

## Third Sector Leaders Kirklees – Members Meeting 13/06/13

### Attendees

- Tom Taylor (Northorpe Hall) **CHAIR**
- Bridget Hughes (Lifeline)
- Christine Fox (Connect Housing)
- Denzil Nurse (Eagle Eye Enterprises)
- Geoff Durrans (Alliance For Healthy Living)
- Hilary Thompson (Age UK Calderdale & Kirklees)
- Jayne Heley (Locala)
- Jill Robson (Mencap In Kirklees)
- Jim Barwick (Locala)
- Jo Jones (Fit4Funding)
- Kate Holdsworth (Society For The Blind)
- Mike McCusker (Fresh Horizons)
- Natalie Pinnock Hamilton (Education 2000)
- Nigel Grimshaw (Locala)
- Peter D Foy (United Response)
- Richard Palmer (Kirklees Older Peoples Network)
- Tom Bailey (Voluntary Action Kirklees)
- Val Johnson (Voluntary Action Kirklees)

### Apologies

- Alasdair Brown (Kirklees Active Leisure)
- Amanda Taylor (Action For Children)
- Christine Springthorpe (Kirkwood Hospice)
- Emily Thompson (Groundwork)
- Emma Walsh (Yorkshire Mediation Services)
- Helen Minett (Fusion Housing)
- Louise Warner (WomenCentre)
- Paul Lewis (Communities United Project)
- Rebecca Hirst (Pennine Domestic Violence Group)

### Guests

- Emily Tidball (Kirklees Council)
- Gemma Jenkinson (Community Partnerships)
- Graham Browning (Hoot)
- Michael Greene (Safe & Cohesive Communities)
- Phil James (Community Partnerships)

**The meeting started at 14:10pm**

**Item 1: Welcome and Introductions**

**Item 2: Approve Minutes**

Noted one correction on page 3 in the Health & Wellbeing section. Otherwise approved.

**Item 3: Guest Speakers – Phil James & Gemma Jenkinson, Community Partnerships**

Phil explained their current 'Better In Kirklees' project is building on the success of the Altogether Better project, and is prevention focused, working in partnership with the VCS. Looking for a shift from council led to community led solutions, & keen to stress this will be a "partnership approach", rather than trying to replace the VCS.

They are looking to provide support for individuals who are not eligible for existing council services and individuals who wouldn't usually access council services, as well as further promoting the use of existing services. They will do this by matching individuals to services in two ways:

- Matching individuals to services by areas of interest
- Matching individuals to services by geographical district

They are aiming to improve the lives of over 3000 individuals & 150 'activity hubs' will be developed. Acknowledged that to achieve this they will need to improve relationships between Kirklees Council, Community Partnerships & VCS.

Funding **to be confirmed** but expected that as well as Community Partnerships usual grants (three tiers of funding available), there may be around £5,000 - £8,000 available to each 'activity hub'.

Noted they will also launch a new passport system which will record what activities holders have done & offer a reward system for regular participants – will be piloted in Dewsbury before spreading across the region.

Next steps:

- Aiming to formally start 'Better In Kirklees' process in September 2013
- Keen to speak to groups who may be interested in becoming activity hubs or becoming involved in another capacity

#### **Item 4: Guest Speaker – Michael Greene, Safe & Cohesive Communities**

Michael explained the panel is currently made of representatives from the NHS, Police, Kirklees Council, Probation Services, KNH & Lifeline. The panel works on three levels, consisting of Executives, a Partnership Board, and Neighbourhood Management & Strategic Delivery groups to tackle specific issues.

Recent surveys have shown 'a safe local environment' is a top priority amongst local residents. Noted that although re-offending figures have been reduced significantly, there is still a lot of work to be done in Kirklees to bring it in line with national figures.

There is a statutory duty for the panel to produce a community safety plan, & now have to work alongside the new Police & Crime Commissioner to agree priorities. The following are all priorities for Kirklees:

- Reducing personal crime
- Reducing property crime
- Reducing re-offending
- Cohesion & involving communities / connecting communities
- Anti Social Behaviour
- Confidence & Satisfaction (including fear of crime)
- Alcohol & drugs linked with violent crime

Of the above, reducing property crime is the biggest issue that needs addressing in Kirklees. They are keen to work VCS groups that can help to get key messages out to local communities regarding the above issues. Noted the VCS is already contributing to delivery to groups (i.e. Locala, PDVG & Fusion Housing) but they are always open to suggestions from other groups wishing to get involved.

