

## **West Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Network**

### **Minutes of meeting held on:**

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, at Pennywell Community Centre, 10:00am

### **Present:**

Cllr Peter Gibson (Chair), Gilly Stanley, Rebecca Ball, Donna Green, Kevin Howard, Andrea Lanaghan, Julie Harper, Lisa Wilson Riddell, Ray Knox, Neil Armstrong, Craig Lowden, Ben Johnson, Lindsey Watson, Bill Leach, Jacqui Pitt, Rob Fraser, Rob Barrass, Joanne Laverick, Courtney Tuckerman, Angela Sinclair, Lesley Etherington.

### **1. Apologies:**

Dean Huggins, Sophie Clinton, Edna Rochester, Julie Marshall, Tim Wright, Colin Dagg, Wendy Hunter, Elaine Harbron

### **2. Welcome, Introductions, Apologies**

Cllr Gibson welcomed attendees to the meeting and opened with a round of introductions. Apologies were noted above. The notes from the previous meeting were agreed

### **3. Supporting vulnerable people to manage their finances**

Julie Harper presented information on the role of the Council regarding financial safeguarding and answered questions on Power of Attorney. Links to follow via Gilly

### **4. All together better**

Andrea presented information on all together better. Leaflets were handed out and questions answered.

### **5. How can we make our VCS more sustainable**

Bill Leach introduced this agenda item, explaining that the three reps had met and were keen to encourage the sector to come together to share best practice, skills, facilities, equipment and ideas. Ideas that came forward were saving energy costs such as LED lights, replacing heating, they agreed to hold a workshops to discuss how they could all come together to see how they could save money.

The reps agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.

### **6. Information Share**

The organisations present shared the activities they had planned over the coming month and opportunities to share resources.

### **7. Date, time and Venue of next meeting**

19<sup>th</sup> October 2016 10am, Grindon Church Community Project