

WEST LANCASHIRE PARTENRSHIP BOARD FOR OLDER PEOPLE

MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2010

COMMITTEE ROOM 2, WEST LANCS BOROUGH COUNCIL, ORMSKIRK

Present

Alex McMinn (Chair)	U3A
Pat Roberts	U3A
Bev Taylor	ACL
Cllr May Blake	West Lancs Borough Council
Cllr Ruth Pollock	West Lancs Borough Council
Ray Brookfield	West Lancs Pensioners Forum
Sheila Owen	West Lancs Pensioners Forum
Anita Abram	WLCVS Community Development Officer
Fred Mahoney	U3A
Mandy Naylor	Help Direct
Margaret Park	U3A
John Stanley	U3A
Shelley Gregory	Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service
Nirmal Singh	Lancashire County Council
Tracey Jardine	Lancashire County Council
Bridgette Barton-Siddiqui	Government Office for the North West
Sue Melling	NHS Central Lancs

1. Apologies

Glenn Harrison, Louise Blundell, Marion Radford, Brian Cussey, Ann Fitzpatrick, Cllr Malcolm Barron,

It was also raised that attendees would like to see an Alzheimers Society representative at a future meeting.

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

Page 7 re Help Direct. It was pointed out that it was the electrical handyman service and possible the £10 call out fee that was being referred to.

Matters Arising

Page 7 – if over 64 lower tax rate doesn't apply.

3. Action Plan

Mandy advised that Fran circulated at the end of last week. Mandy had a look at the draft Action Plan and people have got back to her with their thoughts on it. Mandy asked if people are happy with the proposals made by other groups and explained that she is. Mandy did point out that there is something with regard to 'contributions' that she is not sure is relevant as it looks a bit specific.

Mandy explained that there will be a public consultation on 1st October 2010 to present the completed Action Plan. A lead also needs to be found with regard to 'Safety'.

Tracey added that the Action Plan will need to be signed off by the LSP executive. Feedback will be required from necessary groups and target dates set for those people who have agreed to be leads.

4. Older Peoples Day

Alex advised that Older Peoples Day will take place on 1st October. Alex praised those who have made this happen and also find the necessary funding.

Mandy explained that we have £1000 worth of funding available. There will be two venues, for the morning it will be Langham Hall in Ormskirk and for the afternoon Skelmersdale College which will also provide offer lunch prior to the session, which works out at £5 per head. Mandy added that Dave Guest from the BBC will be facilitating the day.

The budget will be split between catering, marketing, the Langham Hall venue and a fee for Dave Guest who has agreed to do the event at a special price.

Volunteers will be needed to help out throughout the day and Tracey, Margaret, May, Ruth, Sheila and Sue offered to help. Alex asked to be kept in the loop. The theme for the event is 'Healthy Living and Participation'. There will be a whole range of activities to take advantage of throughout the day.

Questions were raised with regard to what will be done in the way of publicizing the event. Tracey stressed that LCC should be able to help with this by way of a press release. U3A should also be able to organise arranging some flyers. Mandy confirmed that there will be a photographer there as well.

Anita advised that WLCVS will be able to help publicize the event and put on a weekly numbers update as well as promote the event by email. Anita added that they will also advertise by putting up posters in community cafes. Anita also explained that there will be a CVS roadshow at St Teresa's in Upholland on 29th September. Burscough café will be half price on production of a bus pass on September 30th.

Alex informed that he will inform the town mayor and Councillor Balldock about the event. Everyone agreed that the marketing of the event will be a key

factor in how successful the day is. It is essential that everyone utilises their connections.

Alex thanked Mandy for all of her hard work that has gone into putting the day together.

5. North West Later Life Co-ordinator:- Bridget Barton-Seddiqui

Bridget gave a detailed description of her role, what it entails and the work that she will be carrying out. Bridget advised that her attendance today is as the Later Life Coordinator for the North West.

Bridget passed out a handout with slides with regard to the engagement side of her role and discussed this in detail. Bridget explained some of the key findings she has made. One of findings is that there is a large number of Older Peoples Partnership Board around the United Kingdom but unfortunately the work they are doing is not finding its way to government.

Bridget discussed a new forum that has been developed called The North West Forum on Ageing. The first meeting is due to take place in mid October and will determine the priorities for the first meetings. The Forum will attempt to engage with all Older Peoples Partnership Boards throughout the North West. Bridget added there is one member of the 32 people on forum from Lancashire who will be the key to our own involvement in the forum.

Ray and Sheila stressed that nobody has ever engaged with the West Lancashire Pensioners Forum and what Bridget is talking about has been heard many times before but unfortunately nothing ever changes.

Anita stressed that she believes that there is so much bad publicity on older people. Bridget responded that this is why the forum is going to be focusing on 30-60 to plan for the future.

6. Update on LCC 50+

Fred explained that he attended the first meeting on 5th August. The 50+ assembly was not fully populated. Dave Burnham, Head of Information Services at Lancashire County Council, delivered a proposed consultation. Fred advised that this focused mainly on cost cutting. Fred suggested that Education Services could have some costs cut but this was rejected. Feedback was also given on Development Workshops.

Fred advised that it was a fairly relaxed meeting. It was revealed that David Halpin is going to be retiring but assurance was given that the assembly will not be affected by this. Fred also said that there is rumour that the OP group in Lancashire is to be disbanded.

Fred advised that he felt the 50+ assembly seemed rather isolated and didn't appear to be connected to anything other than Lancashire County Council and has no influence on policy.

Fred discussed the NHS White Paper and explained there are three main changes. These are a formation of a GP Consultation Commissioning Board. Public Health is returning to local authority and as a result the PCT will be getting restructured resulting in 100 job losses.

The consultation finishes on 9th October so all comments and thoughts need to be expressed before then.

7. Any Other Business

Nirmal advised LCC have recently taken over responsibility for Older Peoples Forums again, as up until now they have been independent since 2007. Each forum will be granted 5k per year for each forum. Funding will end in March 2011. Nirmal stressed that he is willing to speak to anyone who has concerns with regard to this.

Anita advised that the Performance Award Money has funded a Foot Care Service that has been delivered by Age Concern.

A tender has just been awarded to provide gardening services in West Lancs. This has awarded to a company called 'A Man For All Seasons'.

Next meeting 25/11/2010 at 10.00am. Held at Committee Room 2, West Lancashire Borough Council, Ormskirk