

WEST LANCASHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD FOR OLDER PEOPLE

MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2010

COMMITTEE ROOM 2, WEST LANCS BOROUGH COUNCIL, ORMSKIRK

Present

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| Alex McMinn (Chair) | U3A |
| Cllr May Blake | West Lancs Borough Council |
| Cllr Ruth Pollock | West Lancs Borough Council |
| Cllr Bob Pendleton | West Lancs Borough Council |
| Sheila Owen | West Lancs Pensioners Forum |
| Jim Bevan | West Lancs Pensioners Forum |
| Anita Abram | WLCVS Community Development Officer |
| Fred Mahoney | U3A |
| Mandy Naylor | Help Direct |
| John Stanley | U3A |
| Tracey Jardine | Lancashire County Council |
| Geraldine Moore | Age Concern |
| Glenn Harrison | NHS Central Lancashire |

1. Apologies

Margaret Park, Pat Roberts, Marion Radford, Ray Brookfield, Cllr Malcolm Barron, Louise Blundell

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

3. Review of Older Peoples Day

Mandy advised that the Older Peoples Day on 1st October was a great success and all feedback that has been received since has been positive. Mandy suggested that in hindsight it was a bit of a struggle getting to both venues but that Skelmersdale College were fantastic hosts. Mandy added that we have made a number of new links who we can potentially utilise.

Glenn endorsed what Mandy said and explained that it is important that we ascertain what level of contact the new links want with the Board. Alex agreed and requested a copy of the new links.

Tracey stressed that this is a real opportunity to engage and suggested that if we don't think now how we can do things more effectively we never will. We need to work out the best way to engage with the new links and utilise them productively.

With regard to the new contacts it was decided that they will each be invited to meet with Tracey, Mandy and Alex for an informal chat to try and ascertain what level of engagement and involvement they want.

Discussion ensued with regard to whether we should put together a similar event next year. The general consensus was that we should certainly mark 1st October in some way. This item will go on the agenda at future meetings.

4. Action Plan

A copy of the Action Plan was handed out to all in attendance and it was reported that it is still to be signed off and released.

Mandy, Glenn and Louisa are sitting on a subgroup with regards to the Action Plan. Mandy did stress that it is important that a couple more volunteers join the subgroup as it is currently too officer led. Some amendments have been made but there is still no agreed lead for two of the five sections, these being Finance and Safety.

It was agreed by all that timescales need to be sorted with regard to sending the Action Plan to LSP for approval. Alex said he would like to get it to the LSP by mid 2011.

Mandy informed that feedback has indicated that the work we are doing as a Board needs to be fed back into the community better.

Tracey stressed that it is important that the leads start putting the ideas into practice and that action starts to be put in place. Geraldine added that it is imperative that everything that we commit to, we can manage. Alex thanked Mandy for the excellent job of putting the Action Plan together.

Mandy discussed the idea of identifying some 'quick wins' that we can achieve.

Mandy suggested that the leads need to make the key points that need addressing and then others should read through them and flag up any issues.

Mandy stressed the need for lots of comments from around the table at the next meeting.

5. LCC 50+ - Update

Fred explained that he attended the meeting on November 2nd but that it was poorly attended. Fred added that prior to the meeting he had received two emails which he read out. One from Dave Burnham and one from Michael Gollbold who is the chair of the OPPB in South Ribble.

Fred confirmed that LCC's 50+ Assembly will continue for the foreseeable future as £8000 funding is still available. Fred did stress however that there will be a lot of change with regard to the assembly and an Action Plan is due to be released that will hopefully be available for the next meeting. Fred added he is unsure if he will be able to

Fred also confirmed that the LEA has now dissolved. The LSP for LCC is changing and the LSP in Lancashire is dissolving and becoming a public service board.

Fred explained that it is clear that there is a lot of change and uncertainty about at the moment but it is unclear what the overall affect will be until all the structures are in place. Fred added he is unsure whether he will be invited to be involved in the newly structured assembly.

6. Future Activities

Geraldine advised that the Big Lottery Research Project is going to have a Local Community Group set up. Details of the first meeting will be made available at January's Partnership Board meeting.

Bob also discussed the idea of those older people who are financially secure waving their £250 heating allowance which could give extra help to those less well off. It was agreed that this was a good suggestion that had been raised before.

7. Any Other Business

Tracey handed out 'Travelling in Winter' leaflet and advised that she will forward to the Board a Winter Service Briefing for West Lancs from LCC Highways.

Mandy circulated 'Get Cosy' leaflets that have been generated from Help Direct and the PCT.

Sheila requested the 'Man for All Seasons' phone number.

Next meeting 28/01/2011 at 10.00am. Held at Committee Room 2, West Lancashire Borough Council, Ormskirk