

NOTES OF THE MALMESBURY AREA HEALTH & WELLBEING FORUM MEETING

Thursday 17th November 2022 at 10.30am (Zoom Meeting)

1. INTRODUCTIONS AND UPDATES:

As usual, everyone on the call had an opportunity to remind people of who they represent and their roles.

Points of Note:

- **Sherry Baffour** – Sherry is a member of Kings Church, Abbey Row in Malmesbury. She introduced herself as a new member and gave some background to the Kings Church, which has a small congregation at present, but has a keen interest in supporting older and vulnerable people. Their grant application to the Area Board was discussed later on in meeting.
- **Fatima Burkitt** – Fatima who is the Care Co-ordinator Wiltshire Health and Care for the area, is working from the Tolsey Surgery, Sherston and is now concentrating on hospital discharges into the Care System.
- **Andy Donald** – Andy advised that after 17 years as the manager of the Malmesbury Activity Zone (Wilts Council), he is shortly moving on to take up a managerial role at the Olympiad in Swindon. The new manager in Malmesbury will be Marc Bowden and he will be invited to our next meeting.
- **Jan Forsyth** - It was reported that Jan, the Community Co-ordinator from the Wiltshire Centre for Independent Living/ North Wiltshire Primary Care Network (PCN) has resigned and there is no news of her replacement.
- **Jo Harrison** – LivingWell Team Lead for the Primary Care Network; Jo is a new member of the team, based at the New Court Surgery, Royal Wootton Bassett, but also covering Malmesbury and the rest of the PCN area. Her new title is 'Team Lead Social Prescribing Link Worker North Wiltshire PCN' and deals with social prescribing.
- **Andrew Jack** – Andrew is the new Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager – Malmesbury, Marlborough and Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade, for Wiltshire Council and supports the Area Board. There has been some re organising of roles and he replaces Alexa Davies, who was the previous Community Engagement Manager. Unfortunately, Andrew was unable to attend due to another meeting, but we will hopefully meet him at the next forum meeting.
- **Debbie Pritchard**- Debbie is the Activities Manager advised that Hill House Care Home, Little Somerford, is now called Somerhill and is being run by Cedar Care Homes, who have a group of Care Homes in the South West.

Community Transport Update: Cartmell Bus

- The new minibus which will be paid for from a Big Lottery Grant of nearly £60,000 is still being built, but has been given a tentative new date of Dec 2022 for delivery.

- The existing Cartmell Minibus, known as the 'Cream Bus', could still be used more. This can be driven by a representative of a community organisation or group. Hire costs are inexpensive and include full insurance and petrol at £1.20 per mile, with a minimum payment. If you have a 'd' on your driving licence you are able to drive the bus after a quick test run assessment as a volunteer. If not then you can become qualified to drive the bus after a short course. Pre-Covid, nearly all the local care homes had drivers available, with some extra volunteer drivers who were able to help out with an occasional trip. The number of volunteer drivers has now reduced, which is sad as the Minibus is a great way to take people out and about, but could be used more and especially when the new bus arrives. So, there is a call out to all for new volunteer drivers. If anyone wishes to know more, then please contact John Fairhurst by email jfairhurst@btinternet.com for more information.

2) IMPROVING CONNECTIVITY, ACTIVITIES AND SUPPORT FOR OLDER AND VULNERABLE PEOPLE

- Everyone agreed that the entertainment and support sessions provided by Celebrating Age Wiltshire so far this year have been great! We look forward to enjoying many more and have been working in partnership with them to maximise accessibility.
- Julie Dart reminded us of the Public Living Room which is available to all at Malmesbury Library Tuesdays 1.30pm to 4.30pm and which is gathering momentum. "A free relaxed space for folk to sit, get together and share a cuppa. Come along and meet people in your community. Everyone is welcome."