#### **Item 7: Guest Speaker – Graham Browning, Hoot Creative Arts**

Hoot Creative Arts deliver music & art based projects to those with mental health needs & the elderly. They are launching a new project called 'Going Sane' to explore sanity, madness & creativity – with the aim of putting on a number of events running through till Summer 2014. They want to work with groups across Kirklees as part of the Government's 'Time To Change' campaign & are looking for partners to bid with for new projects.

Noted that their work isn't exclusively for adults, & they are keen to work with children & young people. Groups interested in working with Hoot should contact Graham Browning -

[Graham@hootmusic.co.uk](mailto:Graham@hootmusic.co.uk) / 01484 516224

### **Item 5 – AGM & Meeting Changes**

The TSL AGM is now booked in for Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July @ Northorpe Hall. Ruth Redfern has been confirmed as guest speaker. Food will be provided free of charge to members. Tom B will circulate officer nomination forms next week

The TSL Exec has discussed the idea of merging the regular TSL member meetings, with the subgroup meetings so they take place on the same afternoon. Noted there may be a need to mix up the dates as Thursdays aren't ideal for everyone. **Agreed** this new approach will be trialed for the 08/08/13 meeting. Noted that the Health & Wellbeing subgroup on 27/06/13 will go ahead as planned.

### **Item 6 – Project Updates**

#### **Children, Families & Young People / Health & Wellbeing Subgroup**

Will provide full updates at the August meeting & via email.

The Health & Wellbeing subgroup raised the issue that Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) are facing decreasing allocations of money to spend in the sector – presenting an opportunity to change the way the sector is funded by CCGs. Noted there will be a meeting on 27/06 with Iain Baines & reps from two CCGs to discuss how they can improve working together.

#### **Learning & Skills Subgroups**

Helen Minett is keen to chair this new subgroup if someone will takeover the Children, Young People & Families subgroup.

#### **Stronger Families**

TSL have been invited to attend a soft market test'. Groups are welcome to attend or submit ideas for this.

#### **Listening To Families**

Five organisations are scheduled to present their stories to the panel tomorrow (14/06/13). Potential for some of the stories to be presented at the TSL AGM.

#### **Complex Needs**

At the previous meeting attendees looked at identifying gaps in provision. At their next meeting the focus will be data sharing.

#### **Procurement**

Making progress – a terms of reference has now been agreed, and the council have started taking minutes of their meetings. Currently planning a consultation event for the 11<sup>th</sup> July at Northorpe Hall – would like to run a focus group & myth bust procurement. Will be open to TSL, as well as VCS.

### **Youth Service Review**

The submitted paper has since been approved by cabinet, but it currently awaiting the results of an independent commissioning review.

### **Finance & Membership**

Currently about to start the renewal process for 2013 -2014. Full update at AGM.

### **Talent Match**

Aimed at 18-24 year olds – West Yorkshire’s business plan is currently in development, to be submitted by 24/06/13. If successful, money to be released by November.

### **Item 8 – Any Other Business**

#### **Age UK Fashion Show**

#### **It’s Time To Talk**

Positive feedback from the group’s previous meeting. TSL exec are meeting with Ruth Redfern in July & Ruth will also be speaking about the scheme at the TSL AGM.

#### **Kirklees Observatory**

Keen to work with TSL & share info of mutual benefit. Will invite to a future TSL meeting.

#### **Kirklees Fulfilling Lives Lottery Bid**

The bid has been submitted, awaiting further news. To be discussed further at a future meeting.

#### **Refugee Week Kirklees**

17th – 23rd June 2013

#### **Children’s Emotional Wellbeing Network**

The Children’s Emotional Well-being Network (ChEWN) is for anyone in Kirklees working to improve children and young people’s emotional wellbeing. It’s a cross sector network including managers and practitioners from schools, voluntary sector, therapeutic services, local authority and health. For more info about the group and to join - <http://groupspaces.com/ChEWNnetwork/>

**The meeting ended at 16:25pm**

**Next meeting Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August**

**AGM Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July**