audit’ workshop to establish Warrington’s progress on integrated health and social care. |  |
| **7.** | **Warrington Partnership**  New configuration not met. |  |
| **8.** | **Central Neighbourhood Renewal Area Board**  Notes from the meeting will be circulated. The Central area has changed to be larger with different demographics. Cllr Jean Flaherty will be the Chair. |  |
| **9.** | **News Round-Up**  **AC** – In response to the Warrington Volunteer Strategy being refreshed, organisations will sign up to ‘The Promise’, which follows the Dementia Action Alliance model. This will ensure the strategy is an active document. A communications strategy is being developed to promote and celebrate volunteering throughout 2018, which third sector organisations will be invited to get involved with. The relaunch of the strategy will be December 6th 2017.  WVA have been commissioned by the PCC to manage the Hate Crime 3rd Party Reporting Centres scheme, including supporting pre-existing centres and encouraging others to sign up.  There is unspent European funding which could be used for community grants. AC to meet with ESF and LEP rep’s on October 4th to take this forward.  **MT** – LD event held at the Gateway to encourage independence and awareness of health issues was very successful.    The issues regarding the supported living contract implementation are on-going, and have impacted negatively on service users. MS advised there is an evaluation meeting, MT to request an invite for Speak Up to feed back  The My Life Warrington website is currently not fit for purpose for LD users. Pip to meet with website administrators to address this.  Safe Places – 60 of 100 sites have been visited for quality checks.  **LB** – Town Centre Board have not met.  The Regen’ and Transformation board met, the pedestrian crossing issue was discussed, a crossing is likely to be built in with the existing plans. Also discussed homelessness, begging and legal highs, which are impacting on business decisions to invest in the town centre and need to be raised at a higher level.  There is a delay with the new beds at James Lee House owing to the Council’s planning department not processing the planning permission. The date has been pushed back from October to January.  **JHa** – A few local organisations were involved with the Heritage Open Day, but comms could have been better, will look at this for next year.  The increase of Blue Plaques in Warrington relies on more people in the community suggesting sites and becoming involved. This is potentially an opportunity to engage with voluntary groups.  The Contemporary Arts Festival launches on September 29th.  Next year is the 170th anniversary of the museum and library, which is a good opportunity to promote the importance and relevance of the building in the town. Currently writing a bid for improvements, engagement from other community groups who would like to use the space in the future would support the bid. JHa to meet with SW to discuss engaging with community groups.  **MP** – Central government have launched an action group to look at the future of public parks. There is representation from a number of different sectors, and £500k has been allocated. This builds upon a report that was circulated earlier in the year. MP to send report to SW to circulate.  A playing pitch strategy for Warrington including action plan has been approved by a steering group of representatives. The strategy will do to the Exec’ Board on December 11th, and following that will go out to public consultation.  **PS** – Fed back on the Mental Health Promotion and Prevention meeting and the Thrive steering group meeting.  The Warrington Safeguarding Children’s Board are hosting a series of lunchtime events at New Town House to launch their new threshold document and bring partners up to date.  The Active Warrington Children and Families Subgroup will be held on September 28th. The Homelessness Forum will be held on October 20th.  **DG** – Footsteps has been commissioned by St Helen’s Council for 3 years. A report finds that substance misuse services should be commissioned for 5 – 10 years to ensure sustainability for service users.  **JT** – The Libraries working group is coming to an end and conclusions will be drawn.  Following the Warrington 2021 bid, there is still appetite in the Local Authority to build on this work. They are currently advertising for a Cultural Commissioning Manager to take this work forward.  **MS** – fed back on the Mental Health Partnership Board. (Please ask AC for minutes)  Changes to funding structures at Hollins Park has helped with bed spaces. Leigh Court has gone from a male only to a mixed gender facility, which has eased pressure on services.  Decisions regarding Warrington Day Centre are on hold pending a consultation.  The Advocacy Hub has a really strong voice now that Speak Up have been commissioned, and there is appropriate challenge for the first time in years.  **LT** – The latest Healthwatch report is a summary of the ‘enter and view’ of GPs last year. The Healthwatch AGM will be October 19th.  **HK** – The Mela will be held on Sunday 24th September. Fed back on various community sports events which were successful in bringing the whole community together. Warrington Islamic Association raised £6k for displaced Burmese refugees.  **SC** – CAB contract has been rolled for 6 months.  No impact has been felt from the closure of the Age Uk store in the Town Centre in terms of information and advice.  The national campaign against Universal Credit is being rolled out, and provides evidence of hardship and evictions. Personal debt including credit card debt and car leasing is the number 1 issue of clients of the CAB, which demonstrates how people are struggling. | JHa  SW  MP  SW |
| **10.** | **Third Sector Policy Group**  The Policy Group will meet mid-October.  The Commissioning Subgroup meet 2 weeks ago, minutes have been circulated. |  |
| **11.** | **Any Other Business**  SW – WVA are delivering a project titled ‘Inspiring Young Leadership’ which aims to support young people to get involved in charity governance. Any organisation interested in supporting young trustees should contact SW.  AC – Reminded people about Cheshire Community Foundation’s Youth Social Action Fund, which has £90k left. |  |
|  | **Dates of Next Hub Meetings**  Wednesday 25th October  Wednesday 22nd November |  |