

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

Present:

Derek Jones (DJ)	Disability
Alison Cullen (AC)	Infrastructure and Volunteering
Steve Cullen (SC)	Information, Advice and Social Policy
Stef Woof (SW)	Infrastructure
Lynne Bennett (LB)	Town Centre Management
Wynn Higham (WH)	Carers
Paul Storey (PS)	Young People
Jo Taylor (JT)	Third Sector Partnerships
Hasan Kazi (HK)	Ethnic Communities
Matt Parker (MP)	Parks and Green Spaces
Lydia Thompson (LT)	Health
Dave McNichol (DM)	Children and Families
Eileen Fitzgerald (EF)	Older People

Chair of meeting:

Steve Cullen (SC)

Apologies:

Mandy Taviner (MT)	Learning Disability
Matt Davenport (MD)	Homelessness
James Howes (JHo)	Sports
Janice Hayes (JHa)	Culture
Michael Sheppard (MS)	Mental Health

Item		Action
1.	Apologies Apologies received as detailed above.	
2.	Declaration of Interest None declared.	
3.	Guest Speakers Charley Alvis from Listening Ear attended to give a presentation on the project Amparo, which is a 'postvention' service for individuals affected by suicide. SW to distribute the presentation.	SW
4.	Notes of the Last Meeting/Matters Arising – Clarification needed regarding the WIRED counselling service for carers. WH stated that she had received feedback from several carers regarding the 6 month waiting list, and the suitability of the volunteer counsellors. SW to email Susan Cassapi to clarify.	SW

	SW to amend 2 small inaccuracies in the minutes, otherwise agreed as a true record.	
5.	Action Points/Follow Up All Action points completed.	
6.	Health & Wellbeing Board SC fed back about the meeting in May. The main agenda item was the refresh of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy. A stakeholder workshop was held yesterday to inform the refresh, attendees found the event very useful and there were good discussions about future work. A rough draft will be ready by October, and expected sign-off will be in November. There were also discussions about the new Healthwatch provider 'Engaging Communities', and the possibility of a new hospital site in the near future (5-10 years).	
7.	Central Neighbourhood Renewal Area Board Discussed interviewing consultants to devise the development masterplan. JT updated that 6 organisations responded to the tender, and 3 will be interviewed. It is imperative that the successful organisation work in close partnership with local providers and stakeholders. There are currently no resident representatives on the Board, it will be important to engage the right people going forward. SC raised issues related to the Town Centre and the removal of PCSOs to JT to feed back. LB gave examples of related antisocial scenes and behaviour (more detail in previous minutes).	
8.	News Round-Up SW – The Culture Board (strategic) and Culture Consortium (operational) have had their initial meetings, and have agreed ToRs going forward. SW is the Chair of the Consortium for the first 12 months, and the first task is to agree on an action plan. The Board's role is to support the consortium and provide overall strategic direction. They are still deciding on a Chair. More updates to come. AC – WVA have been involved in Warrington's bid to host elements of the Rugby League World Cup in 2021 (RLWC). AC has been asked to write a passage about the legacy in the community from the previous World Cup in 2013. Colleagues said they were happy for AC to draft something for them to add comments and sign. Mental Health Partnership Board met and each member gave a detailed verbal update on progress relating to the 5 Year Forward View, which was really positive. A small subgroup met to refresh the strategy which reflects the Forward View and all the work happening locally (not just commissioned services). The new strategy will fit on one page to make it more accessible, and Speak Up are involved to make the document visual and engaging. Launch is scheduled for World Mental Health Day in October. MP – Discussions around regenerating Victoria Park linked to the legacy plans for RLWC 2021. Warrington hope to host elements of both the men's	

