

## Third Sector Leaders Meeting

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June at Northorpe Hall, 53 Northorpe Lane, Mirfield, WF14 0QL

### **In attendance**

- Simon Perfitt (St Anne's Community Services) **CHAIR**
- Bridget Hughes (Lifeline)
- David Hegarty (S2R)
- Debbie Woodward (The Campaign Company)
- Geoff Durrans (Alliance For Healthy Living)
- Helen Minett (SHAP)
- Hilary Schreiner (Society for the Blind of Batley & District)
- Hilary Thompson (Batley Resource Centre)
- Jill Robson (Mencap In Kirklees)
- Marlene Chambers (Thornhill Lees Community Centre)
- Noreen Ederly (Denby Dale Centre)
- Phil Wooton (Poperetta Productions)
- Tina Quinn (Kirklees Community Healthcare Services)
- Tom Bailey (Voluntary Action Kirklees)
- Tom Taylor (Northorpe Hall Trust)
- Val Johnson (Voluntary Action Kirklees)

### **Guests**

- Chris Stephen (Kirklees PCT)
- Trudi Wright (Kirklees Council)

### **Apologies**

- Alasdair Brown (Kirklees Active Leisure)
- Angela Everson (WomenCentre)
- Clare Jones (WomenCentre)
- David Wears (PERS)
- Deborah Munt (Open Air)
- Fran Perry (Learning C.I.C.)
- Helen Crawford (Nerve Centre)
- Jo Jones (Fit 4 Funding)
- Joann Wareham (Huddersfield Deanery Project)
- Mike Taylor (Deighton Into Sport)
- Natalie Pinnock Hamilton (Education 2000)
- Roger Milthorp (Cloverleaf Advocacy)
- Simon Cale (National Children's Centre)
- Victoria Firth (Lawrence Batley Theatre)
- Mike McCusker (Fresh Horizons)

- Andi Briggs (Kirklees Council)
- Matthew Holland (Kirklees Council)

## **The meeting started at 14:00pm**

Welcome and introductions from the chair

### **Item 1 – Annual General Meeting**

#### **1.1 Chair Review**

Reported that the group has made good progress in its first 12 months, particularly in the last 6 where there has been good turnouts at TSL meetings and successful meetings with key figures of Kirklees Council – regarding procurement, Kirklees Community Health services and the Compact / strategy. Important that the group continues to both challenge and engage with the council.

#### **1.2 Appointment of Officers**

**Agreed** that following members' nominations (received prior to the meeting) Simon Perfitt will remain as Chair, Tom Taylor will remain as Vice Chair, Val Johnson is elected as Secretary and Hilary Thompson is elected as Treasurer. All nominations were open to scrutiny. There were no challenges.

#### **1.3 Financial Report**

Noted that figures are as stated in the financial report document and that any suggestions for TSL events where admin costs are covered are welcome. Noted that TSL has asked Kirklees Council to consider contributing to some of the chair's costs – so far has received a negative response. Concern raised that this might affect TSL's independence and that alternative funding should be considered, i.e. Government grants.

#### **1.4 Any Other Business**

Noted a need for Kirklees Council to invest more in infrastructure – happening in other parts of Yorkshire and nationally. Also suggests a need for more political support – key officers need to be made aware of the value of the voluntary sector.

### **Item 3 – Social Return On Investment**

Guest speaker Trudi Wright talked the group through a presentation on SROI – measuring the impact of what your group does. Key issues included evidencing investment and recognising that SROI is not just about financial value but also can also be social and environmental value. Trudi has been commissioned to work on three case studies – The Nerve Centre, the Denby Dale Centre and Meltham Sports & Community Centre, with hope of developing a long term tool / model that could be used to compare organisations. She will come back late 2011 / early 2012 to update.

## **Item 2 – Discussion of minutes from 7<sup>th</sup> April Members meeting**

Noted that Simon Cale is following up work regarding safeguarding and VCS and that item 8 is missing, but otherwise the minutes were approved by group.

## **Items 4 – NHS Changes**

Feedback from the previous WHIST event where five TSL members attended. There are no major changes at present, currently waiting on new Government rulings. Discussed the possibility that if the public health team moves to the council there may be need for a report to suggest how the council can work better with the voluntary sector on this issue.

**Agreed** that Chris Stephen will start thinking about this – talking to interested parties within the council and PCT, and will come back to TSL with any response. Also noted that advanced practitioner training is currently being offered to GPS, as part of the push of a self care agenda.

Chris Stephen now officially welcomed as a regular guest to the TSL group. Requested that her contact details be shared with the group as follows:

Email: [Christine.Stephen@kirklees.nhs.uk](mailto:Christine.Stephen@kirklees.nhs.uk) Telephone: 01484 464233

## **Item 5 – The Campaign Company**

Guest speaker Debbie Woodward of The Campaign Company led discussion concerning their plans to develop a social enterprise 'The Hub' for social care needs / expanding choices / information share / timebanking. Noted that two public events will take place on 24<sup>th</sup> June at the Al Hikmah Centre Batley and on 1<sup>st</sup> July at the Textile Centre Huddersfield. The events are to gather ideas for the social enterprise, organisations are welcome to have a stall – noted there would be potential for TSL to take advantage of this for their own promotion.

Discussion by the TSL members is met with scepticism over the need for the 'The Hub' – general feeling that the services are already providing organisations such as Voluntary Action Kirklees and Gateway To Care. Also identified potential gap in resources (mainly info from the public) rather than a gap in services.

## **Item 6 – Meeting Updates**

### **Council Liaison**

The Chair fed back info from his recent meeting with Merran McRae. Regarding TSL engagement with elected members of the council – Merran feels it would be productive to engage with separate parties and consider separate messages for different groups.

**Agreed** a working group is needed – to help decide the different messages TSL wants to send out to different groups, and to provide councillors with info to start building trusting relationships – as a lot currently feel threatened. Noted Helen Minett, Marlene Chambers (who has 3 councillors due to attend a Gala event) and Phil Wooten all volunteered for the working group. Issue of how TSL could start raise Kirklees’ national profile also raised. Suggestions of an event similar to the 2010 I Love My Community Centre event put forward,

### **Procurement Group**

Noted that Kirklees Council will be producing a market position statement, however it is currently difficult to plan until the Council changes take full effect. Request that Mike McCusker’s notes are circulated with minutes.

### **Compact / Strategy**

Feedback from the first meeting with Kimiyo Rickett and David Morby. First thought we presented regarding vision / scope / how / outcomes / contexts / risks. Tom Taylor has produced a draft improvements document he would like feedback – handouts were circulated at the meeting. Noted the next step will be to move onto redeveloping the compact.

### **Item 7: Information Share**

N/A

### **Item 8: Any Other Business / Next Meeting**

**Agreed** that membership to the Involve Yorkshire and The Humber mailing list is a worthwhile use of the TSL budget.

**Agreed** that there is a need for a TSL subgroup around Children’s services and that this can be setup informally.

Noted that Simon Perfitt will be meeting with Matthew Holland the following week.

The next TSL meeting will be held at Northorpe Hall on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August, 14:00 – 16:30. Simon Perfitt will be on holiday so Vice Chair Tom Taylor will chair.

**The meeting finished at 16:35pm**