

The expectation of the Health and Wellbeing Group was for it to be a catalyst to make things happen at the Amesbury Community Area level it would build on the successful workshop held in the summer of 2015 when local people were asked what was important to them. The new Group is very much a Steering Group to link up and link in with what already exists in the community area – networking with the likes of the LINK scheme and the Housing Associations who are active in the community and with people who are potentially isolated or vulnerable.

In terms of ways of working the Health and Wellbeing Group would be responsible to the Area Board and it would receive an allocation of funding that it would be required to manage making recommendations to the Area Board on how it should be discharged to the benefit of the community area. It had already been agreed the successful community lunches organised by Jan Tidd would be supported from this fund so it was the role of the Group going forward to identify other projects that would help to meet the identified local needs of older people. The funding could be used for 'Revenue' unlike the Area Board Grants which were for 'Capital' projects. Dave Roberts advised that he was hoping that an additional allocation of funds would be made but this would be discussed as part of the Area Board Business.

Farleys Malone Community is a new Charity (Charity number pending) which was created by Andrew and Janet Tidd when the funding for the Good Neighbour Scheme was cancelled by Wiltshire Council (31 March 2016). The funding for the Good Neighbour Scheme for 2016/17 was split between all the Area Boards so they could determine what their communities wanted/needed going forwards.

At the Amesbury Area Board Older Persons Event, which took place in October 2015, a list of needs/wants/desires was produced by the attendees and this was presented to Amesbury Area Board for adoption.

Farleys Malone Community is grateful to the Area Board for the support it has received so far, and feels that it has more to offer to the Area Board and the Community as a whole.

The team within Farleys Malone Community have decades of wide ranging community experience, working closely with the rural communities and listening to the needs of those most vulnerable and socially isolated.

Amesbury Area Boards creation of a Health and Wellbeing Board to highlight the needs of older and vulnerable adults, and identify these to the Area Board for ratification, is most welcome. However, experience shows that to set up events lunches, afternoon teas, outings from scratch is time consuming and a minefield of insurance, security and planning. Farleys Malone Community has already been through this process and can offer the Area Board and the Health and Wellbeing group the umbrella to create new and exciting projects within the Amesbury Area Community.

One project could be bringing those from the further most corners of the Area Board Area together to meet for community lunches from time to time. It is surprising how many older adults have not met each other for years just because they have moved 20 miles away!

Another project could be setting up intergenerational activities, within the Community Area, utilising the Wiltshire Council Minibuses and Volunteer Drivers in conjunction with the Link Schemes etc. and Farleys Malone Community Volunteers who will then be covered by the existing Volunteer Insurance Farleys Malone Community already has in place.

Farleys Malone Community has been asked by its clients to create more lunches, in different areas of the Amesbury Community Area, so they can visit different places when transport allows.

Clearly projects identified would be the decision of the Health and Wellbeing Board, however by utilising Farleys Malone Community, the projects would be brought to fruition much faster and in one place, providing positive outcomes for the Amesbury Area Board and the Older and Vulnerable adults in our community.

Farleys Malone Community has been created to combat social isolation within the rural and urban communities in Wiltshire and parts of Hampshire going forward, and is committed to working towards Prevention and Social Isolation as per the Care Act.

Obviously this service would need to be funded. The amount of money the Area Board has received from Wiltshire Council is insufficient to engage someone to carry out these projects, but Farleys Malone Community is committed to providing this service to the community and will raise additional funding to enable this facility.

For a commission of £5,000 Farleys Malone Community will undertake to set up, recruit volunteers and manage two projects from the list provided from the Older Persons Event as determined by the Health and Wellbeing Board within the 2016/17 financial year. In addition Farleys Malone Community will set up one additional Monthly Community Lunch.