

**Notes from the meeting of the Third Sector Network Hub
Wednesday 23rd May 2018, 09.30am
Room 1, the Gateway**

Present:

Alison Cullen (AC)	Infrastructure and Volunteering
Derek Jones (DJ)	Disability
Wynn Higham (WH)	Carers
Stef Griffiths (SW)	Infrastructure
Paul Storey (PS)	Young People
Lydia Thompson	Health
Dida Goode (DG)	Substance Misuse
Eileen Fitzgerald (EF)	Older People
Lynne Bennett (LB)	Town Centre Management
Janice Hayes (JHa)	Culture
James Howes (JH)	Sports
Matt Parker (MP)	Parks and Green Spaces

Chair of meeting:

Alison Cullen (AC)

Apologies:

Hasan Kazi (HK)	Ethnic Communities
Jo Taylor (JT)	Third Sector Partnerships
Michael Sheppard (MS)	Mental Health
Steve Cullen (SC)	Information, Advice and Social Policy
Leon Carroll (LC)	Children & Families
Mandy Taviner (MT)	Learning Disability
Matt Davenport (MD)	Homelessness

Item		Action
1.	Apologies Apologies received as detailed above.	
2.	Declaration of Interest None declared.	
3.	Notes of the Last Meeting/Matters Arising – All amendments noted and agreed.	
4.	Action Points/Follow Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hub members have not yet seen the presentation for the Local Transport Plan however the consultation is still available to access online. • WBC have an underspend on Apprenticeship Levy, this is funding for training and not salaries but would still be of benefit to the third 	

	<p>sector. Tim Smith suggested that WBC are looking at Social Care training offer to help address retention issues. AC, JH and DJ to meet to look at opportunities for the sector to develop skills and employment opportunities and identify options to promote the sector as a key player and employer in the town.</p>	<p>AC, DJ, JH</p>
5.	<p>Health and Wellbeing Board</p> <p>The H&WBB rejected a proposal from Steve Peddie and the NHS Chief Exec for a restructure of the Warrington Together governance arrangements. MS will be attending a meeting later this week and will know more about future plans for WT. MS to provide update at next meeting.</p>	<p>MS</p>
6.	<p>Central Neighbourhood Area Renewal Board</p> <p>No updates since Jo's presentation. The Gateway workshop was well attended. Dave Thompson attended one of the workshops and commented that it was a generic document and could have been from any town with little mention of disability. JH shared the 8 themes of the document, the Hub discussed how the masterplan should fit in with other strategies/plans e.g. transport plan, new hospital, green spaces etc. JH to forward the presentation.</p>	<p>JH</p>
7.	<p>Sub Sector News and Updates</p> <p>MS (via email notes) Mental Health Partnership Board has signed off on the updated Warrington Mental Health Strategy. To be circulated. Attended the new hospital consultation event along with MP, LT, Dave Thompson, Locklyne Hall and Red Cross team. Seemed to go well, and managed to get 3rd sector mentioned at front of room and through group feedback several times. Early days on design work, with potential funding available from 2022. MP suggested they were looking at a small hospital with increased outreach provision, although NHS nurses/health workers preferred all encompassing model.</p> <p>DJ Updated on DAD week and range of events running up to the actual day. WBC working towards being a level 2 disability confident employer. This has brought up questions around employer supported volunteering opportunities for council staff. AC updated that this was looked into a few years ago but was put on hold by the Union.</p> <p>MP Play Pitch Strategy approved by the Exec Board and can now be used to support funding bids. Nominations for Park of the Year are open. MP to send Hub information to circulate. Stockton Heath library closed for £200k refurbishment work is linked to Parish Council and Catalyst Choices and due</p>	<p>MP</p>

to open in August. Refurb plans for Penketh, Lymm and Burtonwood in the pipeline. Some work is planned for Padgate, there has been reluctance from Fearnhead Community Centre to merge and co-locate, this may be looked at again.

JH RLWC, workshops and working groups are setting up with legacy fund focusing on community clubs. AC attending workshop this week. Cardinal Newman successful in winning money to increase participation, will link this in with Play Pitch Strategy and investment of 3G pitch, although need buy in from whole community not just rugby and sport in order to build a real legacy. VPX only open 2 Tuesdays and not 4 due to funding. Conversation around potential legacy fund form Neighbourhood weekender and could WBC give back to Victoria Park from this event?

