



At the last H&WB group meeting held 30th April 2018 the group recommended that FM receive £2,500 in a first tranche and suggested that to draw down the remaining £2,500 needed to show evidence of sustainability.

The community lunches are an important factor in reducing rural social isolation in a largely rural area of Wiltshire. They have been in operation for 6 years and are very well attended.

Owing to the way the lunches are operated, someone needs to take overall responsibility. FM will be the overarching body and will have overall responsibility for volunteer insurance, training, DBS and wellbeing of volunteers.

It will also involve coordination of transport, liaison with venues that provide lunches, identifying individuals in the community who would benefit from these activities, liaison with LINK schemes, doctor's surgeries, adult social care and day centres.

Transport is often quoted as one of the biggest single issues across the whole of Wiltshire. This has also been an issue for this group. We are looking to work more closely with transport providers to make this more user friendly and affordable in the future.

The Plan is to set up a group of volunteers to carry out admin tasks and actual help at the lunches.

From the volunteers, a committee will be formed to help with the operation of the lunches. Committee members and volunteers will assist on the day with the lunches and day trips, and behind the scenes admin, ensuring attendance, return home and collecting money on the day for the venue. The Volunteers will also assist with fund raising opportunities to raise money for the lunches going forward.

FM has taken account of views of the H&WB group with regards to Social Enterprise and in the coming months will explore the possibilities of setting up a Social Enterprise to try to make this venture more sustainable.

Amesbury Area Board H&WB funding does not cover all aspects of the lunches and trips for the year.

To assist with other funding FM will carry out raffles, seek donations from local businesses, ask participants for donations towards transport costs and will be seeking alternative grant funding. FM has negotiated with Wiltshire Council regarding making the lunches and trips a mainstream commissioned activity and will be holding further talks to explore this possibility in the future. They have also identified other grant providers such as community foundation where they will be making applications when appropriate.

The long-term plan is to build up a sustainable fund of 18 months operational costs on a rolling basis that will enable the lunches and trips to continue in a sustainable manner.

We will look at working with H&WB group to identify priorities from the JSA that we can work towards in partnership. We will explore inviting professionals such as health trainers, F&R service, Bobby Van, PCSOs and dementia champions to future lunches to give talks, offer advice and support where possible.