

## **Pewsey Community Area Recovery Group and Pewsey Vale Health and Well-being Forum Meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 1630 via Zoom**

Attending: Margaret Holden – Easton Royal Parish Council, Susie Brew - PCAP and PVTP, Brian Hollands – Pewsey Christmas Lunch, Curly Haskell – Pewsey Parish Council, Caroline Dalrymple – Pewsey Parish Council, Marilyn Hunt – Pewsey Parish Council, Dawn Wilson (Chair), Pauline Dark – Carer’s Café / Pewsey Church, Lesley Green – Shalbourne Connect, Richard Rogers – Area Board, Belinda Chandler – Arts Together, Hew Helps – Easton Royal Covid Support Group, Jennifer Totney – Pewsey Church, Hazel Harvey – PCCA, Sanjana Mair-Mathews – Health & Wellbeing Coach, Paul Oatway – Pewsey Area Board

Apologies: Cllr Stuart Wheeler

1. The Chair welcomed everyone and asked all attending to introduce themselves.
2. The minutes of the PVHWP meeting of March 2020 were accepted with the addition of Pauline Dark as an attendee. The minutes of the PVCRG of July 2020 were accepted. The Chair explained these meetings had been combined as those attending were mostly the same people.
3. Matters Arising:
  - a. The Chair reported that much of the activity from the March Health Forum had been deferred or delayed. The memory cafe is trying to go online this month after being closed for the summer. The Movement to Music Together had successfully operated online and was now also back in the Bouverie Hall.
  - b. Transport has again been identified as a key issue both pre covid and even more so now. Issues with access to this year's GP flu clinic being held in a marquee at Marlborough College on Oct 17th and 24th were shared and discussed. There were many complaints on social media about the location and access. Those who attended the Patient Participation Group (PPG) the previous evening, felt GP partners were being inflexible and not a little thoughtless with their plans. However, no accommodation to provide a clinic in Pewsey was made, unless there was vaccine left over which was considered unlikely. In a perfect storm scenario, the local pharmacies (Pewsey and Marlborough) that could have provided an alternative have run out of the over 65s vaccine. Using the under 65 vaccine for over 65s requires the permission of NHS England, reported Dr Hook. The Chair reported that having spoken to Morrison’s Pharmacy in Devizes earlier that day, she could report that they had a fridge full of over 65s vaccine and individuals could book a flu jab if they could get there. Investigation into whether Morrison pharmacy could accommodate Pre booked small groups of over 65s transported for a flu jab would be undertaken. The parish councils effected would be informed of the outcome. However the transport issue of finding a suitable low floor bus, driver etc remains.UPDATE post meeting- Morrison’s

Pharmacy confirmed they could accommodate small pre booked groups of up to 6 over 65s for flu jabs as of Oct 9th. This information has been shared.

- c. The Chair then spoke about transport options. The Pewsey Link service was struggling for drivers and the covid restrictions made transport using volunteers challenging. PCAP is looking to support Pewsey Link to recruit new drivers via social media, a work in progress. Volunteers do need to be able to give up half days or whole days for this service. Timetabled buses were still running to Devizes and Marlborough. Further investigation on the PHAB bus is needed. Local coach services are available to hire but getting older infirm folk up the steps of a full size coach is not suitable. Wessex Community Action In Salisbury and Swindon dial a ride may be operating wheelchair access mini buses for hire.

#### 4. Partner Updates

- a. Pewsey Christmas Lunch Club had heard that Waitrose would not be able to support them with £300 this year. The group offered to fund the gap to ensure this wonderful local project went ahead covid secure.
- b. The Pewsey Messenger has moved online but a small number of printed copies were produced with the help of Pewsey Parish Council. Those are available in local shops and cafes.
- c. Rev Jennifer shared news that the Remembrance Sunday commemorations will be scaled down and covid secure outdoors this year. People are being encouraged to watch the Cenetaph Service on TV.
- d. Richard Rogers shared an update from the Covid Tactical Partners Meeting. Cases in Wiltshire are rising but are still much lower than up north. 20 in 100,000 up from below 10. Few weeks ago. The age of those testing positive is 10 to 29 so a young demographic. Local testing is available again after some issues. Outdoor markets had seen an increase in footfall in the past few weeks. 300 cases for pupils to change schools had been recorded. CAB reported they were seeing number similar to pre covid currently but were anticipating an increase once the furlough scheme closes. Finally the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) we're keen to work with local groups.
- e. Richard also reported that Pewsey library was hoping to open at the end of the month. Local partners and agencies are being invited to develop and support a community information hub in the library that can use the meeting room for meetings and will offer space for leaflets. Volunteers to maintain the information and offer support for drop ins and IT are being sought.
- f. The Chair reported that she was meeting with the head of Pewsey Vale School next week to discuss LYN funds to support the mental health of students. Tedworth Equestrian Club has offered places for young people to try riding lessons. Caroline Dalrymple reported that the school already works with Riding for the Disabled and did not want to see competition for that project. Richard reported that he and others had been working on a new Youth Activities Model for rural areas. Pewsey would fit the profile for this. The Chair asked for detail to share with the school if appropriate. Richard

agrees to email an outline for the discussions. Wiltshire and Swindon Community Foundation are interested in this project.

- g. Richard also reported that although the Blue Youth Bus project was not operating due to covid, the youth workers were now doing “street walking work” in Upavon and Burbage as an alternative to combat antisocial behaviour.
5. Grant applications
    - a. An application for £495 for transport for Pewsey residents to the Jubilee Centre in Marlborough was requested to cover 11 weeks. The group supported this application and moved it to be ratified at the next Pewsey Area Board.
    - b. The budget remaining is £5,205.
  6. The chair asked for any other comments of which there were none. Post meeting an attendee Cllr Marilyn for Pewsey PC apologised for technical difficulties. She wanted to report that the Pewsey Skatepark Project had secured a new Acoustics consultant and possible alternative Skate park builder who will get down to see the sites as soon as is possible.
  7. Meeting closed at 6pm. Next meeting to be arranged via doodle poll when we have news to report.