EF Council are disengaging with older people, as 70 plus get older and frailer their voice is not heard. OPPB is not engaging with the real issues that are affecting older people, in particular older people living in their own homes and not accessing social care services. EF raised concern of buses with no access to Great Sankey Hub from Penketh.

WH questioned the need for a task and finish group regarding Direct Payments. DPs should be flexible, enabling recipients to be creative to suit their need, this seems to have changed, WH brought this up at the February Carers Partnership Board as there is lots of confusion. WIRED held a Carers event, at which it was apparent that Steve Peddie wasn't aware that the Carers Break funding had stopped after being challenged by a Carer. Also, attended an event in Penketh with many older people requesting information about where they can access advice and support.

PS Pledge partnership is to be launched on 21st June, Youth Federation are leading on this work to engage young people and regional employers. CCF #IWill is set to continue for 2019. One round of funding opens on 1st July, deadline 24th August.

LB Dave Thompson delivered a presentation/report at the last BID meeting on accessibility in Warrington; businesses can access audits and discounts on equipment and autism initiative lanyards for 'hidden disabilities'. DJ to share presentation. Bars and clubs have been issued metal detectors and 2 knife arches have been purchased. Ongoing talks regarding cleanliness and WBC's responsibility for cleanliness of the town.

JHa The underused annex at the Museum is to be used as studio space with 7 spaces to let. Hubble Telescope and Space Odyssey exhibition from 1st July. In her new role as volunteer JHa will continue to support heritage network and continues to build the membership. Also, looking to launch Friends of the Museum project, has applied to CCF for funding.

LT Peoples Panel event information has been circulated, HWW are working with WVA to develop the recruitment process for the panel. HWW AGM is in

DJ

	<p>July and current work priorities are: Maternity Services, Peoples Panel and CYP Mental Health, WVA supporting work with young people.</p> <p>AC Delivered workshop at public sector sub-regional conference, good opportunity to raise profile of third sector, in particular as employers and professionals. LEP feedback indicated the sector doesn't communicate well to the private sector and are interested in how we could work more strategically together. AC working with CE and CW counterparts to deliver this. AC noted Childrens Safeguarding Board hadn't shared young people plan for consultation. AC to find out if feedback given has been included. Meeting with CCF to discuss lack of donors in Warrington, also lack of knowledge of local strategies and priorities, fits in with feedback from above conference and discussion at the Into Work Board.</p>	AC
10.	<p>Any Other Business There was no other business Hub was followed by the AGM</p>	
11.	<p>Dates of Next Hub Meetings Wednesday 24th July</p>	

HUB AGM/Annual Review - 11.30am Wednesday 19 June 2019

Notes

External Attendees

Cllr Maureen McLaughlin

Pip Horne – Speak Up

Gwen Lightfoot - Help the Elderly

Fiona Jenkins – WIRED

Katie Donnelly WBC

Diane White WBC

Mark Moran

Angela Malone JCP plus colleague

Brian Spooner Warrington Radio

Alison Cullen chaired the meeting.

All attendees introduced themselves with a brief outline of their role or organisation.

AC gave an outline of how the HUB operates, democratic processes and the role of Hub reps and stated that 90% of WVA survey respondents were aware of the Network Hub, indicating they were well represented.

AC presented on the input and successes of the Hub over the past 12 months, describing the different speakers and impact of hub feedback, highlighting the diversity of topics. Also, how we support WBC to address challenges and work towards shared priorities.

Election - All agreed the re-election of the named Hub reps. It was noted there is still a vacant role for a Faith rep, AC suggested interest from the sector and the Hub would co-opt as necessary.

Cllr Maureen McLaughlin in her role as WBC third sector portfolio holder spoke to acknowledge the importance of recognising the contributions the sector makes. Noting, how we are able to continue delivering valuable services under the pressures of austerity. The Council supports the Hub through the commissioning of WVA and is would like to be regarded as a listening ear for the sector and thanked the Hub and the sector as a whole for their work.

A number of questions were asked to clarify representation and Hub communications, which were responded to satisfactorily by Hub members.

Other comments:

- Fiona Jenkins shared the WIRED newsletter and thanked SG for work with young people.
- Gwen Lightfoot pointed out that the Hub is a great model, which is not replicated in other areas.
- Brian Spooner offered Radio Warrington as an opportunity to promote the sector and respective organisations.

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