

Amesbury Health and Wellbeing Group

Evergreen Court, Amesbury

Monday 11 November 11am – 12 noon

Notes / Action Points

Updates from group members

Celebrating Age – further activities undertaken including a lovely theatre / music event at Amesbury library linking the generations. This was well attended.

Cllr Graham Wright reported that the “Celebrating Addison Square” event and BBQ, funded by the HWB group was a fun event bringing the residents and community together and celebrating the long awaited refurbishment of the premises. Helped to create a sense of belonging to the place. The weather was good too!

Diane Jenkins reported that Alzheimer’s Society celebrated their 40th anniversary at the Stonehenge Visitors Centre.

Jacqui said that the Men’s Shed group had held a further meeting which had been well attended. A couple of people had expressed an interest in helping to set up and run the shed. The location for the shed was not yet agreed and the Town Council was hoping to help with this.

Action: Cllr Yuill would liaise with the Town Council.

Mike Symonds, Local Area Co-ordinator, reported a number of clients who he had helped make positive changes to their lives. There were a range of issues facing people. One such issue which seemed fairly prevalent was behavioural support to parents who had children with challenging behaviour due to a learning disability and / or autism.

Carolyn Taylor thought that the youth provision was not quite adequate for the area which compounded the problem, especially for SEND children and their parents.

Cllr Wright said that although the funding for the group was for older people, the HWB group’s wider remit covered children and young people. Jacqui reminded everyone that there was £20k in the youth budget. This was for 13 – 19 year olds or up to 25 with a disability. Match funding was required.

Tracy Parker from Carers Support said that there were some support groups for parent carers but they were not formalised.

Action: All to raise awareness of the youth budget for potential projects

Tracy Parker to check what is available via Carers Support including young carers / liaise with the Parent Carer Council

Graham Audin reminded the group that the new hopper bus was in service and had been well used with positive feedback. Funding was always an issue and they were hoping to receive further 106 monies. It would be good to have better Parish Council engagement in the service however.

Leah Scott reported that the Steeple Ashton club was going well and that she was planning a club for men in the New Year.

Liv McClennan informed the group that the Singing for Lung Health was well attended. They had wowed the Tesco "Bags of Help".

Jackie Davies – Buckland Court Xmas event 21 December, all welcome. There would be kids singing and new pigmy goats.

Tracy Parks – Carers Café every 2nd Friday of the month, Evergreen Court, plus similar in Tidworth. There was a possibility of having a specific café / support group for parent carers.

Action: Jacqui / Tracy to investigate

Our Community Matters – Jacqui suggested that all of the varying events and activities which the group were involved in could be put onto the Our Communities blogsite. A newsletter went out each Friday to around 1,000 people in the area along with twitter. Registration was easy and then use "news" or "events" to post your item. Jacqui would help anyone with this. Graham suggested a session on this at the next meeting.

Action: OCM to go onto the agenda for the next meeting

Funding Available

There was £3,725.30 available in the Health and Wellbeing funding stream. This was primarily for older people and required match funding.

Funding applications

The group recommended funding for an application which was to transport older and disabled people from Amesbury and the villages to the Christmas event at Stonehenge. This would take place on 11 December. Quotes were currently being obtained but would be ready for the Area Board on 21 November.

Jacqui to take this to the Area Board on 21 November for approval

There had been an application from Salisbury Pride for an event next Summer in Salisbury. At the moment, the group felt it did not meet the criteria for HWB grants in Amesbury. This was because it was not for older people and it was not taking place in Amesbury or supporting vulnerable groups in Amesbury. If the application could make the support to Amesbury residents much clearer and evidence this, it may be considered at a later date.

Area Board meetings

Members of the group may wish to attend the Area Board meetings on 21 November – Climate Change workshop. 16 January – Military / Civilian Integration.

Equalities and Inclusion Work

Jacqui update the group on the Equalities and Inclusion work that she was undertaking. The focus had been on Carers, especially Military Carers and Parent Carers. This chimed well with the discussion at the meeting today.

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Irene Kohler had been in touch about the Silver Salisbury programme. It was possible to reproduce this in Amesbury but volunteers would be needed to undertake the work.

Jacqui to put on agenda for the next meeting

Leah Scott suggested that a forum for day activities / lunch clubs would be useful.

Jacqui to put on agenda for next meeting

Jacqui to arrange 4 dates for 2020