



Notes from:
Dronfield 2gether Champions Meeting
Thursday 30 May 2019, 10.00am-12 noon
Dronfield Library Meeting Room

Present:

- Shelley Hinson (Chair)
- Nigel Hudson (Treasurer)
- Julia Duckworth (Secretary)
- Jill Bethell
- Martin Birch – The Belmayne Foundation
- Stevan Chambers (Volunteer Centre/Safe and Sound)
- Netty Clarke (Citizens Advice Bureau)
- Jane Woodward (Citizens Advice Bureau)
- Sophie Wager (Derbyshire Victim Support Services)
- Helen Foster (Oakhill Medical Practice)
- Howard Mills (U3A)
- Peter Thompson (U3A)
- Josephine Wright (U3A)
- Susan Monks – Drone Roses WI
- Jo Strong (Graves Sports Centre)

Apologies:

- Jackie Boon
- Andy Gore
- Ruth Aten-Shearwood
- Jane Askew
- Orla and Marie

Shelley welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance. She gave a summary of the purpose of the group – "How can we work together as groups or individuals,

organisations or businesses for the mutual benefit of the residents of Dronfield to create a happier, healthier town".

Dronfield 2gether website To note the new website address: www.dronfield2gether.org.uk and new email: coordinator@dronfield2gether.org.uk

Shelley asked champions to provide her with a photo and profile of themselves, together with a short description of what they do, to be entered on the site.

U3A (Josephine, Peter and Howard)

A branch of the University of the 3rd Age (which is part of the 3rd Age Trust which started in the 1980`s) has been in Dronfield for 5 years with 400 members run by a committee of 12. Open meetings are held every month (2nd Wednesday) in the Civic Centre and anyone can come along to find out about groups and see if it is suitable for them. The meetings also provide existing members with an opportunity to meet other members, make friends and socialise. The aim of the U3A is to allow older people to share interests/skills and a lot of groups (run by members themselves) meet in members` homes. Courses do not have to be academic and cover topics such as art appreciation, languages, gardening, wine tasting, games, etc. A full list is available on the Dronfield U3A website. A charge of £10 is made for a one year membership but anyone interested can attend 2 taster events free of charge before making a decision to join.

Graves Sports Centre (Jo Strong)

The centre is holding an open day on 12 June from 11.30 to 3.00 launching its new events for older adults and dementia sufferers. Amongst others attending will be British Lung Foundation choir, British Gymnastics who are piloting a `Love to Move` chair based exercise programme for dementia/carers and there will be a pop-up dementia café for dementia sufferers/carers.

Constituting Dronfield2gether

Shelley reported that Dronfield2gether is now a stand alone organisation run by a committee whose main task will be organising the next Great Dronfield Get2gether event (aimed at the over 55s) at the Civic Centre on Tuesday 8 October from 10.00-3.00. Please contact Shelley if you would like to book a stall at the event. It is hoped we will have around 30 different service providers + groups and clubs attending. Shelley asked for volunteers to join the Steering Group.

Argos in Sainsburys (Dronfield)

Argos staff (contact Joanne) are starting a gardening project on a piece of spare land outside Sainsburys. They currently have a budget of £300 but are trying to raise extra funding. They are inviting lonely/elderly to either help with gardening or just watch. They also want to involve schools by holding a child`s garden design competition (with a prize of £50) closing date 29 June.

Gladys Buxton Centre

Shelley reported that the council are selling this site. She has spoken to Tony at Gosforth Fields sports playing fields with the hope of developing the playing fields at the rear of the centre (not included in sale) by building changing rooms, etc. and the Boxing Club may also

be able to help with funding. Helen Foster from Oakhill Medical Centre is happy to be involved.

Chesterfield Citizen`s Advice Centre (Jane Woodward)

DWP are now funding the centres to work on their behalf on Universal Credit. Jane is the co-ordinator for Help to Claim Universal Credit + Feeding Britain + Live Life Better providing a holistic service. Advisors visit people in the community who need assistance covering all aspects from new claims through to last claim. Job Centres and councils no longer provide an advisory service. Jane asked for help promoting their service which is not being taken up widely enough at the moment and also asked for suggestions of where meeting rooms could be booked at a reasonable cost and she is also talking to libraries. She is happy to be contacted on 07742 403705, 01246 868833, email: j.woodward@nedcab.org.uk

Volunteer Centre Safe and Sound (Stevan Chambers)

Stevan runs a support project (based in Bolsover) befriending and providing help around the home. He needs volunteers to help extend this to Chesterfield and other areas and to help with funding or joining the odd job team. He currently advertises in doctors` surgeries and volunteer centres and Shelley said she would circulate his information around her contacts.

Jill Bethell

There is a Jazz Picnic Lunch to support Dronfield Rotary Club and a Garden Party at Ramshaw Lodge, Unstone this month to raise funds for Dronfield Parish Church (whose windows contain rare examples of medieval glass and are in urgent need of repair). There is also a Feast of Music week running from Saturday 15 to Sunday 23 June in the Parish Church with events every night (Jill circulated the flyer giving full details).

Drone Roses WI (Susan Monks)

Susan asked if we could spread the word about some research being done on escalator use by the over 65s. She has information if required.

Finance (Nigel Hudson)

Dronfield2gether is expecting a transfer of funds (approx. £1200) from Dronfield Council for which there are 3 areas of cost.

- The Great Dronfield Get2gether. He is drafting an application for possible funding to the Healthy NE Derbyshire Scheme.
- Dementia Friendly Teas – he is investigating possible funding sources.
- Cost of hiring meeting room in library. He is completing a grant application to cover costs and meeting with Foundation Derby who offer grants up to £2,000.

He concluded by saying we need to find a stable income source to ensure the continuance of D2G.

He confirmed that D2G now has Public Liability insurance.

The next Dementia Friendly Cream Tea is 20 June

Date of Next Meeting: 11 July 2019