

PEWSEY VALE HEALTH & WELLBEING FORUM

Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 5th October 2021 4-30 pm via Zoom

MINUTES

Attending: Dawn Wilson (PCAP), Richard Rogers (Wilts Council CEM), Judy Haines (Grt Bedwyn Footpaths), Fanny Middleton (Alzheimer's Support), Susie Brew (PCAP), Brian Hollands (Wilts CIL and Pewsey Christmas Lunch), Curly Haskell (Pewsey PC), Cllr Stuart Wheeler (Pewsey Area Board).

Apologies: Nell Light (Home Instead), Sylvie Claydon (Occupational Therapist supporting Dementia), Margaret Holden (Easton Royal), Pauline Dark (Church Group), Belinda Chandler (Arts Together), Sanjana Matthews- Mair (Pewsey Health Trainer), Lesley Green (Shalbourne Connect), Hew Helps (Easton Royal), Marilyn Hunt (Pewsey Parish Council).

1. Welcome and introduction- were completed
2. Adopt Previous minutes- Adopted.
3. Update on Actions- Dawn reported on the success of the Canal boat trip with Bruce Trust for the Memory Cafe which was once again successful and funded in part by Marlborough Lions.
4. Partner updates -
 - a. Curly commented that Rev Jennifer used to attend this meeting and shared that Rev Debra has concerns about mental health in the village. The church team is understaffed at present.
 - b. Brian is starting to advertise the Christmas lunch in Pewsey and may need more funds from this group.
 - c. Judy said the two walks a month are popular because of the lower numbers, one longer one shorter. Those attending prefer the smaller groups. Health walks have also restarted with volunteers. They also have a D of E silver volunteer walking with the group. This was useful information.
 - d. Susie asked for a contact for Bedwyn health walks for this group.
 - e. Lesley emailed her update - **Christmas Lunch** arrangers would like a couple or so as new books, gift books, Jigsaw puzzles, etc. I would be happy to put some by for him from our Monthly Book Sale. We have a good selection of Jamie Oliver, Nigella Lawson etc if cook books appeal all as new plus the usual gift books and usually some new jigsaws. If interested give me a call 01672 870488 or email me. By way of advertising, our next Book Sale is Saturday 30th October 10am to 3pm in Village Hall If anyone is interested we have some lovely books etc hundreds of them all topics most in very condition and many as new. Plus lots of jigsaws. All reasonable prices. Proceeds for VH. **Transport** This here is an issue those without transport are stranded anything that can be done to alleviate this would be welcome. Elmbridge where I used to live ran a service called dial a ride. For small payment they run regular weekly car transport services to the shops for small groups of people (unrelated) my mother used to join a weekly run to the local Tesco at an out of town retail park with M&S coffee shop etc (from door to door). They also arranged outings and cars could be individually hired on request for more personal journeys. Practical and sociable and

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widened friendship groups. **Connect Grant**, yes we are nearly there, Covid caused delay, then right at the last minute RNID Royal National Institute for the Deaf (and after they had done the final survey) simply decided not to continue with these installations. The company to whom they referred their business did not supply or install audio equipment. Because it was essential that the audio equipment be compatible with the intended cinema when installed and because there were economies in installing hearing loop and audio at the same time we had to find another supplier. This has been done, meanwhile the Village Hall Committee, local donations and Connect and flexibility given in relation to our grant has during the time delay caused enabled funding for the cinema to be raised (bar about £500.00) and both the Connect installations and those of the Village Hall Committee should be ordered all being well shortly after the next meeting of the VHC with installation by late autumn. Connect / VHC have decided to purchase additional microphones for meetings / community use. Councillor Stuart Wheeler may have noticed how very difficult it was to hear the Councillors at our last Parish Council Meeting and many of the attendees so we decided this was a good investment!

- f. Fanny reported that all the groups are now up and running again. Also looking at a Salisbury day centre as well.
5. Grant Applications- £7500 no applications so far. Last one for PCCA was not considered as they moved to Wesley Hall. Tedworth Equestrian would do something for those with Dementia.
6. Locally funded projects - Grt Bedwyn had funds towards a kissing gate last year. Judy thanked Susie and Judy for highlighted this funding as it generated more funds. So 3 kissing gates and 2 gates. So 3 awkward stiles have gone which is good news. Susie thanked the group for funding for the walking leaflets. We now have Walkers are Welcome accreditation thanks to the Tourism Partnership. This will also lead to PCAP looking to set up other walking or Footpath groups in the Parishes. These might apply for funds. Pewsey is already in progress and ROW officer wants to meet with Cotswold groups, much larger, to sett how they are set up and might be too complex. Accessible walks are challenging with stiles etc. Richard also spoke about Paths for All that was supported by Susie and is merging with Amesbury (Stonehenge Group). So lots of partners around the Community Area as well. Both Tidworth and Amesbury have set aside funds for new walks, leaflets and or gates. Stuart was agreeable. Stuart then mentioned the Crown and Anchor walking book which was also part of the WAW project. Ron and Gerard are also doing the waymarkers for the NEW Pewsey Vale Circular Way. Stuart also mentioned bulk buying if gates are ordered collectively. PVTP had funding from Area Board for walking leaflet reprinting.
7. AOB - Dawn reported on the challenges that Shalbourne Growers were having with insurance and banking. This group has secured funding but cannot bank it or insure their project as the banks and insurers don't like setting up for small community groups. PCAP is in talks with how we can support this project. Curly reported that Pewsey PC was also struggling to insure their litter pickers. Stuart asked that this be noted with Wiltshire Council as an issue. The question was asked how many groups or volunteers are operating without insurance? Judy reported that Wiltshire Council cover Insurance for clearing Footpaths. Warm and Well are also sharing information about funds for fuel poverty and other projects. This would be a good topic for the Nov Area Board. Susie asked Richard

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to share contact for Warm and Well now so we can share with Parish councils and ask them to post on their website.

8. Next meeting - Tuesday Feb 8th 2022 at 16-30

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