

**CONGLETON  
PARTNERSHIP  
SENIOR FORUM**



**Meeting:** Senior Forum

**Date:** 18.07.23      **Time:** 10:00 am      **Location:** Zoom

**In attendance:** Suzy Firkin (Chair), Cathy Dean (Secretary), David Morris, Diane Ritherdon, Kay Wesley, and Lucy Ferneyhough

**Apologies:** Kate Fallon, Catherine Sale.

1.	<p><b><u>Welcome</u></b></p> <p>Suzy welcomed everyone to the meeting. Minutes accepted of the last meeting 29.11.22.</p> <p>Lucy Ferneyhough was welcomed to the group as the new Community Development Officer from Cheshire East.</p>
2.	<p><b><u>Outstanding Actions</u></b></p> <p>Cathy gave a brief overview of the projects that had taken place since the last meeting:</p> <p><b>Heath &amp; Wellbeing Fayre</b> – The Fayre was held on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 23, with over 200 visitors and 40+ exhibitors. Once again networking in the room between providers proved valuable. The use of Bluey’s for refreshments meant we could have extra space in the hall which worked very well.</p> <p>Room Hire: £396 / Refreshments: £350.90 / Advert £99.00</p> <p><b>Jubilee / King Coronation Party</b> – Due to local elections and other events this didn’t go ahead but a project idea we would like to do next year.</p> <p><b>Buddy &amp; Befriending</b> – Changing Lives contract continues for the second year; the report is attached below.</p> <p><b>Sliver stories</b> – Kay did fill in the website contact form but had no reply, hoping for a school pack to see if any of the local schools are interested. Carry Forward.</p> <p><b>Congleton Talking Newspaper</b> – meetings have taken place and a procedure is put in place to attract referrals for the CTN. Social Prescribers are all aware and happy to refer where suitable. Congleton Partnership will put in place free postage once the referral(s) is confirmed.</p>
A	As above.

### 3. Senior Forum Survey Results



28 respondents filled in the survey and made suggestions; these have been split into 2 groups. Big project ideas and smaller ones, group comments below:

#### Big Project Ideas

- ▶ Bus-related projects – Macc Hospital Link, Congleton Round Robin.
  - Existing Community Transport scheme, can we extend it? The partnership has earmarked funds for Driver Training. Kay attended a meeting held on Community Transport, run by ChALC. Ideas:
  - Community carshare type scheme
  - Bus hire scheme – where one of the minibuses (say) is used for a specific purpose each week, like taking people to a regular club or meeting.
  - Community bus service – with bus stops and a timetable (as long as not competing with a commercial service), using the Partnership minibuses.
- ▶ Day Care Facility/ Carers support – Mountview related.
  - Can we bring back into use deserted buildings at War Memorial?
- ▶ Dentists
- ▶ Convalescence Facilities
- ▶ Drop in Café
  - Existing community cafes – is it a case of finding out what already exists with more targeted communications? Congleton Cricket Club hold a very successful group – how do they attract people?
- ▶ Mental Health Hub
  - Hopefully something that will come to fruition with Plus Dane Premises, Cathy to sit on the steering group if it goes ahead.
- ▶ Boules Court
- ▶ DIY support service
  - Connect with Alison at the Old Sawmill who heads up the volunteer programme.

#### Smaller Project Ideas

- ▶ Swimming/Exercise at Leisure Centre for Seniors
  - Cathy to contact the manager to see what provisions they have already
- ▶ Bromley Farm Time Out leaflet
- ▶ Access to Banking
  - Falls under digital inclusions which we will be looking at.
- ▶ Congleton Widows
- ▶ Mind Body and Soul at Football Club

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▶ Computer Courses</li> <li>▶ Gentle walking Groups</li> <li>▶ Regular Tea Dance Event <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- An event we want to run, could look to do a Christmas event?</li> </ul> </li> <li>▶ Swimming Sessions at Leisure Centre</li> </ul>
A	Cathy to action above points. Kay to forward info from ChALC for community transport.
4.	<p><b><u>Digital Support for the Elderly</u></b></p> <p>The Digital Inclusion, Suzy contacted U3A but they didn't feel like it was something they could support. DM commented that a whole section of society is being left behind, this is also a key area for Community Development Officers; something we as a group should pursue.</p> <p>Lucy suggested looking at Middlewich which has a scheme to run weekend courses through schools and look at refurbished equipment – could use the connected community centres.</p> <p>A – What is already going on in the community?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4G/5G connectors</li> <li>- Barclays Digital Eagles</li> <li>- Springboard course etc.</li> </ul>
A	Cathy is to report back in September.
5.	<p><b><u>Changing Lives Report</u></b></p> <p>Please see attached for the quarter 1 &amp; 2 reports (second year).</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Congleton Yr 2 Quarter 2 Report.pdf</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Congleton Yr 2 Quarter 3 Report.pdf</p> </div> <p>Partnership funding is under pressure, we need to think about funded for year 3 and if we can secure it.</p>

6. **A.O.B**

5<sup>th</sup> August Lions Gentle Walk Astbury Mere 1 1am all welcome to attend.

**Next meeting 19<sup>th</sup> September 10am via Zoom.**

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