Promotion of Events:

- Please remember if you have an event coming up and wish me to circulate details to others in the forum, then please just email me, with plenty of notice if possible.
- Malmesbury Town Council has a What's On newsletter, which is issued by the Tourist Information at the Town Hall, which you can ask to include your event. They can be contacted via their website www.malmesbury.gov.uk

Event Reminders:

Reminder that two very friendly 'drop ins' for older people are in happening in Malmesbury:

- Every Friday Morning 10am at Burnham Court, **Malmesbury Seniors Coffee Morning.**
- **Saturday Friends** is the first Saturday in the month at Riverside from 2pm to 4pm and includes more substantial refreshments and activities, all of which are free of charge and transport may be provided.

If you would like any further details about these, then please contact me.

Upcoming Events:

See att. flyers!

- **Saturday 3rd December 2022 2pm to 4pm** - Saturday Friends Christmas Party at Riverside Community Centre Party with entertainer and singer Neil Patterson- Free of charge and transport may be provided;
- **Thursday 15th December 2022 2.30pm** - Christmas Tea Party by Celebrating Age Wiltshire and Malmesbury Town Council at Malmesbury Town Hall, with food and entertainment - Free of charge and transport may be provided;
- **Wednesday 25th January 2023 10.30am (tbc)** – Tortheatre Pantomime by Celebrating Age Wiltshire and Malmesbury Town Council at Malmesbury Town Hall, with morning coffee and cake - Free of charge and transport may be provided;

Ramona Gherendi, Manager of White Lodge also gave us a flavour of the events they had lined up, including their 30th Birthday Mad Hatter's Tea Party and a Market coming up on 26th November. She advised all would be welcome.

3) COST OF LIVING CRISIS AND WINTER SUPPORT

The background to the ongoing work of supporting the more vulnerable and elderly in our community was discussed in depth. This is a winter support programme, where several venues open to the public have come together to organise a rota of free warm spaces plus refreshments, which will be available for people to come to during the winter months. The aim is to help those who are unable to afford to heat their homes sufficiently and who may also need help with food. Older and vulnerable people, plus people with young children are considered to be those who may especially need help to stay warm and well. The detailed grant applications to Wiltshire Council have been made to support the various venues to provide warm spaces, food and drink and to help set up a Coatbank.

Two grant applications made to the Wiltshire Council Area Board for the Malmesbury Community Area in this respect were seen and discussed, being for **£1912** and **£500**. There was unanimous support for these applications from the members of the Forum present at the meeting.

Thanks were given to all and the Chair advised she will be circulating dates for next year's meeting in due course.

The meeting was attended by:

Beeches Homecare – Penni Kingsbury;

Carers Support Wiltshire - Ashley Harris, Community Connector;

Community Transport – Kim Power, Cartmell Minibus and MDCT member;

Health and Wellbeing Forum Chair – Kim Power;

Kings Church Malmesbury - Sherry Baffour;

Malmesbury Abbey - Deborah Scott- Bromley, May Moore Chaplain and Associate Priest ;

Malmesbury Activity Zone (Wilts Council) – Andy Donald;

Malmesbury Primary Care Centre - Jo Harrison, LivingWell Team Lead;

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Fatima Burkitt, Care Co-ordinator Wiltshire Health and Care;

Radfield Home Care – Jeremy Kemp;

Friends of Riverside – Margaret Perrin- Trustee;

Friends of Riverside – Catherine Doody-- Trustee;

Friends of Riverside –Mary O’Brien - Trustee

Somerhill Care Home Deborah Pritchard, Activities Manager;

Townsend Court – Nicola Steven, Manager;

White Lodge, Minety - Ramona Gherendi –Manager;

White Lodge, Minety – Lucy Plumbley –Activities Assistant;

Wiltshire Council Area Board Volunteer Champion - Julie Dart;

Wiltshire Councillor (Area Board Representative) & Chair of Malmesbury Dementia Action

Alliance – Roger (Chuck) Berry;

Wiltshire Sight Support – Sarah O'Rourke;
