

## WEST LANCASHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD FOR OLDER PEOPLE

MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 27 MAY 2010.

COMMITTEE ROOM 2, WEST LANCS BOROUGH COUNCIL, ORMSKIRK

### PRESENT

NAME	DESIGNATION
Dr Alex McMinn	Chair
Cllr May Blake	West Lancashire Borough Council
Tracey Jardine	LCC Partnership Officer
Louise Blundell	West Lancashire Borough Council
Sheila Owen	West Lancashire Pensioners Forum
Raymond Brookfield	West Lancashire Pensioners Forum
David Hudson	Age Concern Lancashire (Age UK)
Shelley Gregory	Lancashire Fire and Rescue
Mandy Naylor	Help Direct
Pat Roberts	Aughton and Ormskirk U3A
Fred Mahoney	U3A
Greg Mitten	West Lancashire CVS

### 1. APOLOGIES

NAME	DESIGNATION
Marian Radford	
John Stanley	U3A Burscough
Evelyn Clarkson	
Glenn Harrison	NHS Central Lancashire
Peter Johnson	Welfare Rights

### 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING

These were agreed as an accurate record.

#### a. Brookside Development

Louisa stated the sub-groups were to meet to discuss details on the development, but she was not aware whether these meetings had taken place.

#### b. 50+ Assembly

Alex said that the majority of the members of the Assembly are chairs of Partnership Board across the County. Due to other commitment he did not

have to attend these meetings, and asked the Partnership Board to consider asking Fred Mahoney to act as representative on the Assembly for the time being. Alex stated that he is now chair of a national research committee looking at ageing and factors which sustain well-being which will entail travelling to London most weeks. Due to this, it is impossible for him to focus on local meetings.

Fred has looked at the Terms of Reference for the Assembly and was concerned that it could end up as a glorified talking shop, but he felt that there needed to be involvement to make a difference. There are currently more people in the country aged over 65 than there are children and he felt this age group should have a higher profile. 85% of older people should be able to lead a very good life. The government have produced a document 'Building Society for all ages' which does appear to make a lot of sense and is a good outline strategy. A further document PSA Delivery Agreement was revised in January 2010 and contains 5 indicators, which are

- Employment rate
- Pensions
- Healthy life expectancy at 65.
- Proportion of over 65s who are satisfied with their home and neighbourhood.
- Older people being able to live independently at home with support to maintain a lifestyle within the community.

It is assumed that at some stage councils will have to measure and act on this information to meet the targets. Fred felt that this group has a role in monitoring and putting pressure on the people who make decisions. At this stage it is unclear how the new government will act on this document.

**Action: Members of the Partnership Board agreed for Fred to represent the group on the 50+ Assembly.**

#### **c. Feedback from Adult and Community Services Inspection**

Alex asked if anyone had seen a copy of the report by the Care and Quality Commission.

**Action: Alex to enquire if the report has been circulated.**

#### **d. LCC representation on the Partnership Board.**

Greg asked, now that Ann Fitzpatrick has retired, has a replacement been found to sit on the Partnership Board. Alex confirmed that no replacement has yet been appointed.

### **3. OLDER PEOPLES ACTION PLAN**

Copies of the draft action plan were circulated to members of the meeting. Tracey stated that she, Louisa, David and Glenn had put in a lot of effort into

putting this plan together. It is currently in the draft stage, so there may be gaps, incorrect wording, etc., but this was felt to be a start. Members of the Board were asked to take the document away to read. Simultaneously the document will also be sent out to the LSP thematic groups.

Tracey stated that the last 3 columns in the document will list particular organisations who would be able to contribute to fulfilling the objectives. The 'by when' column has been left blank for the group to complete. If at the next meeting, everyone is happy with the feedback on the Action Plan, they could then begin to looking for leads for the various objectives.

Tracey suggested that when agreement is finally in place, the document could be launched locally during the Older Peoples week in October.

As from next week Tracey stated that she has capacity issues with the amount of time she can spend working on the Action Plan. She asked if any member of the Board could take over this piece of work, but added that she would give as much support as possible. This would entail dealing with feedback and reporting back to the Partnership Board on a regular basis.

**Mandy agreed to take on this piece of work.**

Alex thanked Tracey for the work she has undertaken on the Action Plan.

