

## Notes for the meeting of the Pewsey Community Area Recovery Group Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020 via Zoom

Attending: Dawn Wilson, Susie Brew, Curly Haskell, Colin Gale, Hew Helps, John Brewin, Richard Rogers, Ais North, Phil Brady, Brian Holland.

Apologies: Margaret Holden, Peter Deck, Nicola Gilbert, Lesley Green, Sanjana Matthews-Mair, Hilary Hollinsworth, Glenda Pearce.

1. The Chair (Dawn Wilson) welcomed everyone.
2. Attendees introduced themselves.
3. The Chair reported that following the initial meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> June, the Lottery has announced funds for covid recovery projects up to £50k. PCAP had developed some actions from that meeting and applied for this grant in partnership with PVTP. Other partners, Pewsey Parish Council and PCCA will also be invited to take part where appropriate. The application covered providing off the shelf itineraries for visitors, an app linked to the walking leaflets on the Visit Pewsey Vale website, providing recycled IT tech for those not online with support to use it, providing a youth cafe, offering pop up market stalls for an outdoor market in Pewsey. We should hear at the end of July if we have been successful. If not, other funds will be sought and projects delivered as and when funds become available.
4. The PCCA is winding up the prescription service and reducing shopping to just one day a week. The food boxes are also reducing. The hot meals on Fridays and library will continue from a new venue, the scout hut. The group is developing a constitution and its aims and objectives whilst looking to become a charity. Meanwhile they aspire to a community farm, offering youth services, being involved in the IT tech for those without project mentioned above, song for Pewsey project, mental health advocacy and other activities. The Area Board health fund have given £2k to help with the relocation and new venue. The Chair informed them that Wessex Community Action has lots of resources for setting up charities and community groups, should they need help.
5. Other updates.
  - a. Brian Holland provided details of how the CIL was helping those with a disability in Wiltshire during covid. A new sports project funded by Sport 4 All was mentioned that may be of interest to the Woodborough Gateway Club (DW to let them know).
  - b. PVTP spent the day filming with ITV's This Morning team for a celebrity dog walk around Pewsey. This will be an excellent promotion for local businesses and tourism.
  - c. PVTP also spoke with the marketing and promotion team at GWR who may become a member and contribute on the Visit Pewsey Vale website as well as pay a fee.
  - d. PVTP has also been investigating a gift card scheme for businesses in the Vale. However that needs significant funds but may be doable with a town partner.

- e. Tidworth polo club are offering courses on animal husbandry for low income youth. Greatwood might offer something similar as they do offer accredited trading to excluded students.
  - f. Bruce boats are offering Carer trips in 2021 but you can nominate or reserve a space now.
  - g. The Blue bus for youth organised pre-covid for Upavon and Burbage should return. The Chair asked Richard Rogers to see if Pewsey could be added as part of the post Covid offer for young people. Funding may be possible from Wilts and Swindon Community Foundations for this extension to the service if Pewsey LYN funds could not stretch that far.
  - h. Richard spoke of two thirds of the 18 area boards having covid support groups that want to continue in some form. Wiltshire Council will run a forum to support this in August. The themes coming out of this work are: youth, access to tech, access to broadband, poverty and debt relief, mental health, local transport and the economy. It is acknowledged that volunteers need: support, recognition, clearly defined opportunities both short and long term that are local.
  - i. Richard reported that Area Board funds for Youth and Health have been made available. Health £7k now down to £5k once PCCA grant has been taken out. Youth £18k available.
6. Future meetings will cover items on the agenda under the following headings:
    - a. Economy
    - b. Care and well being
    - c. Community resilience
    - d. Youth and education
  7. The next meeting will be after we discover if we have succeeded with funding applications, probably in September. The next PCAP meeting will be Oct 22nd and all here are welcome.