

Minutes from VCS 28th September 2017.

Attendance

Cllr Anne Lawson	
Debbie Ainscow	Sunderland Carers
Allison Roberts	DWP
Sue Stimpson	DWP
Margaret Smith	FOHLCP
Ann Birkbeck	Houghton Racecourse CA
Sonia Newhouse	VCAS
Carolyn Hough	The Canny Kitchen
Tony Carlin	North East BIC
Andrea Baxter	Groundwork North East
Emma Crow	Moorsley and Easington Lane Big Local
Paul McKinnell	SNCBC
Carole Davies	SNCBC
Emma Frew	Social Enterprise Acumen
Doris Turner	Hetton Fellowship of Churches
Hilary Avent	Hetton New Dawn
Ben Johnson	Social Focus
Bryan Lee	LAF Team
Ian Flannery	Tall Ships 2018
Paul Finch	Hetton New Dawn
Val Armstrong	Sunderland Carers

Apologies

Pauline Hopper
Wendy cook
Pat Robson
Kevin Reilly
Penny White
Kevin Clark
Sylvia Haswell
Harry Graham
Michelle Durrant
David Snowdon
Lynne Summerside
Sandra Small

Minutes

Cllr Lawson - minutes from last meeting reviewed and recorded as a true record no matters arising.

Cllr Lawson welcomed everyone and a round of introductions was made.

Guest speaker

Ian Flannery Tall Ships 2018.

Ian gave overview of the event. The race will start at Sunderland 11th -14th July 2018. They are planning for 1.5 million visitors; Hudson Dock will be the main area and this is the first time it has been open to the public. There are 80 ships expected, the bigger ships will be on corporation quay and ships will be lined on the north and south of the river. On Thursday the 12th July there will be events in Keel square and Saturday 14th July will be the parade of sail day. The ships will leave and sail around north around the pier and up towards Roker beach before heading to the start line. Wednesday 11th July will be the captain's dinner at the stadium of light. Thursday 12th July is crew day in the morning and Barrack street parade in the afternoon, going up high street east and west and finishing in Keel square. Friday 13th July ships will be open and a crew change will happen, our young people will join the ship ready to sail on the Saturday.

Sail trainee opportunity – area committee has sponsored some berths, and sail ambassadors will be visiting schools and communities to promote this great opportunity.

Volunteer opportunity – there are 350 volunteers needed to make the tall ships work, Ian is the chief liaison officer for the volunteer offer and there is a launch event on the 10th October 10am-12pm at Bede Hall, Bede college. Contact Ian Flannery for more details on ian.flannery@sunderland.gov.uk

Cllr Lawson added that the coalfield area committee have funded at least 8 places and would like young people from our area to be part of this exciting opportunity.

Cllr Lawson informed the meeting that the area committee has made £11k available to coalfield community groups to be involved with tall ships event, whether that be in arts and crafts tall ship themed events or something else, so the coalfields are included and involved in the tall ships 2018.

Maxim Brewery - Ian informed the group that Maxim brewery will be brewing a beer for the tall ships 2018. There will be a competition to name the beer in the Sunderland Echo and Sun FM.

Information sharing

Hetton New Dawn

Paul Finch informed the group that they are possibly starting a Time Bank volunteer programme. Paul gave an example – if an elderly person needed curtains hung but couldn't manage it, someone could do this and the elderly person would bake them a pie in exchange for their time. Paul informed the group it was in the early stages but would keep everyone informed.

Hilary informed the group their lunch club started again beginning of September at Hetton & Eppleton Community Hall, transport is available.

Transforming lives is starting again (2 p.m. Thursdays once a month) this is for any age and the aim is to reduce social isolation and is free. Contact Hilary cdw-newdawn@outlook.com for more details

Craft group is on a Tuesday 1pm-3pm aim meet friends and make friends, they are running a ceramics course within the craft group 1pm-4pm leading up to Christmas for 7 weeks.

Places of Welcome is being trialled on a Monday 10am-12.30pm at the Apostolic church this is for people who are experiencing food poverty to come and have a meal, they encourage people who attend the food bank to come along as well as socially isolated and people on low income They hope to roll this out to Hetton in mid October.

Age UK – Social Focus

Ben Johnson gave over of service

SCC – ICT

Elaine Harbron gave overview of their service.

Social Enterprise Acumen

Emma Frew informed the group the Old Rectory is now open and everyone is welcome to visit. There is a community open day on Saturday 7th October after the Houghton Feast carnival parade. During this there will be guided tours and history displays. There is table top space to showcase work carried out by organisations. Contact Emma if anyone is interested in a table

emma.frew@socialenterpriseacumen.co.uk

They have rooms to rent from £10 per hour and will be holding a Christmas market on the 9th December and again contact Emma if interested in having a stall.

SNCBC

Carol informed the group that there is a Tea dance Fridays 10-12 at the flats.

Paul informed the group there is a volunteer celebration event at the Hetton Centre on the 21st October however they have now reached capacity for this.

They are running a first aid course first week in December (need venue etc.) and are looking to run a health and safety course around community events/buildings.

Big Lottery

Overview of organisation

Groundworks

Kevin continues with the environmental project My space Our place, and can be contacted on kevin.clark@groundworks.org.uk

Elba Park car boot sale 28th October late morning / early afternoon, £5 per car, donation to access the car boot event. There is a poster being developed to advertise this. Their Halloween event will be at the same time. All proceeds will be reinvested into Elba Park. Their Christmas event will be on 16th December time to be confirmed, it will be free and they will be making Christmas wreaths. Their education sessions have been well received and there are 12 schools booked in, they are all free and take place in Elba Park.

North East BIC

Shiney Row market first Friday of every month 10-4pm 6th October and 3rd November.

Canny Kitchen

Cookery demonstration at the Ladies Club (Sylvia Haswell) 22nd November 7.30pm-9pm all welcome to attend.

Cookery demonstration at ELCAP 25th November (time needed) Rita Grey won the prize at last VCS.

VCAS

VCAS new volunteer website now available.

Houghton Racecourse CA

Macmillan Coffee morning 29th September 10.30-12pm. They are currently running a digital; technology course in conjunction with Sunderland College and this is going well.

Job Centre

Susan and Stimpson and Alison Roberts attended VCS for the first time, they would like to build relationships with the local community and find out what other support is out in the community. They are currently working closely with ShARP. They are trying to build a community hub so they can support more people.

Susan.stimpson@dwp.gsi.gov.uk Alison.roberts2@dwp.gsi.gov.uk

Sunderland Carers Centre

Val Armstrong gave an overview of her role as carer practitioner long term conditions, Val is running 6 workshops in the coalfields starting on October 3rd at Houghton Library 1pm-2.30pm. anyone who knows someone that may benefit from this contact Sunderland Carers on 0191 5493768 or info@sunderlandcarers.co.uk Cllr Lawson introduced the Houghton feast brochure and circulated to the group and informed group there were more brochures available if anyone wanted them and feel free to take them.

Lifestyle, Activity and Food (LAF) Programme

The LAF programme is designed to encourage physical activity and healthy eating in 5-15 year olds. Free 8 week programmes are available for 5-11 year olds and their families, and a teen session including sport and exercise for 11-15 year olds. The programme is funded to March 2019 Contact Bryan lee.bryan@sunderland.gov.uk

Next meeting 10 a.m. Thursday 26 October 2017 at Easington Lane Community Access Point