

Third Sector Leaders Meeting

Thursday 10th February at Northorpe Hall, 53 Northorpe Lane, Mirfield, WF14 0QL

In attendance

- Simon Perfitt (St Anne's Community Services) **CHAIR**
- Angela Everson (WomenCentre)
- Bridget Hughes (Lifeline Kirklees)
- Christine Stephen (NHS PCT)
- David Hegarty (S2R)
- David Wears (PERS)
- Geoff Durrans (Alliance For Healthy Living)
- Helen Crawford (The Nerve Centre)
- Hilary Thompson (Batley Resource Centre)
- Jill Jones (WYCAS)
- Jill Robson (Mencap In Kirklees)
- Jude Lockett (London Sustainability Exchange)
- Julian Grove Haworth (Cloverleaf Advocacy)
- Marlene Chambers (Thornhill Lees Community Centre)
- Mike McCusker (Fresh Horizons)
- Mo Valli (Anchor)
- Phil Wootton (Poperetta Productions)
- Rachel Ward (The Campaign Company)
- Tom Bailey (Voluntary Action Kirklees)
- Tom Taylor (Northorpe Hall Trust)
- Val Johnson (Voluntary Action Kirklees)
- Victoria Mager (Anchor)

Apologies

- Alasdair Brown (KAL)
- Clare Jones (Womencentre)
- Colin Harrison (Electroville)
- David Browning (KEP)
- Joann Wareham (Catholic Care)
- Linda Reilly (Mencap In Kirklees)
- Mark Lacey (Kirklees Citizens Advice)
- Mumtaz Ali (HPCA)
- Peter Crosbie (Proper Job)
- Simon Ashbee (Paddock Community Forum)
- Simon Cale (National Children's Centre)
- Yasmeen Shari (Barnardos)

The meeting started at 14:00pm

Item 1 - Welcome and introductions from the chair

Item 2 - Notes from previous meeting 17/12/10

Tom Taylor talked through the notes. A question was asked regarding Voluntary Action Kirklees' (VAK) involvement with Third Sector Leaders (TSL) – answered with the response that VAK may be a member of Third Sector Leaders and has agreed at present to provide admin support, they will perform different functions and TSL will not be taking over any of VAKs functions.

Item 3 – Campaign Company

Rachel Ward and Jude Luckett presented information on a 2 year contracted project to change how people access personal care and support locally; involving community owned and user led services. The Campaign Company hopes to help broker people to the right services. Will include time banking; to both value people's assets and to make use of the existing tools and resources available. Noted that the project started in January 2011 and will run for 2 years, with the intention of becoming sustainable after that, and that the project also involves Linda Wilkinson & Martin Derry of Wellbeing and Communities.

Rachel and Jude were invited to attend future TSL meetings to update on progress and will be added to the TSL mailing list. They requested their contact details be recorded in the minutes for distribution amongst the group:

Rachel Ward (The Campaign Company)

Tel: 07725995602 Email: rachel@thecampaigncompany.co.uk

Jude Luckett (London Sustainability Exchange)

Tel: 020 7234 9405 Email: j.luckett@lsx.org.uk Web: www.lsx.org.uk

Potential for a one off TSL members' event concerning health and social care was also discussed.

Item 4 - Approval of Constitution

Approved for use, once the following amendments have been made;

- Need for a TSL expenses policy, which will clarify what are 'reasonable' expenses

- Need to amend the constitution to say that any remaining assets will be disposed of to 'not-for-profit' organizations in Kirklees' rather than 'charities'

- Termination of membership clause to be amended from 'terminated for good reason' to 'membership may be terminated if it can be shown that the member has been acting against the best interests of the TSL membership'.

- Need to add a clause that all cheques must be signed by two, non-related, members

Items 5 & 6 – Approval of fee structure and membership forms

Agreed not to charge a fee to associate members including those who work in the public sector, and that the current benefits of being an associate membership should be removed to distinguish it as a lesser alternative to paid membership. Noted that wording of membership forms needs to change – both notes and application form should read that fees will be based on previous full financial year income, and that there is no need for date of birth on application form; just name, role, reasons for joining (tick as many as applicable). The wording of the notes should also be amended to match the latest version of the constitution, and the ‘cannot afford to pay a fee’ option should be removed as this is covered by associate membership.

Agreed that fees for 2011 – 2012 financial year are due on April on 1st 2011 and therefore forms needs to go out before then. Noted that returned forms should be accompanied with a cheque made payable to Third Sector Leaders.

Item 7 – Feedback from meetings with Adrian Lythgo & Merran McRae

Noted that the council wants to work positively with Third Sector Leaders, Adrian Lythgo would like to meet with TSL on a quarterly basis. Noted that the council’s budget will be released on 23rd February.

Item 9: Council representation at TSL meeting

Christine Stephen was introduced as a guest, willing to participate at TSL meetings as part of her Primary Care Trust (PCT) role, as suggested by the Director of Public Health, Judith Hooper.

Discussion of Chris’ role with the PCT, leading to debate as to whether or not the group wanted regular representation from the Public sector at TSL meetings. Noted that Merran McRae has also offered to attend all TSL meetings. Divided opinion as to whether it would be better for the group to continue meeting as they are, and then a small group meet with Council officers and others after, or whether they could attend the last hour of TSL meetings. Strong feeling that TSL meetings should be for TSL members only. Agreed that a decision will be made at the next TSL meeting on April 7th, by which a meeting with Merran & Kimiyo will have happened, plus the council’s budget will have been announced. Agreed that topics for discussion with Merran & Kimiyo will include the nature of the relationship between Kirklees Council and TSL, and whether Kirklees Council will be able to engage on a level equal partnership.

Item 8: Formal agreement with council

Discussed the need for a new agreement with the council if they are to work with TSL. Agreed this would ideally be a short, one page document just to state their commitment to attend meetings with TSL members, and list some achievable objectives.

Items 9 & 10: Next meeting & any other business

The next TSL meeting will be held at Northorpe Hall on Thursday 7th April, 14:00 – 16:30

The meeting finished at 16:30pm