

**Pewsey Vale Covid Recovery Group and Pewsey Vale Health and Well-being Forum
Meeting on March 23rd 2021 at 1630 via Zoom**

Attending: Margaret Holden – Easton Royal Parish Council, Susie Brew -PCAP and PVTP, Curly Haskell – Pewsey Parish Council, Anne Hogg – Pewsey Parish Council, Marilyn Hunt – Pewsey Parish Council, Dawn Wilson (Chair), Jennifer Totney – Pewsey Church, Sylvia Clayden-(M2MT and Health Specialist, Nell Light -Home Instead, Judy Haines -Bedwyn Walking Group, Fanny Middleton – Alzheimer’s Support

Apologies: Cllr Stuart Wheeler, Richard Rogers

1. The Chair welcomed everyone and asked all attending to introduce themselves.
2. The minutes of the PVHWP meeting of October 2020 were accepted.
3. Update on actions/Matters Arising
The Chair reported that much of the activity from the October Health Forum had been deferred or had taken place or was no longer relevant.
 - i. Transport
 1. This has again been identified as a key issue both pre covid and even more so now. Since we are again in lockdown no public transport is being used. It remains to be seen what remains as we emerge re PHAB and others.
 2. The Pewsey Link service was struggling for drivers and have successfully run a recruiting campaign across the county. PCAP has drafted a more local add for when the local service wants to proceed.
 3. Jubilee – no news
 4. Motability – no news
 5. Timetabled buses – are heavily subsidised and much like trains not carrying many people.
4. Partner Updates
 - i. Pewsey Christmas Lunch Club was a success with home deliveries with support from PCCA and others. Nell mentioned her organisation had supplied gifts.
 - ii. Nell is looking forward to supporting the carnival this year.
 - iii. The Pewsey Messenger has moved online but a small number of printed copies will be produced again.
 - iv. Rev Jennifer shared news that the Remembrance Sunday commemorations were successful and thanked Pewsey PC for their help with stewarding. She also mentioned their hopes for the Church being used as a venue and for the refurbishing of the kitchen.
 - v. The Chair mentioned Ann Hogg and the Patient Participation Group (PPG) who have built a much-improved relationship with Kennet and Avon Medical Partnership (KAMP). This is in part thanks to KAMP recruiting a communications officer, Susan Dearing, and also to Anne Hogg overseeing the 50 odd volunteer stewards for the Vaccination Clinics both in Pewsey and Marlborough.
 - vi. Judy reported that the Walking group had been busy even during lockdown with the installation of new gates (funded by this group via the Area Board)

and replacing way markers. Small groups had gone out but she is looking forward to opening up to larger groups soon.

- vii. Fanny reported that some AS groups had continued along with home visits and that other groups would be restarting very soon.
- viii. Sylvia is looking forward to the Movement to Music together Sessions moving back into the Bouverie Hall next month.
- ix. The Chair then spoke about reopening the Memory Café in Pewsey next month. Also, the tel befriending “Buddy” service that PCAP and the PCCA have run since February is winding down but morphing into a service to support vulnerable people to get outdoors. The PCCA has volunteers keen to support people to get out side and be more social where appropriate.
- x. Marilyn reported that the Pewsey Skatepark Project was progressing with the new acoustics consultant.
- xi. The Chair Reported that the Local Youth Network had supported and funded a Mental Health Triage team for Pewsey Vale School. PCAP had secured funds for a couple of Fundays for young people this summer. The Blue bus should restart its operations in Burbage and Upavon.
- xii. Susie then gave a brief overview of the the Walkers are Welcome Project (WAW) being run by Pewsey Vale Tourism Partnership (PVTP) with the support of local walking groups and other interested parties. The link to the WAW register is <http://bit.ly/3ivl6Dj> we need to register 700 supporters across the Vale of Pewsey so please share.

5. Grant applications

- i. An application for £2000 to install a hearing loop at Shalbourne Village Hall was successful. PCAP is supplying banking services for this project with Shalbourne Connect.
 - ii. PCAP received £2300 to reopen the Memory Café, support the M2MT back into a venue and towards other community based social cafes this summer.
 - iii. The budget remaining is £0. A new budget will be announced in May at the Area Board, after the elections.
6. The chair asked for any other comments of which there were none.
7. Meeting closed at 5-15pm. Next meeting to be arranged via doodle poll when we have news to report.