

## Minutes of VCSE Strategic Partnership Meeting Held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> 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	
	There were no new interests declared.  Forms will be circulated to update the Register of Interests in the next month.  Action: JP: To circulate forms for VCSE Strategic Partnership members to update.	JP
121.	Developing a dialogue and better mutual understanding with commissioners	
	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.  It was agreed to structure the conversation around the following:  • Understanding the scope of BL's role and influence • How do we work better together?	





<ul> <li>How to be innovative jointly?</li> <li>We are open to learning and how to the work of the wor</li></ul>	that are barriers? What are the s between the VCSE sector and the ctor  with BL ahead of the next meeting.  ed to build relationships and trust in d offer to meet new appointees as ed that this could be a positive way to c sector appointments to the VCSE will be another carousel meeting for	ΙP
JP: Clarify agenda with BL for next mee	eting.	
122. Infrastructure		
Following on from last year's discussion will joint workshop with members of the ICB, the starting points for developing infrastructure.  There were concerns that the areas that reand Cheltenham) are not reflected in the inwork of GRCC in these areas. ML to meet discuss development/fundraising capacity. increased housing development in some a disproportionately little infrastructure in pla.  Research and development in communities and all agreed that it was important to iden Thoughts were contributed around developmake change, with ideas suggested aroun group agreed that it needs to be for a colle to avoid the situation where an individual in place.  The group discussed the benefits of a test be place-specific and implemented in three location. It was agreed to include this.	eceive least (Tewkesbury, Cotswold nitial ideas. The group discussed the with GRCC next Monday and will A further issue was identified with reas, eg Tewkesbury, leading to ce.  s with less infrastructure was raised nitify the change agents here. Ding and supporting local leaders to d a fund to invest in individuals. The ective of people rather than one person night move on with nothing else in and learn pilot programme that would	ΛL
Members mentioned the need for evidence that there is a more appropriate funding structure. JP asked if everyone was happy for her to which would be shared with Will Chapman   Actions: ML: Meet with GRCC JP: To reshape the proposal document and send to Will Chapman.	structure these thoughts into an email . All agreed.	P
123. Glos Health and Care Partnership		



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: smoking blood pressure employment. 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. 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. TB left at 16:00. Decision: All: PJ appointed as VCSE deputy rep at ICP meetings when TB is unable to attend. 124. Minutes of the last meeting (4th December 2023) and matters arising ΑII The minutes were approved as an accurate recording of the meeting. 125. Review of action tracker and Learning and Delivery Plan Outstanding actions were discussed. ΑII Any extra actions from the online VCSE Strategic Partnership meetings to be JΡ added. **Actions:** 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. 126. **Any Other Business** 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. 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. Actions: JP: To contact everyone to see if they would like to stand down or serve a second term. JΡ JP: Once feedback received, to draft some options for the VCSE Strategic Partnership to discuss at an online meeting. The meeting concluded at 16:24.





## The date and venue of the next meeting is:

 $2.30 pm\ 8$  April 2024, at the Conservation Centre, Robinswood Hill Country Park, Reservoir Road, GL4 6SX.



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			