

Harrow Voluntary & Community Sector (VCS) Forum
Ordinary Meeting held on 26th February 2019, 2.30pm to 4.30pm
The Lodge, 64 Pinner Road, Harrow, HA1 4HZ

Attendance:				
Attendee	abbreviation in minutes	Organisation	abbreviation in minutes	Forum Role
Varsha Dodhia	VD	Harrow Interfaith	HI	Co-Chair
Gerry Devine	GD	Harrow Community Transport	HCT	Vice-Chair
Tajinder Nijjar	TN	Citizens Advice Harrow	CAH	VCS Representative
John Higgings	JH	Harrow VCS Forum	HVCSF	Cabinet Representative
Alex Buckmire	AB	Voluntary Action Harrow Co-operative	VAHC	Minute Taker
Linda Robinson	LR	38 Degrees (Harrow Local Group)	38D	
Glen Hearden	GH	Signature Housing	SH	
Ray Barber	RB	St Albans Church, North Harrow	SAC	
Cabdul	C	Somali Cultural & Educational Association	SCEA	
Ayaanle Sigad	AS	Harrow Association of Somali Voluntary Organisations	HASVO	
Hassan Khalif	HK	Harrow Association of Somali Voluntary Organisations	HASVO	
Nannette Spain	NS	Healthwatch Harrow	HH	
Jon Spain	JS	Healthwatch Harrow	HH	
Jenny Stephany	JST	Positive Connections	PC	
Julian Maw	JM	Hatch End Association	HEA	
Kathy Westhead	KW	Harrow University of Third Age	HU3A	
Henry Wyatt	HW	Bacon Lane Surgery	BLS	
Aurora Da Silva	ADS	Need To Talk	NTT	
Dhana Kara	DK	Holistic Housing Network	HHN	
Trevor Walker	TW	Prostate Cancer Uk	PCU	
Mobashar Mahmood	MM	Everyone Active – Harrow/Brent	EA	

Apologies:				
Kanti Nagda	KN	Sangat Centre	SC	
Sue Anderson	SA	Harrow Council	HC	
Bernadette Lupeko	BL	African Women Welfare	AWW	
Steve Williams	SW	Watford FC Community Trust	WFC	

Item	Minutes	Action by whom	Action by when
1.	<p>Welcome</p> <p>1.1 GD welcomed all. Apologies had been received as listed above. No conflicts of interest were declared in relation to the agenda topics. GD established that all were happy with the agenda's content and sequence.</p>		
2.	<p>North West (NW) London Team: National Health Service (NHS) Long Term Plan & Discussion</p> <p>2.1 In the absence of representatives of North West London, VD gave a presentation on their behalf.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation: The NHS Long Term Plan [.pdf] • Harrow Integrated Care Development Programme Newsletter [.pdf] • What will patients get out of the NHS Long Term Plan? [YouTube] <p>2.2 The presentation gave an overview of the NHS CCG, the ten year plan, the inclusion of Citizens panels, and priority areas for the future.</p> <p>2.3 TW stated that as services become more digital, people are being left behind by the changes. This is preventing people access health services as there is not enough support services to help people to adapt to the change.</p> <p>Action: Digitalisation Strategy going to be included on the agenda of the next meeting.</p> <p>2.4 VD encouraged VCS groups to get involved so they can inform clients. It is a ten year plan that will start to transform local health care. Plans are not to get rid of GP surgeries, but to create a more effective system and network.</p>	VD	Next Meeting
3.	<p>Cabinet Advisor Update</p> <p>3.1 JH has a scheduled meeting with Alex Dewsnap (AD) to discuss how he can go about getting more information on cabinet reports earlier. Has meet</p>		

	<p>with report writers for the Harrow Lottery, Cultural Strategy. Harrow Council did not adequately communicate in regard to their Climate Change Strategy.</p> <p>3.2 LR stated Regeneration, Concessionary Transport, and Council Tax Support Scheme, and Stair Lift Procurement, could be of interest for the VCS in the Cabinet March meeting. JH will be emailing a monthly survey to gather thoughts about issues that are coming up. With the new communication channels being implemented, issues like these will be picked up.</p> <p>Action: Inclusion of the Cabinet Representative role into the Memorandum Of Understating in meeting with AD.</p> <p>3.3 HK asked what stage the Public Health Joint Strategic Needs Assessment was in its review. TN stated this will be brought together with the Social Prescribing work done by Capable Communities. JST reported there would be a celebratory social prescribing event on the 28th March 2019 from 7pm to 9pm.</p> <p>Action: Carole Furlong (Director of Public Health) to be invited to speak about the impact of the social prescription service.</p> <p>Action: Inclusion of the Social Prescription service in meeting with AD.</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>TN</p> <p>JH</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Next Meeting</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Harrow Community Partnership Update</p> <p>4.1 GD explained the work was developing well, and the group had a meeting scheduled.</p> <p>4.2 GH stated they had secured a pilot site for community activity, which would be free for VCS groups to use. Groups interested in providing community activity in the pilot site should contact GH (glen@signaturehousing.co.uk)</p>		
<p>5.</p>	<p>Infrastructure Group Update</p> <p>5.1 VD asked who from Harrow Community Action is leading on the integrated Health system is. AB confirmed it is the Chair, Mark Gillham.</p> <p>5.2 AB gave details about the Harrow Lottery Launch on the 6th March from 4pm to 7pm at Young Harrow Foundation. All monies generated by the Harrow Lottery will be restricted and distributed in grants to local VCS groups with clear identification that the funds were generated by the lottery scheme.</p>		

<p>6.</p>	<p>Environmental Sustainability Group</p> <p>6.1 Recently had a successful meeting to discuss water quality. They discussed a number of schemes which are in development. Harrow council expressed their interest in replacing dual manhole covers, but can't as it is Thames Water's responsibility and they can't get permission from Ofwat.</p> <p>6.2 Harrow Council's Recycling Department has been restructured, now coming under the remit of Dave Corby (Head of Service - Community Engagement).</p> <p>6.3 GD encouraged VCS groups to get involved in the group.</p>		
<p>7.</p>	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2018</p> <p>7.1 Accuracy – The minutes were approved as correct, subject to JM being added to attendance list.</p> <p>7.2 Matters Arising – All had been covered.</p> <p>Action: Lateral Report to be circulated.</p> <p>Action: VD communicating with Young Harrow Foundation for contacts within the Youth Parliament.</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>VD</p>	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>Next Meeting</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>8.1 MM described his role to get more people active locally, he encouraged groups to contact him (MobasharMahmood@everyoneactive.com) if they need meeting space or would like to get their community more active.</p> <p>8.2 TW (Trevorewalker@aol.com) offered to come and give a talk to groups about prostate cancer.</p> <p>8.3 GH recruited onto Harrow VCS Forum Members as Harrow VCS Forum Representative.</p>		
<p>9.</p>	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Topic: Crime and Domestic Violence Date: Tuesday, 14th May 2019 Time: 10am to 12pm Venue: North Harrow Community Library, 429-433 Pinner Rd, Harrow, HA1 4HN</p>		
	<p>Meeting closed at 4.34pm</p>		