

NOTES OF THE MALMESBURY AREA HEALTH & WELLBEING FORUM MEETING

Thursday 25th January 2024 at 11.00am (Teams Meeting)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

See below. As usual everyone on the call reminded participants of who they represent and their roles.

2. INTRODUCTIONS AND UPDATES

Introductions

Donna Linden - Wiltshire Mind, Support Group Facilitator

Charlotte Latham – Wiltshire Council Library Services Community Area Manager

Rex Mackrill – Tolsey Surgery, Sherston New Practice Manager

Library Wiltshire Council

Charlotte Latham advised us again of the Warm packs initiative, where people can get a basic pack from their local Library (as per previously circulated flyer) however she also mentioned that Libraries will also have a few enhanced packs which include more equipment, such as a radiator reflector. These are intended for those who are in real need of assistance, so if anyone comes across someone who would benefit from this, then please refer to personnel at the Library. Abi Mitchell also introduced the new Rethink Mental Illness sessions now held at Malmesbury Library.

Cartmell Community Minibus

The new minibus finally arrived and everyone is invited to the launch on Saturday 27th January. The minibus can be hired at £1.25 per mile including fuel and insurance – more details are available on www.cartmellminibus.org.uk

Alzheimers Support Malmesbury

Sadly, we have received notice that the group which meets on some Mondays at Riverside Community Centre, will cease from February. This is apparently mostly due to a lack of numbers. Pam Ollis will continue with other groups such as in Chippenham and we do have Hilary Hill in place, who is our area Alzheimers Support representative hilaryh@alzheimerswiltshire.org.uk

Celebrating Age Wiltshire

Rebecca Seymour updated the forum on recent performances and also on upcoming ones in the area and requested that we all help publicise these. She will forward flyers/ posters to us with details, especially about a performance in Sherston on 26th April.

Tolsey Surgery Sherston

There was an announcement by ICB of some intention to close the Tolsey Surgery and for the Sherston area patients to relocate to Malmesbury Primary Care. After some strong concerns were expressed the ICB withdrew its communication. On 13th February, the ICB will be explaining the situation and current position at the Malmesbury Area Board Meeting, which is hosted by the four Wiltshire Councillors who cover North Wiltshire. All are welcome to attend, this time it will be at Malmesbury Town Hall, 6.30pm for 7pm and the full agenda can be found here

3. LIST OF CONTACTS AND DETAILS OF ACTIVITIES TO ENCOURAGE SOCIALISATION

There was quite a lot of discussion as to the need for this and the forum referred to the draft copy, prepared by the Chair, Kim Power. This includes support type groups and events, but also those which are social and not just in Malmesbury, but around the whole Community Area. For example Gil Anies mentioned an extra art based group at Burnham Court which meets on some Thursdays, which others can go to, but is not specifically advertised publicly.

As discussed before, there is more going on and more services available locally in the Community Area, which we can point older and vulnerable people to, than we do currently. To this end, we agreed on the **following actions**, most of which have been discussed in previous meetings:

- Gather information of what's happening. Each member of the forum, will provide details of any groups and dated events they know about, with details such as those shown in the draft version.
- The Chair will request Andrew Jack, (Wiltshire Council Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager – Malmesbury, Marlborough and Royal Wootton Bassett & Cricklade Leisure, Culture and Communities), to write to all parishes in the Community Area to ask for the same information.
- Once the information has been gathered it will be put into printed leaflet format and distributed widely. (Refer to Riverside Community Centre Grant Application under 4.) It may be that Riverside Community Centre might have a dedicated web page with this info and links too, and the information will also be part of the Malmesbury Town Council What's On offering.
- Paul Davis and Nicola Steven of Orchard Court and Townsend Court have monthly newspapers and have offered to include relevant information.
- Sally Price advised she will arrange to populate the Primary Care Surgery Facebook page with information.

The intention is to try to achieve this within the next couple of months.

4. GRANT APPLICATIONS

Athelstan 1100 Project – Cross Community Project Led By Town Team **£1435.20**

Parkinson's Support Project – Malmesbury Amateur Boxing Club **£1705.00** (£1980.00 discussed and agreed, but some grant application figures to be clarified).

Devereux Re Enactment Event and leaflet type What's On - Friends Of Riverside **£435.00**

Luncheon Club Project – Malmesbury Luncheon Club **£1920.00**

Details of all grant applications were circulated in advance and then discussed at the meeting. There was complete support for all applications from the forum and the forum recommends the applications to the Area Board members.

5. CONNECTING WITH OTHERS IN THE FORUM

See 3. above, some but not all email/contact details are in the public domain. The Chair will request each forum member to advise what can be shared with other members and what can be advertised in the public domain.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Reminder of our next Forum meeting date (please put this in your diary!) which will be **Thursday 23rd May 2024**, other dates for the whole year to follow.

MEETING ATTENDANCE

Various apologies given and the meeting was attended by:

Burnham House - Gil Anies, Manager;

Celebrating Age Wiltshire – Rebecca Seymour, Creative Producer;

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

Friends of Riverside – Mary O'Brien – Trustee;

Health and Wellbeing Forum Chair – Kim Power;

Malmesbury and Area Primary Care Centres – Jo Harrison and Sally Price- LivingWell Team, Care Co-ordinators Wiltshire Health and Care;

Malmesbury Library (Wilts Council) – Charlotte Latham;

Orchard Court - Paul Davies, Manager;

Rethink Mental Illness- Abi Mitchell, Group Coordinator – Access Community Mental Health (Wiltshire);

Tolsey Surgery, Sherston - Rex Mackrill, Practice Manager;

Townsend Court – Nicola Steven, Manager;

Wiltshire Councillor (Area Board Representative) & Chair of Malmesbury Dementia Action Alliance – Roger (Chuck) Berry;

Wiltshire Council Area Board Strategic Engagement and Partnerships Manager – Andrew Jack;

Wiltshire Mind – Support Group Facilitator, Donna Linden;

Wiltshire Sight Support – Sarah O'Rourke;