

Calne Dementia Friends Working Group Update and Recommendations to Calne Area Board 3rd July 2018

Purpose of the report:

1. To note the discussions of the meeting held on 7th June 2018

1. Calne Local Voices – for Older People and Carers last met on Thursday 7th June:

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Meeting notes - Thursday 7th June



In attendance: Diane Gooch, Gill Kosmyryk, Les Stiff, Avril Mays, Frank Rumble, Trudy King, Val Procter, Jane Vaughan.

Apologies: Catherine Beswick, Paul Bryant.

1. Feedback on activities going on in the Community Area

Celebrating Age – An art based project for older people that the Area Board has funded.

- Funding application for next phase has been agreed by the Area Board.
- Next event is due to take place on Weds 20th June – Trio Virtuosi.
- Transport, it was noted that this has been an ongoing issue at previous events. The group discussed a range of actions:

Diane and Jane would talk to Rebecca about changing future events to a different day of the week to avoid clashes with Oldbury Wednesday Club and Community Transport bus bookings.

They would also talk to Hub volunteers about their availability to support the event on a different day.

With regards to the event on 20/06 Diane will try to book taxis and then cancel the Chippenham bus.

DG/JV would also talk to Rebecca about potential to alternate venues.

Movement for the Mind – Diane reported that Alzheimer's Support has withdrawn this project from the Calne Community Area due to lack of take up from local residents.

Calne Men's Shed - Diane reported that the group was progressing really well, reaching out into the community and developing various projects.

Jane reported that they were also linking with public health Wiltshire to help address the take up of bowel cancer screening programmes.

Calne Memory Club – There was no representative present from the club, but Diane reported that sessions were progressing well.

Volunteer's Fair – Diane and Jane reported on this event, which is being organised by the Older People's Champion/Voices in partnership with the Area Board, Calne Our Place Project, Calne Community Hub Volunteers and the Calne Dementia Action Alliance.

The event would take place on Saturday 30th June as part of the Calne Summer Festival – at the Calne Community Hub and Library from 11am to 3pm.

The Voices group would need to make plans to create a series of job descriptions (JD) for the volunteer positions that had been identified as needed for the group.

Jane would send out the JD template to the following:

Les – would produce a JD for a pub lunch co-ordinator.

Val - would produce a JD for local voices.

Diane – would produce a JD for an Actions co-ordinator.

Jane explained that the group would share a stall with the Dementia Friendly Group and would need to decorate the stall in the style of a pirate ship and would also need to man the stall and be able to engage with visitors to encourage them to get involved in volunteering. The need to enter into the nautical/piratey theme of the event was also discussed!

Diane - would take on the decoration and would also be available on the day to help man the stand, however she noted that she would also be helping to man the Dementia Friendly Group stand and so would need assistance.

Jane and Trudy would be involved in running the event on the day and so would not be available.

Gill - would be available to man the stand on the day

Val - would also be available for part of the day.

2. New projects and activities being planned

Programme of older people's/carers activities

We are trying to put together a calendar of activities in the community area.

Everyone - to send any new activities in to Jane to add to the calendar.

The group discussed how this information would be distributed and felt that this was something that should be discussed again at the next meeting – after the Volunteers Fair was completed.

'Dementia Friendly Walks'

The Dementia Friendly Calne group is planning a series of guided walks that will be designed to enable people living with dementia to join in keeping active in a safe environment.

Diane reported that there has been a lack of communication with Liam from Innov8, who it was hoped would be commissioned to lead on the project.

Jane reported that she had not taken forward a funding bid in relation to this project as she was concerned that, until arrangements with Innov8 were in place the costs could not be confirmed.

Diane - will contact Innov8 to find out what is happening with the design and progress of the walk.

Local Bus link.

Working with local GP surgeries and Calne Community Transport to investigate potential local bus link.

Jane and Diane reported on a meeting with GP practice managers that had led to a proposal for a potential community bus loop.

The group was very interested in taking this forward and felt that further investigations need to be made to explore the way this might be organised.

Les - would undertake some investigations and report to the next meeting.

3. Feedback from the Voices about what is going on in the Community Area (problems and actions).

Engaging with those people who are socially isolated:

Avril would talk to Frank Rumble about the possibility of asking vulnerable people that are identified through LINK to provide their contact details so that the Voices group can provide information about social activities and opportunities.

There was also a discussion about linking with the mobile libraries and sending a volunteer out who could engage with local people in rural areas. DG and JV

Trudy would create a presentation board of services available for vulnerable residents which would be displayed in Bank House.

Everyone to give feedback to Trudy re. items to be included in the leaflet.

Target all of the Parishes/Parish newsletters to try and identify active voices from each Parish. **DG/JV/TK** to draft an article and a poster.

Fabric of life – Gill reported on a potential intergenerational project with JBS that she was discussing with Helen Bradley (LYF), this was still in the very early stages of investigation.

The group was very interested in projects that would encourage intergenerational activity.

Gill would report back to the next meeting on progress.

4. Issues to be reported to the Area Board/Health & Wellbeing Group.

To note that this group had met and the details of discussions and actions as outlined in these meeting notes.

5. Date of the next meeting.

To be arranged