

## Pewsey Older People's Partnership (POPP) meeting notes – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017

### Community Transport flyer

- A final draft of the leaflet was circulated and approved by the group (attached)
- Wiltshire Council's passenger transport unit has advised to wait until the outcome of the bus services consultation before going to print so the information on Connect2Wiltshire services is relevant and up to date.
- Ros to find out the timeline for consultation and tender process, if more than 6-8 month delay the group supports the idea of going ahead with a small print run with an 'accurate as at date' added in and a para to advise Connect2 services are out to re-tender.
- Details of the consultation can be found here: <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/transport-consultations>
- Ideas for distributing the leaflet:
  - a) Transport providers
  - b) Pewsey Team distribution box at St John the Baptist Church
  - c) Local service outlets: surgeries, post offices and shops
  - d) Parish Council office
  - e) Online – Pewsey OCM blog, PCAP website, Facebook and Twitter, link to other organisations websites
  - f) Parish mags eg The Messenger
  - g) Pewsey market
  - h) Community groups/coffee mornings

### **Action:**

- ***Ros to confirm timeline for consultation and tender process***

### Dementia Action Alliance

- An update from recent the recent steering group meeting was provided
- Nell Light has volunteered to be secretary
- The Pewsey DAA leaflet was circulated (attached) and comments invited
- The focus of the steering group group is on engaging schools, surgeries, link drivers and those organisations which have so far shown an interest (Boots, Spar etc)
- All POPP members are encouraged to promote dementia sessions and ask local groups to sign up  
[http://www.dementiaaction.org.uk/local\\_alliances/22005\\_pewsey\\_community\\_area\\_dementia\\_action\\_alliance](http://www.dementiaaction.org.uk/local_alliances/22005_pewsey_community_area_dementia_action_alliance)
- Members to contact Sheila Ashley or Nell Light for further information:  
[SheilaA@alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk](mailto:SheilaA@alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk) [nell.light@homeinstead.co.uk](mailto:nell.light@homeinstead.co.uk)
- Examples of different commitments and actions organisations can make when signing up to the alliance will be circulated.
- There is countywide Dementia Care Info on the Your Care Your Support website including a Dementia Road map

### **Action:**

- ***All – encourage local groups to sign up to the Pewsey DAA and organise local DF sessions***

### **Carer Support in the Pewsey Area**

- The Pewsey carers café takes place on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in the month 10.30-12pm, 2 cafes have taken place so far.
- Posters are being produced and will be circulated with meeting notes and included on Pewsey Our Community Matters Blog

#### **Action:**

- ***Ros to promote carer café on OCM and share poster when available***

### **Setting up a Health and Wellbeing Group**

- Pewsey Area Board agreed on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May to set up a new sub group to look at ways local organisations and groups can work together to support the elderly, vulnerable and to encourage healthy lifestyles. The group will help to facilitate practical local projects to help address areas identified as important at the JSA event held in January – these include Mental Health, Obesity and Healthy Lifestyles.
- The group will meet bi-monthly and will receive applications for health and wellbeing funding and make recommendations to the Area Board
- Suggested membership:
  - a) Area Board representative
  - b) POPP reps
  - c) Pewsey DAA rep
  - d) PCAP /Parish rep
  - e) Health and Wellbeing Centre manager
  - f) Community Librarian
  - g) CEM
  - h) Health Trainer

Support will also be provided from Wiltshire Councils Adult Social Care and Public Health teams
- The Health and Wellbeing Group will also have a remit to address the older people's priorities identified at the JSA event, these are:
  - Social isolation
  - Dementia
  - Support for Carers.

This strand of work will be delegated to POPP to take forward.

#### **Action:**

- ***Nominate POPP reps to attend HWBGroup meetings***

### **The Vale Health and Wellbeing Centre**

- An exciting milestone has been reached with building work starting on site next week.
- The facility is due to open late Summer 2018
- It is suggested POPP plays a role in promoting the facility to older people's groups and exploring the possibility of starting up new older people's activities on site where there is a local demand.
- Examples in other HWB centres include knitting clubs, walking football /walking netball and dance classes for people with dementia.

- The facility will include a welcoming open reception space, café, meeting and social space, exhibition wall, new gym and a new swimming pool with a pool pod (lift) to provide independent access into the pool.
- Ideas for new activities from the group include:
  - a) Leg clubs and nail cutting clinics
  - b) Friendship groups
  - c) Falls and Balance classes
  - d) POPP to host an Older People's themed weekend Autumn 2018 with taster sessions of activities available on site and an opportunity for local groups to showcase themselves e.g. U3A, WI etc
  - e) Marketing campaign targeted at older people
- One POPP member raised an issue with the fast pace of the treadmills at the current fitness suite and asked if this could be addressed at the new facility.

### **Flat 73 and Connie's Colander**

- Oxford based theatre company Human Story have two hour long plays: Flat 73 (highlighting the issue of social isolation) and Connie's Colander (about a mother and daughter and the effect of the mother's dementia on their relationship)
- Reviews of the plays are very positive - "poignant, thought provoking, moving"
- It costs £550 for the company to perform two shows in one day
- Connie's Colander is currently booked to perform in Tidworth in October
- The plays are followed by a Q&A session with experts and local advisers who can signpost to local services
- The group agreed that health and wellbeing funding should be applied for to host Connie's Colander when it tours Wiltshire later in the year

### **Action:**

- ***DAA steering group to submit funding request to Pewsey Area Board to host Connie's Colander***

### **Future of POPP**

- Helen confirmed that Sue will no longer be able to support the administration of the group. Ros confirmed that there will be some support available from the Communities team for the duration of her maternity leave.
- Whilst it was recognised there will be some overlap between the HWB group and POPP it was agreed POPP continue for the foreseeable future to raise the profile of the needs of older people across the community area.

### **Next Meeting – September 12<sup>th</sup> provisional – date tbc**

**Sheila Ashley** – Alzheimer's Support, **Pauline Dark** – Local church and WSUN, **Fanny Middleton** – Alzheimers Support, **Ros Griffiths** – Community Engagement Manager, **Hillary Hollinsowrth** – Local church, **Malcolm Cox** – resident, **Belinda Chandler** – Arts Together, Healthwatch rep, **Jennifer Totney** - Local churches, **Curly Haskell** – Pewsey Parish Council, **Mary Soellner** – Great Bedwyn Surgery, **Helen Barbrook** – Age Uk, **Pat Keers** – Pewsey Surgery, **Sylvie Clayden** – Pewsey Memory Café