

Dementia Friends Working Group

Notes of the Working Group Meeting: 5th May 2015

Attendees: Cllr Christine Crisp (Wiltshire Council), Andrew Day (Alzheimer's Society), Caroline Wilson (Alzheimer's Society), Clare Harris (Calne Town Council), Diane Gooch (Wiltshire and Swindon Users Network), Jane Vaughan (Wiltshire Council - Calne Community Area Manager).

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Alan Hill (Wiltshire Council), Linda Roberts (Calne town Council), Jan Bird (Calne Memory Group), Laura Mullineaux (Leonard Cheshire Disability).

Notes of this meeting were taken by Jane Vaughan.

2. **Focus Points:**

Discussing progress and developing actions relating to:

- a. **Dementia Friends Sessions in the Community:**

- **The Town Council** – CH reported that 17 members of Town Council staff had become Dementia Friends, however sessions still needed to be arranged for Councillors and Beversbrook staff, it was noted that several Town Councillors had already taken part in a session at the Area Board Health Fair.
- **At least one session in each Parish** – The area board had committed to try and hold at least one session in each parish of the Community Area. A focus on five meeting had not occurred since the last working group, this would be on the agenda for the next.
- **50% of the High Street businesses** (including a 'slow lane' challenge for the supermarkets). DG would follow up ideas with Sainsbury's. The group then discussed linking sessions for Town shops to this year's Dementia Awareness Week. JV would draft a letter to shops and CH would arrange for it to be delivered in the week of 17th May. JV would also book a time at the Community Hub to hold a session during the 1st /2nd week of June

ACTIONS

LR/CH to arrange sessions for Beversbrook Staff and Town Councillors.

JV take to Focus on Five.

**JV draft letter
CH arrange delivery**

JV book Hub

DG lead session, JV/CH to support

- **Greensquare** –Jan Morse had not been in contact regards attending this group, The group felt that Greensquare may already be involved in another way and AD suggested that he liaise with Camilla at Alzheimer’s Society to see if this was the case.
- **GP practices** – DG reported that Alison Ingham from Northlands surgery had planned to attend this meeting in order to discuss setting up sessions for staff and patient participation group. However, she was not present.
- **Integrated Health Forum** – it was suggested that this forum should be asked to encourage all groups involved to make sure that staff have undertaken a Friends session. JV would contact Dee Robinson at Wiltshire Council.
- **Leonard Cheshire** – DG asked whether it would be possible to make running Dementia Friends sessions a question for Wiltshire Council contractors in future tender documents. CC would look into this matter.
- **Calne Partnership of Churches** – DG reported that she would be running this session on 14th May at 7:30pm.

b. Influence the development of ‘Safe Places’ initiative in the community area.

The lead on this issue had been taken up by the Calne Community Safety Forum and, as such would not need to be a main focus point for the group in the future, although the group would continue to be interested in liaising with CCSF around ensuring that all Safe Places ocations had dementia friends in situ. As such this should be linked in with focus point a) in future.

c. Support and promote the Memory Club.

There had been no update from the Memory Club. DG reported that she had passed on details of the club to Leonard Cheshire.

DG/JV/CH arrange

AD investigate

JV contact Dee Robinson

CC will contact Adult Social Care officers/Gordon King.

3. Developing the overarching aim to become a dementia friendly community area:

JV reported that Camilla had sent details of all the Dementia Friends sessions that had taken place in the Calne Community Area to date. At 17th March 2015 there had been 17 sessions and 213 dementia friends.

The group discussed ideas around developing a local network of Dementia Champions, who would be able to support each other to hold sessions (especially larger sessions) and also to help share the load as they try to create more sessions.

AD would ask Camilla if it is possible to identify all Champions in or around the Community Area, and whether it would be possible to contact them and create a support group.

The group also discussed the need to recruit more Champions locally. CH reported that she hoped to become a Champion and it was possible that one other may be recruited from the Town Council.

**AD contact Camilla
Alfred**

**CH follow up Town
Council Champion**

4. Any other business:

The group discussed trying to 'do something new' for Dementia Awareness week. It was felt that the Friendly Shop sessions was their key piece of work emerging. They also discussed trying to enter a 'dementia duck' in the Calne Duck race on 16th May and to source a Dementia awareness week banner to hang in the town. The group was conscious that time pressures may be against them, however CH would contact the Lions re. the Duck race, CC offered to decorate the duck and JV said she would try and find out whether a banner could be sourced as a capital purchase.

**All identify more
potential
champions.**

**CH contact Lions
CC possible
decorate a decoy
duck!
JV investigate
banners.**

5. Feedback to and recommendations for the Area Board.

- **To note the group has met and the information outlined in these meeting notes.**
- **To ask the community to help promote the 'Dementia Friendly Shops in Calne' sessions.**

CC feedback to the

6. Date of next meeting

The next meeting would take place on Monday 1st June,
4pm at Bank House.