



Notes from:
Dronfield 2gether Champions Meeting
Thursday 6 September 2018, 10.00am-12 noon
Dronfield Library Meeting Room

Present:

- Shelley Hinson (Chair) – dronfield2gether@dva.org.uk
- Jackie Boon, Dronfield Girl Guides
- Jo Askew, Helen's Trust
- Andy Aram
- Andy Gore, Dronfield Baptist Church/Churches Together
- Jude Milburn, Rykneld Homes
- Ann Sullivan, Deaf and Hearing Support
- Paula Quick, Free Voice
- Tracy White, Free Voice
- Paul Waddingham, Derbyshire Victim Services
- Ann Turk, Dronfield Baptist Church
- Tracey Conroy, Cycling4Everyone

Shelley welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. She gave a summary of the purpose of the group – about how we can work together as groups, or individuals, organisations or businesses for the mutual benefit of the residents of Dronfield to create a happier, healthier town. All ideas are welcomed and shared.

Dronfield 2gether website www.dronfield2gether.org.uk - Shelley asked everyone to take a look at the new site and spread the word about what is happening in Dronfield. We need more Champions' profiles on the site – please email a short resume and photograph/logo to Shelley.

Free Voice – Paula Quick: Paula introduced the group to Free Voice – an advocacy and support group for people with learning difficulties. The group harnesses creativity and art to empower people to gain skills, grown their confidence and self-esteem, have a voice and support others, using mediums such music, photography and film-making.

New Minister at Callywhite Nursing Home – Karen Boker. Has requested volunteers for a singing group to go into nursing homes.

Eckington Together – event taking place on Friday 14 September from 10.30am-3.00pm.

Great Dronfield Get2gether – Shelley updated everyone on progress with plans for the Get2gether. 19 services have returned stallholder booking forms. Shelley put out a request for volunteers to help out on the day [**Shelley – insert who volunteered**]. There was a suggestion that John Sutherland from Dronfield Hall Barn could come along to film on the day for Dronfield TV. Paul Waddingham would resend the booking form for Victim Support Services. Local shops have been approached for donations of food etc. Shelley asked that all promote the event and encourage referrals. She thanked Jude and Rykneld Homes for printing the posters and flyers.

Deaf and Hearing Support – Ann Sullivan: Ann gave a potted history of Deaf and Hearing Support, which was founded 26 years ago and which supports the hard of hearing across the whole of north Derbyshire. It has recently won the Derbyshire County Council contract to demonstrate and provide specialised equipment to aid people with hearing difficulties – during

conversation/watching television/hearing the doorbell. She also supplies hearing aid batteries. Ann is keen to set up lip reading and sign language classes and is looking for a tutor. She would also like to support older people to use digital technology. Jude said that Rykneld has two support staff who work 1:1 with individuals and who he would like to link those workers up with Deaf and Hearing Support.

Derbyshire Victim Services – Paul Waddingham. Paul reiterated his previous message that he feels it is important to keep making connections and that he is happy to come to talk to any local groups about the advice and emotional support DVS can provide to victims of crime, young victims of crime, victims of anti-social behaviour, hate crime, etc. Jackie suggested it would be good for Paul to come along to speak to the Guides/Rangers.

Christmas Tree Festival at the Parish Church taking place from 30 November to 9 December. Helen's Trust is the chosen charity for the proceeds from the festival.

Tracey Conroy updated on the Dronfield-Unstone cycle path. DCC postponed its decision in August. She urged everyone to support Chesterfield Cycle Campaign's crowdfunding campaign for trikes and to spread the word about two events: 29 September – Cycling Style Ride and 14 October – 10 mile ride.

Constituting Dronfield 2gether - Shelley updated everyone on intentions to constitute Dronfield 2gether as an independent group. There was discussion about the advantages of doing this – particularly around opportunities to access funding. A small team of volunteers is needed to form a committee and take on the role of secretary and treasurer. Some people present said they would be prepared to give some time to this. Shelley to move this forward.

Date of Next Meeting: 15 November 2018