



Meeting : Senior Forum No.4

Date : 25.3.15 **Time:** 3.00pm

Location: The Town Hall, Bridestones Suite, Congleton.

In attendance:- A.Baines (Cheshire Action), Liz Shaw (CAB), S.Foster (Congleton Partnership), Mike Smith (Congleton Partnership), L.Daniels (CVS Cheshire East) ,Dominic Anderson (AgeUK Cheshire East) & Andy Holland (New Life Church)

Guests:-

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
1	Welcome & Apologies	Apologies were received from : Usman Ashiq (Plus Dane) ,Donald Bone, Dawn Allen, Glen Williams, M.Williamson, E.Wray (Shop-Mobility) Joan Myatt (Friends In Retirement)
2.	Matters Arising (27.1.15). Item 2. Paragraph about your organisation. From those that attend the forum meetings / use the forum for communications we still need a paragraph from:-	

	<p>Plus Dane Friends In Retirement.</p> <p>Item 2. Healthcare Representation.</p> <p>MMW Did discuss with Roz Broad (Readesmoor Practice) about becoming the 'health care' representative on the forum. Roz happy to receive e.mail information, can be approached when we have a specific issue / activity that may need the support of the practices.</p> <p>Item 2. Community Mini Bus. AH confirmed that he and GW had virtually completed the documentation, that NLC were currently using the Mini Bus successfully and that the intention was to offer it to other organisations in the near future. AH will control both the booking calendar and recording documentation issues.</p> <p>Item 4. Newsletter / Survey. Only one article received as yet (AgeUK) the newsletter could go out with the next issue of Bear Necessities (June) need to finalise at the next Senior Forum Meeting (Tues 28th April). If you have anything you wish to be considered please send a copy(no more than 250 words) to MS. This could include a survey. MS to send out a copy of some questions that he has put together as a starter for 10, would members let Mike have feedback on changes /ideas /questions they would like to be considered. We will then discuss this at the next meeting. We then need to consider all distribution avenues.</p>	<p>Let MS have a paragraph about your organisation</p> <p>GW to call a mini bus meeting a.s.a.p</p> <p>Newsletter articles to MS.</p> <p>MS send out survey question suggestions /members give feedback suggestions for discussion 28.4.15</p>
3.	<p>Discussion – Where do we go from here?</p> <p>The view of the members present was that the idea of a Senior Forum had positive opportunities and outcomes. Networking and understanding how various of the</p>	

organisations operate, plus possibilities of working together was well worth pursuing.

It was felt that like the Youth Council Survey and usage of its findings the Senior Forum also needed to know more about residents desires / their understanding of what is available to them.

It was felt that we should get a questionnaire together and use various methods of getting the document out to residents. MS had started to put together a questionnaire and will send out to member for critique and feedback.

Discussion around arranging some 'drop in' activities to be able to have face to face feedback from resident was raised and it was decided to hold 1 x 'drop in' event and 2 x 'club' visits.

1 x Drop In Event .

This to be held at NLC, Andy Holland to organised to a day / date that suites himself, other forum member s/ organisations to help eg:-

Blood Pressure Checks – D.Anderson

Fire Station (give aways) – A.Holland

Hand Massages /Red Cross – L.Daniels

Free Tea / Coffee & Cakes to be provided

Andy aiming for early May.

2 x Club Visit.

Forum members to visit 2 local club meetings to discuss aspects of Senior services and the needs of the residents. Liz Shaw may have some volunteers that could help in these visits.

	<p>The 2 Clubs selected were:-</p> <p>Friends in Retirement (Wed) – Contact Joan Myatt (12 to 15 members)</p> <p>Fellowship House Luncheon Club (Wed / Friday) – Contact Yvonne Phillips (60 members)</p> <p>These to be finalised at the next meeting 28.4.15</p>	
4.	<p>Directory / Community Index.</p> <p>A new Community Index /Directory of voluntary organisation in and around Congleton is currently being finalised. This will have over 70 organisations listed / contact detail and will cover a very wide selection of services. The Index will have around 5000 hard copies and an electronic copy for e-mailing / website inclusion.</p>	
5.	<p>Senior Health Fayre – 1st October 2015 (1 to 4.00pm)</p> <p>Deb Lindop is working with partners to organise a Senior Health Fayre at New Life Church on National Old People’s day 1.10.15.</p> <p>Deb is currently pulling together a floor plan and list of organisations to invite.</p> <p>More information as it becomes available. The Senior Forum will be taking a site on that day, and this could prove to be a real opportunity to get to a reasonable number of residents and canvas their views on provision and needs.</p>	
6.	<p>A.O.B</p> <p>LD. Asked for transport provision to be added to the next agenda.</p>	<p>Add Transport Provision to agenda 28.4.15</p>

7.	Date / Time of the next meeting:- Tuesday 28th April 2015, The Spencer Suite, Congleton Town Hall, 3.00 to 5.00pm	
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