	<p>and women’s tournament. Unfortunately facilities are not currently suitable for the disability games, but this is something to focus on and develop as part of the legacy.</p> <p>A number of national agencies inc. Fields in Trust are calling for a parks charter, which would make more of the statutory duty to maintain local green spaces. They are looking for support from other org’s to start lobbying. MP to send info to SW to distribute.</p> <p>PS – attended the Trust Youth Media event with a group of young people, where there was a panel discussion about the image of young people in the media. There are a number of events coming up which present opportunities for local young people to voice their views. PS to send details to SW. Verve Place 10 year anniversary celebration event takes place Friday July 27th.</p> <p>DM – Big Lottery ‘Building Connections Fund’. £11m to help isolated people, inspired by the Jo Cox Loneliness Strategy. There is the capacity to fund roughly 100 projects throughout the UK, including specific projects for young people. WVA to distribute details. AC suggested it would be good to encourage coordination of any bids to avoid duplication and to increase Warrington’s chances of success. The Cheshire Community Foundation Older People’s Fund are looking for bigger collaborative bids from Warrington. There is the potential to go for both funds (older and young people) to make a real impact. DM has met with MS previously to discuss. Complex Families have a short fall in their target, asked for a meeting to discuss how intervention info from the 3rd sector can support targets. DM requested SC attend the meeting. WYC have funding to provide free holiday club spaces to young people who cannot afford to pay. SW to distribute.</p> <p>DJ – Disability Awareness Week saw a range of activities that were well attended and positively raised the profile of a number of services, including pan-disability rugby team, and raising awareness/engaging with young people. Around 20k people attended DAD day at Walton Hall. Making Space are the newest provider on the New Leaf programme. EOI for unspent ESF funds, potentially focusing more on employment outcomes.</p> <p>HK – Warrington Islamic Association are doing a lot of work with younger people and teachers to educate them about Islam in a positive way. This has been going really well, and everyone is welcome to visit the mosque and find out more. The MELA will take place on Sunday July 29th at Palmyra Square (Parr Hall is weather is bad).</p> <p>LT – Staffordshire-based organisation Engaging Communities will take over the Healthwatch contract on August 1st. Remaining staff have been tuped over, and the service will remain in the Gateway. SC stated it was sad to see good local people leave the service, and thanked Esstta and Johnny for their hard work.</p>	<p>MP/SW</p> <p>PS</p>
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	<p>EF – OPEG is currently on hiatus. Met with T. Dawson to discuss how engagement work should continue. EF has stepped down as the Chair, but remains involved as an ambassador. In terms of representation, EF still engages with a group in Penketh. It could be that this model can be replicated throughout Warrington, however there is a question around who would coordinate this. A meeting to discuss various potential models is due to be organised between EF, WVA and T. Dawson.</p> <p>WH – Carer’s Week; 1,300 events happened across the country. Carer’s UK have produced a collection of fact sheets about a range of topics affecting carers. They are £1, but once purchased you can print off as many as you like. Annual conference in London on October 11th, the theme is the future of Carers UK.</p> <p>JT – No update, everything covered through the agenda.</p> <p>SC – Universal Credit has received damning reports in the press, however there are no plans to make changes. The local impact has resulted in rent arrears and evictions. Social housing in desperate need of investment, but for now trying to work closer with private landlords. Currently the allowance for a 2 bed house and the actual cost do not correlate. There will be a crisis as there is no social housing left available in Warrington. Meeting tonight to discuss and hopefully agree the provision on the new beds at James Lee House. LB said she attended the JLH 50 year anniversary celebration event, there were some really interesting stories about the history and heritage which would be good for the Culture Consortium.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Third Sector Policy Group No update, next meeting October.</p>	
<p>10.</p>	<p>Compact Refresh AC – A small group met in June and reviewed the 3 previous documents. The refreshed version will be shorter and more practical. AC has an action to research other Compact agreements/partnerships to inform the new draft. JT agreed that the previous documents are heavy on principles, and the new version needs to be practical and more meaningful. The draft is due in September.</p>	
<p>11.</p>	<p>AOB – none</p>	
<p>12.</p>	<p>Dates of Next Hub Meeting Wednesday 19th September – Room 1</p>	