



Meeting : Senior Forum No 6

Date : 23rd June 2015

Time: 3pm

Location: The Town Hall, Bridestone Suite, Congleton.

In attendance:- A.Baines (Cheshire Action), E.Wray (Shop Mobility), S.Foster (Congleton Partnership), A.Holland (New Life Church), Sheila Thompson (Congleton Disabled Club) ,D.Allen (Disability Together Partnership), L. Shaw (CAB), L.Daniels (CVS Cheshire East), D.Anderson (AgeUK Cheshire East),Lynn Heyes (Plus Dane),P.Withington (Team Parish) & M.Smith.

Guests: Jill Dolman (LOL), K.Goodwin (Disability Together)

Item	Agenda Item / discussion	Action / comment
	<p><u>Welcome & Apologies</u></p> <p>Steve Foster (Chair Congleton Partnership) opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, The members then introduced themselves to each other.</p>	<p>Apologies were received from: G.Williams (Partnership),D.Peddie (CEBC), J.Myatt (Friends Together) & V.Lockett (AgeUK CE)</p>
2.	<p><u>Matters Arising (28.4.15).</u></p> <p><i>Forum Members Fact Sheet.</i> New information added and the sheet distributed around the group.</p> <p>Other items covered within the agenda.</p>	
3.	<p><u>E-mails from MS .</u></p>	

	<p>Mike is currently sending out various e-mails around the group if he feels they may be of interest eg:- Cheshire East Partnership Newsletter Events 'Forget me not Walks' CEC Care Choices Directory</p> <p>All members at the meeting were happy for this networking to continue and they could see benefit in it.</p>	
4.	<p><u>Community Transport</u></p> <p><i>Current situation</i> <i>Currently have one minibus which caters for 8 passengers plus wheelchair and is about 8-9 years old. We have also had notification that we will be receiving a brand new minibus via a Government scheme. This will be a 16 seater community mini-bus. A Community Mini Bus is Not a public service bus and is NOT providing community transport like Dial a Ride. It can be used by groups connected to the Partnership to enable their group to get around. Can drive on a current licence if held licence for over 20 years. New licences may require extra training. Drivers must be over 30 years old and under 70 years with no more than three points on their licence.</i></p> <p>If you wish to use the current Mini Bus please contact Andy Holland (NLC 01260 297961 ext 210) for booking and hiring administration documentation.</p> <p>MS to contact G.Williams re hiring charges and billing procedure.</p> <p>Andy is currently looking for a driver to support his new activity:- Billabong Club, every 2 weeks on a Friday starting Friday 26th June, 12.00 to</p>	<p>MS contact GW re charges / invoicing.</p>

	<p>3.00pm.</p> <p>£5 for a 2 course meal and entertainment.</p> <p>If anyone can help with a driver to cover this activity please contact Andy (297961 Ext 210)</p>	<p>All. If you can help with a driver (Fridays) please contact Andy Holland.</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p><u>Disability Together Partnership – D.Allen / K. Goodwin.</u></p> <p>Dawn & Karen outlined the two aspects that they are currently working on:-</p> <p>(a) Knitting & Craft Forum.</p> <p>This is open to all ages, disabled or vulnerable people to help with isolation and support for ex-servicemen.</p> <p>This activity is centred at Dreamcatcher Farm Bosley, community transport is available and lunch at a small cost.</p> <p>A brief was handed out at the meeting.</p> <p>Currently the group is looking for support to buy equipment to develop this activity, SF suggested that Dawn put together a proposal as to what is required, send it to The Partnership for consideration.</p> <p>A small subgroup to be set up to try and reach lonely people (Lynn, Dawn, Alyssa & Liz) and report back progress to the group.</p> <p>(b) Pay It Forward Scheme.</p> <p>This is a scheme to help disabled and vulnerable people in the community to have affordable services (gardening /DIY/etc) at the same time helping Ex-Servicemen back into civvy street.</p> <p>This is very early days, but it is hoped to build a bank on ‘tradesmen’ who will charge reasonable prices for work done. The group will be managed by Ian</p>	<p>DA to put proposal to Partnership on equipment requirement.</p> <p>Small subgroup to look at ways of reaching lonely people (AB/LH/DA/LS)</p>

	Brown, has support of Peter Broom and connection with Forces Regroup.	
6.	<p><u>Questionnaire/Drop In NLC (6.5.15)</u></p> <p>The questionnaire was launched at the Drop In Event at New Life Church. Whilst the event could have been better attended by the general public (our fault in terms of advertising) it was very well supported by organisations. It was felt that any other event of this kind should be held in the town centre closer to transport links.</p> <p><i>Congleton Library (big room) is normally available on a Tues 11.30 to 1.15pm at £15 per hour. Cups, Saucers and constant hot water available with kitchen facilities.</i></p> <p><i>Ring Cong 375550 for booking the facility.</i></p> <p>This was supported by early findings from the completed questionnaires, some of which appear below. A full copy was issued at the meeting.</p> <p>Where do you find information re activity/support? - Word of Mouth / Local Press <i>(social media very low)</i></p> <p>Would a newsletter / event calendar be useful? - 60% said Yes / Quarterly/Printed.</p> <p>Would you welcome the idea of a 'Drop In'? - 90% said Yes / Town Ctr</p> <p>It was felt that we still needed a broader cross section of people completing the questionnaire. Lynn Heyes (Plus Dane), Liz Shaw (CAB) and Paul Withington (Team</p>	<p>L.Heyes /L.Shaw /P.Withington to put out questionnaires.</p>

	<p>Parish) agreed to put it out across their residents/congregations MS to revamp and send out copies to all 3.</p> <p>Returns to be in and collated before the next Senior Forum 25th August.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Senior Health Fayre 1.10.15</u></p> <p>The event which will celebrate Older People's Day on 1st October will be held at New Life Church from 1 to 4pm. The event is being organised by Cheshire East with support from AgeUK CE / Plus Dane. MS to request more information from Donna Peddie (CE Engagement Officer) and to circulate to forum members. The Senior Forum will be taking a stand at the vent, invitations are being sent out by Donna to local organisations.</p> <p>Content will be discussed at the next Senior Forum.</p>	<p>MS find out more about the event from D.Peddie.</p>
8.	<p><u>A.O.B</u></p> <p><i>Transport Survey Report.</i> Louise reported that 32 local groups had been involved and she would send a copy of the report to MS for circulation.</p> <p><i>Older Personal Issue Reporting Procedure.</i> DA raised to issue of how older persons report issues (ie Town Toilets) This to be put on the next agenda.</p> <p>Plus Dane Service and Products. L.Heyes requested time on the next agenda to brief the forum on the services and products offered by Plus Dane around the community</p>	<p>LD send a copy of transport report to MS for circulation.</p> <p>Add this item to next agenda.</p> <p>Add this item to next agenda.</p>
9.	<p>Next Meeting:-</p> <p>Tuesday 25th August 3.00pm LOL , Dreamcatcher Farm, Bosley Crossroads.</p>	<p>DA/JD please confirm to MS that this is booked in. Site tour and Meeting Room.</p>