**Action:**

- **Members of the Partnership Board to pass any comments on the action plan to Mandy Naylor by the 9th July.**
- **Nominations for leads to be received by 9<sup>th</sup> July.**

The Older Persons Week commences on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2010. Louisa Blundell suggested that this could be discussed at the next Partnership Board meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Louisa has spoken with Cllr Blake re holding Older Persons Day in West Lancashire.

Greg stated that he would like to offer officer time from the CVS and would be happy to work with Cllr Blake in organising events

As Older Peoples Champion, Cllr Blake has a small budget which non-profit organisations can apply for grants from £50 to £500. This information is to be circulated in the local press.

#### **4. GRANT FUNDING**

Louise reported that it had been recorded in previous minutes that the remaining money from the LPSA funding would go to setting up the HIA.

#### **5. FEEDBACK FROM PENSIONERS FORUM AND U3A GROUP**

##### **a. Pensioners Forum**

Ray reported that approximately 100 members of the Pensioners Forum meet once a month in the community centre on St Helen's Road. However, this building is now being run by a private organisation who charge much higher rates for refreshments than before. The members of the group would not wish to change the venue for their meetings as it is convenient for the bus service. Sheila said that this may seem a small matter, but by providing tea and coffee at the end of the meetings, this allows members to socialise with each other.

Discussion took place regarding possible ways of providing funding for refreshments.

Tracey felt that this subject was a good example of an issue which the Pensioners Forum could bring for discussion to the Partnership Board.

Ray stated that the National Pensioners Forum will be held in Blackpool on the 8<sup>th</sup> June.

**Action: David Hudson agreed to look into this and will follow up with Richard Ford.**

#### **b. U3A**

Alex reported that there are 7 U3A groups in the area.

Alex and Greg have been involved with a group in London working on community cohesiveness.

A report has been prepared by the Department of Health on the work being undertaken by U3A who are beginning to focus on the wellbeing of older people, the aim being to improve physical activity for older people. Aerobics tailored to the needs of older people called 'Aerobics Lite' have been introduced and the group are now moving to diet management.

A programme called 'Mind Gym' has been devised. A pack has been produced which can be rolled out to other groups across the country.

### **6. FEEDBACK FROM WL LSP EXECUTIVE / THEMATIC GROUPS**

Alex had included this agenda item as he wanted to highlight that the Partnership Board minutes are sent through to the LSP. He will bring copies of LSP minutes to a future meeting. These are available on the LSPs own website.

Fred asked if the LSP were aware of the existence of the PSA Delivery Agreement document which had been discussed earlier in the meeting.

#### **Action**

- **Louisa to speak to the secretariat of the LSP and feed back to Fred.**
- **Tracey will contact David Halpin to discuss.**

## **7. FEEDBACK FROM CENTRAL LANCAS PLANNING AND COMMISSIONING STRATEGY GROUP**

As Glenn Harrison had sent his apologies for today's meeting, this item was not discussed.

## **8. FUTURE SPEAKERS**

Suggestions made were:

- Third Sector policy officer
- Health and wellbeing
- Update on Brookside scheme
- Think Jessica – campaign regarding scams on older people via the post, telephone etc.

## **9. HELP DIRECT INVESTMENT FUND AND SMALL SPARKS**

Mandy reported that the Small Sparks Fund has awarded £6000 in funding to a variety of local groups. Applications for funding can range from £50 to £500 and the part of the criteria is that groups have not been able to apply for any other form of funding. No long term plan is required.

Mandy stated that she is on a 12 month secondment to her current post. This involves looking at certain areas where services are not available. During the second week in June all this information will be taken back to the steering group, on which 3 members of the Partnership Board sit. Mandy will feed back to the Partnership Board on a regular basis.

Discussion took place on the lack of electricians on the safe trader scheme. Mandy said that Trading Standards are to take this up and the Handy Man service is also to be looked at.

## **10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **a. Fire Service**

The Fire Service are hoping to hold a Rural Community Day for Older People on 7 July at Scarisbrick Village Hall. They will also be taking part in the Older Peoples Week in October.

An event regarding partnership working is to be held on 22 September at the training centre when agencies will be invited to attend.

### **b. Age Concern**

Beverley Taylor has taken over a new role as Partnership and Development Officer for Central Lancashire and would like to attend a future meeting.

**c. Community Centre**

Sheila stated that the Pensioners Forum had applied for funding for a loop system for the community centre, but they had been told there was no money available.

**Action: Tracey to make enquiries about this.**

**DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

23<sup>rd</sup> July 2010