

**Meeting :** Congleton Youth Forum – Meeting No.42

***A sub group of The Congleton Partnership.***

**Date :** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019

**Time:** 3.30pm

**Location:** Eaton Bank Academy.

**In attendance :** Glen Williams (Chair), C.Eckersley, C.Davis, J.Commins, C.Swaine, L.Griffen, M.Gleave, S.Foster, A.Reed & M.Smith

**Guest :** P.Murphy (Graham Construction), Rev Murray George and Charlie Swaine ( United Reformed Church)

<b>Item</b>	<b>Agenda Item / discussion</b>	<b>Action / comment</b>
1.	<b>Apologies:</b> J.Money, J.Maddock, K.Rogers, S.Jacklin, S.Trubshaw, S.Gurbuz,	
2.	<b><u>Welcome &amp; Introductions.</u></b>  Glen welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions around the table.	
3.	<b><u>Minutes of the last meeting / Matters Arising. (12.10.18)</u></b>  Accepted as a true and correct record.  <b>Item 3. Substance awareness days at secondary schools.</b> Glen reported that the Town Youth Committee are supportive of this. They should help deliver this Glen to follow up with them. GW still to contact F.Bruce  <b>Item 3. 40 Things to do leaflet.</b> Jo Money currently working on this. MS contact Jo to see where she is with this. May want to add United reformed Church Youth Drop In.	<b>GW contact Town Council Youth Committee &amp; F.Bruce MP.</b>  <b>MS contact J.Money</b>
4.	<b><u>Mental Health / Substance Misuse PB Project .</u></b>	

	<p><i>As we are nearing the end of the project, Glen asked if we should if we should run any of these sessions again and if so how do we run them.</i></p> <p>Liz Griffen (and Clair Holmes EBA) reported that their peer mentoring scheme is ongoing at Eaton Bank and they are happy to put it put to all schools in Cheshire East.</p> <p>Sam and Catherine (they attended and presented at our July meeting) have come up with a Mental Health contacts card for students and will check with Gill Taylor as to what personalised details she would like on the Congleton High School edition.</p> <p>Liz will share the cards with MS/GW before printing.</p> <p>Substance misuse. GW to discuss with the Town Council Youth Committee how they can take ownership of this project. Liz Griffen commented that she has some young people that may like to get involved.</p> <p>Linda Minshull to liaise with GW and set up a meeting with the Youth Committee, also invite Liz Griffen and her team to that meeting.</p>	<p><b>Mental Health card development. LG to share with MS/GW before printing.</b></p> <p><b>L.Minshull set up a Youth committee Mtg, invite Liz Griffen and team.</b></p>
5.	<p><b><u>Member updates/Presentations.</u></b></p> <p><b>United Reformed Church – Youth “Drop In” Project.</b></p> <p>Rev Murray George introduced Charlie Swaine as the first youth and family worker at URF.</p> <p>They have the building and space to use and are looking to set up a “Drop In” on Saturday nights from 7 to 9.30pm starting on Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Feb. It will operate as a drop in with drinks, food and Wifi available, somewhere to relax and come in from the cold. This will also afford the opportunity to talk to the youth of the town and find out what else they would like.</p> <p>They are looking at an age range of 11 to 18, will PR the activity by leaflets, social media, posters, PCSOs etc.</p>	<p><b>Charlie send copy of poster ect to MS for circulation</b></p>

	<p>Charlie to send a copy of the poster to Mike Smith for putting on our town noticeboards.</p> <p>Rev George also raised the issue of young people not have the equipment at home to be able to do home study/homework, and enquired if schools had after school clubs. Both secondary schools do have homework clubs and if names are past to them they will follow up with the students concern</p>	<p><b>Pass names to schools re follow up after school clubs</b></p>
6.	<p><b><u>Future Priorities</u></b></p> <p><b>MG</b> raised the issue of Mental Health still being the major issue with young people. Whilst there were projects ongoing was there anything else we should be doing. Liz felt that the project at Eaton Bank will open up more discussion among students but that the missing link was contact with the parents.</p> <p>Liz looking at the possibility of delivering something with Alison Parr out of Ruby's Fund</p> <p>Rev George floated the idea of doing something at Messy Church (NLC), something specific to include parents.</p> <p>GW to organise a subgroup (not restricted to The Youth Forum) to look at a project around this subject.</p> <p>Other ideas thrown into the pot were:-</p> <p>Cyber Bullying Programme (Mark – Chester/Chester West)</p> <p>CE – Workshops similar to one Jo Money organised at CHS a few years ago or similar to the “Things to do” morning at EBA.</p>	<p><b>Liz contact Alison Parr</b></p> <p><b>GW to pull together a subgroup.</b></p>

	<p>Project Ideas:-</p> <p>Emotional Schools</p> <p>Project (A) sub group</p> <p>Summer Youth Provision ( MS contact Keith Rogers)</p> <p><b><u>Updates.</u></b></p> <p><b>GW.</b> CEBC Youth Service no longer operates out of Bromley farm on a Wednesday.</p> <p>Tuesday June Maddocks has a SEND group out of Ruby's Fund</p> <p>Wed Congleton Library – Targeted SAFE Project.</p> <p>Monday / Friday youth clubs still operate as normal.</p> <p>Thursday from 24th Jan, 6 to 8pm ,3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month, Musical Minds, DJ and Arts Project.</p> <p>BF Trust joint project with LOL &amp; CEBC Youth Service being planned, open to all.</p> <p><b>Patsy Murphy (Grahams)</b> advised that her company may be able to donate some board games to the youth clubs.</p>	
7.	<p><b><u>A.O.B</u></b></p> <p><b>JC.</b> Commented that the new E Safety Officer was running a project from Jan at Winsford Police HQ. This is for both Junior and senior students who will get training at the site.</p>	

	<p><b>Chris Davis.</b> Believes that some of the topic are now creating fatigue and either need new topics introducing or new presenters with a new slant, possibly supported by real life experience.  Substance Misuse and Mental Health were still at the top of the agenda.  Male suicide still a concern, good website available for support <a href="https://www.thecalmzone.net/">https://www.thecalmzone.net/</a></p> <p><b>Ashley Reed</b> added that the charity ROAR for Life may be of use, local contacts are Umran of Danny (01625 619106). He also added that Acorn are running a Right Start Programme form 21<sup>st</sup> Jan in Crewe, hopefully Congleton later.</p> <p><b>S.Foster.</b> Briefed the group on the progress of the 5 towns walking trail. The trail is around 40 miles in length with section that can be walked around each of the towns. The map also shows clear directions on each section and some places of interest within. Hopefully it will be completed by summer, although there is still quite a piece of work around signage and if required permissions.</p> <p><b>GW</b> added that Congleton Youth Committee are planning a <b>film afternoon</b> at Daneside Theatre , <b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb, Mary Poppins Returns</b>, tickets from TIC.</p> <p><b>Glen Williams.</b> Congleton Leisure Centre close to going out to public briefing. New Pool, refurbished dry side, open up the skateboard park.  Glen also looking at some outdoor provision ( 2 x pieces of Outdoor Gym Equipment / Outdoor table tennis table) Carried over from last meeting MS to chase up with Project Manager.</p>	<p><b>MS chase up with project manager.</b></p>
8.	<p><b>Future Meetings:-</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March, 3.30pm to 5.30pm. CHS</b>  <b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 3.30pm to 5.30pm, EBA</b>  <b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 3.30pm to 5.30pm, CHS</b></p>	