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

**Wednesday 22nd November 2017, 09.30am**

**Room 1, the Gateway**

**Present:**

Stef Woof (SW) Infrastructure

Alison Cullen (AC) Infrastructure

Steve Cullen (SC) Information, Advice and Area Management

Janice Hayes (JHa) Culture

Lynne Bennett (LB) Area Management/Town Centre

Matt Parker (MP) Parks and Green Spaces

Derek Jones (DJ) Disability

Paul Storey (PS) Young People

Mandy Taviner (MT) Learning Disability

Wynn Higham (WH) Carers

Jo Taylor (JT) Third Sector Partnerships

Eileen Fitzgerald (EF) Older People

Dida Goode (DG) Substance Misuse

**Chair of meeting:**

Steve Cullen (SC)

**Apologies:**

James Howes (JHo) Sports

Matt Davenport (MD) Homelessness

Hasan Kazi (HK) Ethnic Communities

Lydia Thompson (LT) Health

Michael Sheppard (MS) Mental Health

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| **Item** |  | **Action** |
| **1.** | **Apologies**  Apologies were received as detailed above. |  |
| **2.** | **Declaration of Interest**  None declared. |  |
| **3.** | **Guest Speakers**  Dave McNicholl (DM) from Warrington Youth Club delivered a presentation to update on the development of the new Warrington Youth Zone, including the proposed location of the building, and what the service will offer to local young people. Colleagues raised questions about how the new provision will work with other local services such as those offered by Warrington Borough Council and Livewire. DM stated that the Youth Zone will work in close partnership with a range of experienced partners to offer a full range of activities and services for young people. Colleagues agreed that this was an exciting project for young people and the third sector. |  |
| **4.** | **Notes of the Last Meeting/Matters Arising –**  Notes here accepted as a true and accurate record by the Network Hub. Wyn Higham was welcomed to the Hub by the Chair as the new representative for carers. WH stated her links with carers organisations, and her status as a carer herself. |  |
| **5.** | **Action Points/Follow Up**   1. AC contacted Dave McNicholl, who will be joining the Hub as the Children and Families representative in January. Re: the Faith rep’, there is a new person in post who AC will meet in December as she is attending the WVA AGM. 2. AC to distribute Sounds of Faith flyer – done. 3. DJ to distribute details regarding upcoming meetings and events – done. 4. JHa and SW are already meeting with WBC’s Cultural Commissioning Manager regarding cultural mapping, and wider engagement is planned for the New Year. |  |
| **6.** | **Health & Wellbeing Board**  Met on 9th November. Nothing of note to report, MS emailed ahead to say he will circulate reports from the meeting. | MS |
| **7.** | **Central Neighbourhood Renewal Area Board**  JT reported that due to diary clashes, the first meeting has now been arranged for January 2018. There is currently one representative from the Network Hub on the board, and JT is pushing for more representation from the sector. There is agreement that a strategic master plan should be developed that underpins other strategies and activities, which will start with a scoping exercise. |  |
| **9.** | **News Round-Up**  AC – The Volunteering Strategy for Warrington has been refreshed and focuses on how organisations can support and recognise current volunteering efforts, as well as encourage more people to become involved. There will be a 12 month campaign through 2018 for all organisations to contribute to, the WVA team are coordinating and the Warrington Guardian will be involved throughout. The ‘Local Fund’ is now the ‘Community Initiative Fund’. The panel is all Councillors except from Bryan from WVA. The current approach to administering funds is uncoordinated, and panel members don’t appear to follow a criteria. There will be a review of the current process, and criteria written/rewritten as necessary.  EF – Peter Hunt is currently running OPEG and has attended a few meetings to represent the views of older people on the topics of transport and health. He is also regularly updating the group’s website and social media.  WH – Friday 24th November is Carer’s Rights Day, organised by Carers UK. A new information booklet titled ‘Looking After Someone’ has been produced, which has great up to date advice for carers. Updated resources have also been added to the website. WH to distribute booklets to hub members that want them. SC stated that it would be beneficial to create a stronger link with Wired. WH has offered to act as a conduit for the organisation, and has also linked in the Warrington Parents and Carers more closely.  DG – no update  DJ – Monday 4th December, supported employment stakeholder event, contact Pip at Speak Up for more details. Tuesday 5th December is the WDP AGM, which include the Appreciation of Efforts Awards. The Disability Conference which was due to take place on December 4th has been postponed to January 15th 2018. WDP have been working with the CCG on personal health budgets, specifically around IT support. Over the next 12 months the focus will be on mental health and young people.  LB – Town Centre Partnership have not met. The new multi-storey car park will open at the end of November. The official rough sleeper count was 4, this was based on a multi-agency estimate based on intelligence across agencies.  PS – Fed back on the Warrington Safeguarding Board’s ‘Missing from Home’ briefing. Informed of new provision in Warrington ‘If I Can Dream’ ran by Rob Watson offering creative activities to young people to increase ambition. The Children and Young People North West forum will meet in December to discuss commissioning of services, and how they can be more person-centred. The Warrington Youth Service have published their annual report, will send to SW to distribute.  MP – The Play Pitch Strategy will go to the Executive Board in January, and is currently being approved internally to go out to public consultation. The Bewsey and Dallam Hub tender has gone out twice, both times responses have come back over budget. The Libraries report will also go to the Exec’ Board in January.  JHa – Money has been secured to clean and conserve the ‘Beatrice’ statue, which has links to modern safeguarding issues. The 160th anniversary of the Museum and the 15th anniversary of the Pyramid pose the opportunity to develop the buildings to reflect current and future demand. Lynne Radcliffe is the new Cultural Commissioning Manager for WBC, and has started by inviting partners to complete a cultural mapping exercise.  SC – The My Life Warrington website is live, the WAND website needs to be updated with the link. Today is Budget day. There have been multiple issues with Universal Credit, the Trussel Trust have released figures relating to increases in food parcels in areas where UC has been rolled out. Can at least hope for a decrease in waiting times. The CAB’s contract will be going out to tender. As of today, the tender is still not on the chest. | WH  PS |
| **10.** | **Third Sector Policy Group**  Have not met, however AC updated she will be delivering training on the Compact to commissioning staff in the council next week. |  |
| **11.** | **Any Other Business**   * MS had raised an issue regarding the dates of the 2018 hub meetings clashing with ACP meetings. SC stated that Hub meetings had always taken place on Wednesdays towards the end of the month, and suggested MS appoint a deputy to attend meetings he can’t attend. SW to email MS to explain this. * SW raised that the Hub page on the WVA website needs updating with photos and pen portraits, and will organise this in the New Year. |  |
|  | **Dates of Next Hub Meetings**  Wednesday 24th January 2018  Wednesday 21st February 2018 |  |