

Melksham Wellbeing Group
29.01.2018

Attendees:	Pat Aves (PA), Nicky Applegate (NA), Ruth Randall (RR), Alan Docherty (AD), Sue Brown (SB), Martin Pain (MP), Rhys Schell (RS), Chris Pickett (CP), Martin Elson (ME), Sarah Banks (SB), Jon Hubbard (JH)
Invited speakers	Jon Berridge (JB)
Apologies	Helen Henderson (HH), Amanda Brookes (AB)
Grant applications to the Wellbeing Group	<p>Melksham Seniors – request £4,260 (£1,000 already awarded)</p> <p>PA provided an update from the Area Board meeting, where the decision was taken to partially award £1,000 of the £3,000 recommended from the group. This was due to a financial query that had been subsequently raised, but had now been resolved. The Wellbeing group were asked to review the application and provide a new recommendation back to the Area Board.</p> <p>MP provided additional financial breakdown of the various activities that had already taken place and those that were due up until April 2018. A slight reduction in the overall costs to the Melksham Seniors was reported due to the cancellation of two activities.</p> <p>The group were supportive of the work of Melksham Seniors and the programme of activity, however, questions were raised about the opportunity to source from other local funding providers and suggested that the group look to bring in more income from attendees.</p>
	<p>Carers Support Wiltshire – request £2,980</p> <p>JB provided an overview of the project which aimed to reach the most vulnerable and isolated individuals, who are not online or currently involved with any activity or support groups. A mailshot of approx. 14,000 postcards with information addressing the issue of loneliness with a dedicated phone line for support and signposting was proposed.</p> <p>The group were very supportive of this project, however, had questions with regards to the distribution methods, which geographical areas would be targeted and the exact content of the postcard. JB suggested that he worked with RS to identify the most suitable locations and advised he would be happy to provide a draft version for circulation to the Wellbeing group before distribution.</p>
	<p>Melksham Baptist Church – request £500</p> <p>RS advised the group of the work the Foodbank and Lifelines services in Melksham and how this funding request was an extension of this. The monthly breakfasts and celebratory meals aim to bring together those who access these services who are often unemployed, living rough or sofa surfing. The meals have</p>

	<p>created a community feel to those who are accessing the services, increased self-esteem and provided an important hot meal for those most in need.</p> <p>The group were very supportive of the concept of this service. Questions were asked about whether it was predominately older people who would access this service and RS was able to advise it was an intergenerational project. RS also confirmed that the volunteers were very assertive to ensure only the most vulnerable and those with the highest needs were accessing these free services.</p>
Funding award	<p>RS reported that there was £4,220 remaining in the Wellbeing budget for the 2017/18 financial year and therefore all applications cannot be fully funded. The group initially agreed that they wished to fully fund the Melksham Baptist Church request for £500.</p> <p>Action: RS to include £500 to the Melksham Baptist Church (on behalf of the Foodbank and Lifeline services) in the report to the Area Board for funding approval.</p> <p>The group then discussed the remaining two grants and they unanimously agreed that they wished to support both applications. JH suggested that the group consider allocating part of next years funding, on the understanding that this funding would be at their disposal.</p> <p>It was agreed that the group would use the remaining £3,720 in the following manner; £2,350 would be awarded to Carers Support Wiltshire and £1,370 would be awarded to Melksham Seniors from the 2017/18 financial period. An additional £630 to each group would be recommended to the Area Board from the 2018/19 funding allocation. If for any reason the 2018/19 funding was not available then the 2017/18 funding would be the full investment.</p> <p>The full recommendation to the Area Board was £2,980 to Carers Support Wiltshire and £2,000 to Melksham Seniors (in addition to the £1,000 already awarded).</p> <p>Action: RS to include this in the report to the Area Board for funding approval of £2,000 to the Melksham Seniors. £1,370 from 2017/18 budget and £630 from 2018/19 budget.</p> <p>Action: RS to include this in the report to the Area Board for funding approval of £2,980 to Carers Support Wiltshire. £2,350 from the 2017/18 budget and £630 from the 2018/19 budget.</p>
Next meeting date	<p>This was the last meeting of this financial year. RS would be in touch to arrange the next meeting from April in due course.</p>
AOB	<p>N/A</p>