

**Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Community Care Group**  
**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June, Cricklade Town Council offices**  
**Notes**

Item	Notes	Action
Present	Stevie Palmer; Dianna Kirby, (Tockenham PC); Kate Brooks (Age UK Wiltshire); Emma Wheeler (Cricklade TC); Tim Gold (Hartford Care); Mel Lambourne (Care Coordinator, Tinkers Lane Surgery); Cllr David Bowler, Cllr Mary Champion, Louise Nankivell, (Prevention & Wellbeing team), Andrew Jack (Strategic Engagement & Partnerships Manager) (Wiltshire Council).	
Apologies	Cat Attewell, (Home Instead); Abi Mitchell (Rethink Mental Health); Heather Ponting-Bather (Purton InTouch); Sally Price (Care Coordinator, North Wilts PCN); Alison Gardner (Reengage).	
Notes from last meeting	AJ ran through the points from the notes of January's meeting and all agreed this as a record of the meeting.	
Ideas for Carers' event, autumn 2024 – Stevie Palmer	SP gave details of the event she has been planning in Cricklade for the autumn. The event would be to help carers in the community find relevant information and assistance. SP has started a consultation with support organisations to assess interest. Cricklade has been selected for this pilot event as it covers a smaller area in the Community Area and if successful will be rolled out to Royal Wootton Bassett in the spring. Funding would be required to hire a venue and cover costs for refreshments. There was discussion around how this could be funded and AJ described the process for requesting grant funding from the area board. There had not been an application written for the next meeting in June but there is a route for requesting funding in between meetings. TG offered sponsorship towards the event from Hartford Care, explaining this is the kind of community engagement they would like to be involved with. SP can liaise with TG and with AJ about funding from either route.	<b>SP</b>
Community Directory review – Andrew Jack	AJ had hoped to be able to ask a colleague to begin work on pulling together information for the new community directory, but they had been seconded to work towards the general election, so would be unavailable until the 5 <sup>th</sup> July. AJ also mentioned that a replacement for Louisa Young had recently been appointed, so the team will be at full strength and there be better resource for work like this. No action had begun on this project but once team members were available in July, this would begin.	<b>AJ</b>
Membership of the group	AJ explained the purpose and structure of the group as the 'health and wellbeing' working group of Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Area Board. DK felt the group already has plenty of people with knowledge and expertise in the area but there was no one to take away that information and share it with the wider community. She described how when she and SP began as members of the group, there were reps from most of the town and parish councils present who could take this back and share it with their residents. At that time, members were asked	

	<p>about their main concerns and the first was around good communication. This was why the group met monthly, with an outside speaker to generate that flow of information back to communities. DK wanted to encourage parish councils to come to meetings and find out. ML asked about care coordinators at local surgeries and will promote amongst them to help. She will also speak with the main care agency working in RWB and surrounding villages.</p> <p>SP agree the role of the group is about disseminating information. DB agreed it was important to get parish councils along to meetings although this is difficult. ML also asked about Patient Participation Groups at surgeries.</p> <p>DK felt it important that people know what to do in certain health situations when they've never had experience of it before and need to find their way through a process. SP talked about creating a flow chart to help people.</p> <p>AJ agreed we cannot get everyone to every meeting which is why the event SP is planning is important. AJ offered to help plan and put on the event. SP said this was why she had planned it with the option to role it out to other towns or villages in future.</p> <p>MC said she had taken the issue of early diagnosis, especially for cases of dementia, to Wiltshire's Health Select Committee and it was agreed this would be on the agenda for September's meeting. This is an issue that has been raised previously within this group. ML described a dementia assessment at a GP and the referral to a dementia advisor based at a surgery. If the case is not within the norm, it will take longer and if referred to the Memory Service, longer still.</p>	<p><b>ML</b></p> <p><b>SP</b></p>
<p>Funding and projects</p>	<p>AJ explained about the small amounts of grant funding available from the area board and that one role for this group was to make recommendations on new grant funding applications to the area board. AJ had circulated two applications prior to the meeting and the group discussed those:</p> <p>ABG1794 – Reengage 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tea Party. Recommended</p> <p>ABG1863 – Our Time Project workshops for elders – Not recommended.</p> <p>AJ described one further application that arrived too late to be sent in advance:</p> <p>ABG1874 – Community support groups at The Little Gem - Recommended</p>	
<p>A.O.B.</p>	<p>SP raised that Georgia Tanner, Carers Commissioner from Wiltshire Council had sent details of a Carers Together website and leaflet. SP asked about paper copies of this. KB had already brought some to offer the group.</p> <p>SP said that the self-help group at Bradenstoke and Lyneham had named itself the Toucan Café. They now have basic website with info about their meetings and signposting to other sources of help and information <a href="https://e-voice.org.uk/toucancafe/">https://e-voice.org.uk/toucancafe/</a></p> <p>KB described the Age Concern service in RWB and said how Age UK had been asked to take on the Monday Club. There had been an open day to find out what people want and from Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June, the club will</p>	

	<p>re-open at Sacred Heart Church in RWB. KB also said about the Fitness and Friendship running in RWB. ML asked if anyone had links to support for people with hoarding issues. LN responded with some help. TG kindly offered to host the next CCG meeting at the new Cotswold Rise venue at Ridgeway Farm, Purton.</p>	
Dates and venues for next meetings:	<p>5th September, Cotswold Rise Care Home, Upper Mill, Swindon, SN5 4FL; 20th November + date to coincide with area board in March 2025 All starting at 10.30 Further offers of a venue will be most helpful.</p>	