

PEWSEY VALE HEALTH & WELLBEING FORUM

Minutes of the meeting on July 20th 2021 4-30 pm via Zoom

MINUTES

Attending: Dawn Wilson (PCAP), Richard Rogers (Wilts Council CEM), Judy Haines (Grt Bedwyn Footpaths), Fanny Middleton (Alzheimer's Support), Sylvie Claydon (Occupational Therapist supporting Dementia), Susie Brew (PCAP), Brian Hollands (Wilts CIL and Pewsey Christmas Lunch), Margaret Holden (Easton Royal), Pauline Dark (Church Group), Belinda Chandler (Arts Together).

Apologies: Nell Light (Home Instead), Cllr Stuart Wheeler (Pewsey Area Board).

1. **Welcome and introductions-** were completed.
2. **Review and adopt the previous minutes-** the Chair read out the previous minutes which were agreed as accurate and adopted by all present.
3. **Update on Actions/Matters Arising-** Transport remains an item of concern. Buses back better and the funds that Wiltshire Council have received to support rural transport in Pewsey Vale are being developed. Link drivers are being recruited. Other community transport such as PHAB and Motability remain unknown at this time.
4. **Partner updates**
 - a. Brian reported that he hopes the Christmas lunch would return to the Hall this year. Home Instead were donating presents and once he has an understanding if funds available he may approach the group for top up funding.
 - b. Easton Royal holds a bar event on Fridays 6-30-8-30pm which is popular. They are also installing a new playground near the Village Hall which the Area Board has supported with Community Grant funds.
 - c. Alzheimer's Support have opened East Grafton Memory Café for a second date each month. The 1st and 3rd Mondays, which sadly clashes with Pewsey on the 3rd Monday. However, efforts are being made to make sure Pewsey is not impacted. Other groups in Mildenhall and Lockeridge are also running again. CEO Babs Harris is about to step down and Sarah Merriot will deputise until another is recruited. Fanny reported some carers are struggling to get out and about after the lockdown.
 - d. Arts together has been invited to start up again at Meadowcourt. This may need financial support from this group. The Pewsey group has continued all through lockdown with innovative leaflets. In September this group will have space for 2 couples, of carer and cared for.
 - e. Bedwyn walking group has stepped up to 2 walks a month but are keeping the distance to 3 miles for those less able in this heat. Judy reported has had some referrals from the surgery which is good news.
 - f. The Churches Group are offering 50 children a summer holiday club for 5-11yr olds. Services have started again. Ideas for improving the attendance of the Carers Café were discussed. Difficult because the carer would need respite to attend. Perhaps allowing the person cared for to attend and be looked after might be efficacious. Pauline also reported they have decided to delay their Canal trip funded by PCAP from the Marlborough Lions Club funds.
 - g. Richard reported that he expected to be busy supporting business and the unemployed in the next 6 months. The Area Board priorities for funding were Transport and access, Mental Health, Youth and Climate Change. These are the areas to focus the funds on.

5. **Grant Applications and budget-** The new year budget is for £7,500
- a. Richard shared the application from the PCCA for £900 for temporary office space for 3 months in Pewsey.
- The PCCA has been based in The Little Lunch Box initially, then the Bouverie Hall, they then moved to the Scout Hut with support from the Area Board of around £2,000 and have now had to move again. They initially did shopping and helped organise the queues for prescriptions. Their service developed to run a library, food boxes, hot meals, tel buddies, community café and market as well as a Xmas tree and arts project for Spring. A bus has been purchased for their work in the community but it needs work before it is ready. The PCCA have stopped doing those activities delivered by other organisations, such as stewarding the prescriptions queue, food boxes and the library whilst the shopping and hot meals on a Friday remain but somewhat reduced. Richard reported that there was £5000 in their budget unassigned. When queried he reported they had declared an average monthly spend of £1000. Questions about sustainability and what the PCCA's future plans were for this amount funding for the next 6 to 12 months were asked. There appeared to be no clear answer other than they were going through a transitional period that required financial support. At the members vote 2 were for approving the funds, 2 were against and 3 abstained. The members asked Richard to refer this back to the Area Board Councillors, since their decision is the final one and they may enquire further as to the benefits this funding will deliver towards the Health and Wellbeing of residents of the Vale.
6. Update on locally funded projects
- a. Movement to Music Together (M2MT) – having been online, in a venue, online and back in a venue at the Bouverie Hall the numbers are increasing again, subscriptions are being paid and much enjoyment had by those attending. Thanks go to Sylvia Clayden and Henrietta Mackinnen for keeping it going. Remaining funding secures it to build to sustainable numbers again.
- b. Canal Trip – The memory Café members enjoyed a trip with the Bruce Boat Trust on Monday. It was very hot weather but a wonderful way to while away a few hours in good company with a lovely lunch.
7. AOB – none
8. The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 5-30.

Future dates will be arranged prior to Area Board where possible (now four times a year).

Thank you to all who attended and gave up their time.

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Signed _____ Date _____

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