

## Third Sector Leaders Kirklees – Members Meeting 14/06/12

### **Attendees**

- Tom Taylor (Northorpe Hall) **CHAIR**
- Alan Williams (United Response)
- Alasdair Brown (Kirklees Active Leisure)
- Bridget Hughes (Lifeline)
- Chris Stephen (NHS Kirklees)
- David Hegarty (Support 2 Recovery)
- Debbie Crellin (Crellin Consulting)
- Denzil Nurse (Eagle Eye Enterprises)
- Geoff Durrans (Alliance For Healthy Living)
- Helen Minett (Fusion Housing)
- Hilary Thompson (Batley Resource Centre)
- Jayne Heley (Locala)
- Jim Barwick (Locala)
- Jo Cameron Symes (Kirklees Independent M.E. Support Group)
- Lorraine Longbottom (Thornhill Leeds Community Centre)
- Natalie Pinnock Hamilton (Education 2000 / Kirklees LINK)
- Pam Senior (Thornhill Lees Community Centre)
- Paul Bridges (Huddersfield Methodist Mission)
- Saied Laher (Indian Muslim Welfare Society)
- Simon Cale (National Children's Centre)
- Tom Bailey (Voluntary Action Kirklees)
- Val Johnson (Voluntary Action Kirklees)

### **Apologies**

- Louise Warner (WomenCentre)
- Joann Wareham (Catholic Care / Huddersfield Deanery Project)

### **Guests**

- Chris Chinnock (Kirklees Council)
- Fiona Weir (Community Partnerships)

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

**Item 1: Welcome and Introductions**

**Item 8: Approve Minutes**

Page one approved, page two approved (noted Item 4 – Mike McCusker has been in-touch with SACK to organise meeting dates, Item 6 - Val Johnson has notes to circulate), page three approved, and page four approved (note for the final item – Warren Ellis has a team of link officers who may be suitable)

Noted that Council members have requested an update meeting with TSL – Val Has spoken to Warren about this and suggested it may be better for three or four TSL representatives to meet with the Council rather than the whole group. **Agreed** Tom , Hilary & Val would be best to represent TSL and will organise a meeting.

**Item 2 – AGM / Meal Plans**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July (from 7pm) **agreed** as the date for the AGM / Meal. Alternate date in September suggested but declined. Venue to be confirmed – likely to be Northorpe Hall. Members & public welcome to attend the AGM & then offered the chance to stay for a meal – but the latter will be charged (and pre booked).

Chris Stephen agreed to speak to Judith's PA about appearing as a guest speaker. Discussion concerning which key stakeholders to invite. Unlikely that Adrian Lythgo would be able to attend on short notice, but may be able to get Warren Ellis and a select few from public sector.

Noted the AGM / meal will provide a great recruitment & photo opp.

**Item 3 – Membership Update**

Tom Bailey has been managing membership for 2012 -2013, so far: £1600 in membership funds received – made up of 9 renewals & 2 new members. Tom B to chase May & June renewals next week.

**Agreed** the deadline for renewals should be two emails, followed up by a phone call. If still not renewal three months after the first email then they will be removed from the mailing list.

Noted a need to remind groups the benefits of joining / renewing with TSL – potential for an article on TSL website / Community Connections.

#### **Item 5 – Health & Wellbeing**

There will be a Health & Wellbeing event at Huddersfield Mission on 11<sup>th</sup> July.

**Agreed** the need for a TSL Health & Wellbeing subgroup (encompassing MCMC, Locala, Safer Stronger etc) – Tom B will send out an email to members to gauge interest. The group could run itself independently (organise its own meetings, decide how often etc) of TSL but would need to report back & get approval for decisions from TSL (who would maintain authority)

**Agreed** Tom B will maintain a list of representatives participating in sub groups. Noted a need for commitment from sub group leaders to ensure continuity – generally two years with an annual review.

Noted a need to remind Kirklees Council how more effective & sustainable TSL could be if given funding. Adrian Lythgo has mentioned potential for funding but more evidence of need would be required. A big membership drive to significantly increase member funds or potential for TSL to be built into the Council's strategy contract also suggested.

#### **Item 4 – Sector Profile Report**

Mark Crowe has carried out research (2/3 years ago) into the VCS. He has a breakdown for Kirklees, and an additional 'Under The Radar' report (showing showing VCS orgs missed by the main report). He has offered to make all the info available to TSL for a small fee.

**Agreed** that TSL will use last year's membership underspend to cover it. The final report will be around 20 pages, will be branded as a TSL piece of work and ready for the AGM. It can be used to generate news stories – either 'drip feeding' info to press or tailoring for different audiences.

**Agreed** for a quick survey to be distributed around TSL to update Mark's data.

Noted the potential for this to link in with soon to be published NCVO research, and that the Children's Trust are also looking to carry out a resource mapping exercise.

Noted a need to communicate the lack of support in Kirklees compared with other areas.

## **Item 5 – Project Updates**

### **Procurement**

Still in debate with Council – Tom T will follow up.

### **Social Care (My Community My Choice)**

Interest in providing tele-befriending services via Skype. Also looking to recruit / buy in brokerage support – Tom B will circulate info to TSL members when it becomes available. Noted that currently Kevin Huggins Cooper, Jill Robson and Roger Milthorp are signed up as Directors. MCMC's contract will run until November 2012.

### **Sub Group meetings**

The TSL Children's and Young People subgroup will meet on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July from 12pm at Voluntary Action Kirklees or Huddersfield Methodist Mission.

The TSL Health and Wellbeing subgroup will meet on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> July from 12pm at Northorpe Hall.

### **Compact & Voluntary Sector Strategy**

Noted the subgroup are still working on it – will eventually go out to TSL members for feedback.

## **Item 6 – Community Partnerships (Guest Speaker Fiona Weir)**

Noted – Fiona will send across PowerPoint presentation for distribution to members.

Fiona is now working alongside Martin Derry as part of Kirklees Council's Wellbeing & Communities Commission service. They manage 1.15 million of grant funding and offer some development support, as well as running the Altogether Better project. They are a key part of Kirklees Council's prevention programme & are growing in investment.

In 2011, they funded 167 projects – involving 10,000 beneficiaries, as well as clocking up over 450,000 voluntary hours across Kirklees.

They have come up against issues with measuring / demonstrating / communicating impacts and are keen to open a dialogue with TSL about this. They are also aiming to develop an outcome measuring toolkit amongst other potential joint working projects.

Fiona will provide TSL with Community Partnership's Funding & Investment Priorities for 2012-2013. Noted current issues of whether enough funding is available – particularly to the Afro-Caribbean community. Also noted there may be some potential for Community Partnerships to encourage funding applicants to join TSL – although suggestions of making it a mandatory requirement were strongly opposed. Community Partnerships also have a new Facebook page – which groups are welcome to share info on.

**Item 7 – Valuing Social Enterprise (Guest Speaker Chris Chinnock)**

Following on from the Valuing Social Enterprise event that took place at the University of Huddersfield in April, an online evaluation is now available, which Chris will also pass onto to Tom B for circulation amongst TSL.

Noted Chris is happy to continue working with TSL, and is particularly interesting in exploring how social value is built into contract / tender bids. Noted that TSL would like more provider involvement in the commissioning process – Mike McCusker has already being working on procurement on behalf of TSL.

Chris is keen to learn from the progress that has been made by other councils and groups. He will put together some info to share with TSL and offer opportunities to contribute – including the council's latest definitions of VCS organisations (Tom B will distribute to the group).

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