

Minutes of VCSE Strategic Partnership Meeting

Held on Monday 4th March 2024
 At GL11 Community Hub, Fairmead, Cam

In Attendance:
Chris Brown (CB) – Forest Voluntary Action Forum
Pippa Jones (PJ) – Create Gloucestershire
Matt Lennard (ML) – Gloucestershire VCS Alliance
Indigo Redfern (IR) – GL11
Sally Byng (SB) – Barnwood Trust
Vicci Livingstone-Thompson (VL-T) – Inclusion Gloucestershire
Tom Beasley (TB) – Active Gloucestershire

Apologies:
Kobe Francis (KF) – The Music Works
Nicola Simpson (NS) – Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust

Guests:
Jill Parker (JP/Chair) – Gloucestershire VCS Alliance

Minutes by:
Wendy Kewley (WK) - Gloucestershire VCS Alliance

The meeting commenced at 14:30.

119.	Welcome, introductions and apologies	ACTION
	Apologies have been received from KF and NS.	
120.	Declarations of interest	
	<p>There were no new interests declared.</p> <p>Forms will be circulated to update the Register of Interests in the next month.</p> <p>Action: JP: To circulate forms for VCSE Strategic Partnership members to update.</p>	JP
121.	Developing a dialogue and better mutual understanding with commissioners	
	<p>Benedict Leigh (BL), Director of Integrated Commissioning for Gloucestershire County Council and NHS Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board, has been invited to the April VCSE Strategic Partnership meeting so, in advance of this, the group debated areas for discussion.</p> <p>It was agreed to structure the conversation around the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the scope of BL’s role and influence • How do we work better together? 	

	<p>TB updated members on the Glos Health and Care Partnership. They have had one meeting facilitated by NHS central services to look in more depth at unifying themes. The workshop session looked at how to progress the three exemplar themes of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • smoking • blood pressure • employment. <p>TB reported that the challenge is huge, observing that, in terms of operational planning, the group isn't representing the people that it wants to reach.</p> <p>JP asked the group if anyone was able to attend ICP meetings when TB is unable to attend. Meetings are held every other month. PJ volunteered and was confirmed as deputy by the group.</p> <p>TB left at 16:00.</p> <p><u>Decision:</u> All: PJ appointed as VCSE deputy rep at ICP meetings when TB is unable to attend.</p>	
124.	Minutes of the last meeting (4th December 2023) and matters arising	
	The minutes were approved as an accurate recording of the meeting.	All
125.	Review of action tracker and Learning and Delivery Plan	
	<p>Outstanding actions were discussed.</p> <p>Any extra actions from the online VCSE Strategic Partnership meetings to be added.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u> JP: To add any actions from the online VCSE Strategic Partnership meetings onto the overall action tracker. JP: To bring a new draft annual plan to next meeting.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>JP</p>
126.	Any Other Business	
	<p>The group discussed the future recruitment of VCSE Strategic Partnership members with a view to succession and the importance avoiding a situation where everyone steps down at the same time.</p> <p>JP confirmed that the Terms of Reference allow members to do a second term, subject to being re-elected. The current term for members will end next summer.</p> <p><u>Actions:</u> JP: To contact everyone to see if they would like to stand down or serve a second term. JP: Once feedback received, to draft some options for the VCSE Strategic Partnership to discuss at an online meeting.</p>	JP
	The meeting concluded at 16:24.	

	<p>The date and venue of the next meeting is:</p> <p>2.30pm 8 April 2024, at the Conservation Centre, Robinswood Hill Country Park, Reservoir Road, GL4 6SX.</p>	
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Acronym Key	
ICB	Integrated Care Board
ICP	Integrated Care Partnership (also known as the “One Glos Health and Wellbeing Partnership”)
VCSE	Voluntary, Community & Social Enterprise sector
GRCC	Gloucestershire Rural Community Council
FVAF	Forestry Voluntary Action Forum