

Notes from the Dronfield 2gether Meeting – 15th November 2018

Present were:- Andy Aram (Dronfield resident), Angela Lobley (Citizens Advice + Scamwatch), Alison Timperley (Age Concern – Working Together for Older People), Stevan Chambers (MacMillan + Volunteer Centre, Chesterfield), Jackie Boon (Girl Guides + Dronfield Christmas Tree Festival), Jill Bethell (Rotary, Dronfield Parish Church), D. Cookson (Dronfield Henry Fanshaw School), Paul Waddingham (Derbyshire Victim Service), Jude Milburn (Rykned Homes), Rev. Andy Gore (Dronfield Baptist Church & Churches Together), Joanne Frost (Derbyshire Community Transport), Jo Askew (Helen's Trust).

Notes were taken by Louise Hall (Service Development Officer, Public Health/DCC). We were so grateful to Louise for stepping in to do this for us.

Apologies were received from Nigel Hudson, Sue Sanford and Julia Cook.

- Introduction about Dronfield 2gether and its message: “How can we work together for the mutual benefit of the residents of Dronfield to create a happier, healthier town”.
- Shelley led the introductions round the table.
- Jill Bethell said “well done for the excellent event (The Great Dronfield Get2Gether) and congratulations to Shelley for setting it up”. Shelley thanked everyone who helped at the event, especially Louise Hall, Jude Milburn from Rykned Homes for printing the fliers and posters, the ladies from the W.I., Rev. Andy Gore and the Baptist Church for the loan of the extra chairs, Jackie Boon, Julia Cook, and all involved with the steering group and those who helped on the day.
- **Christmas Tree Event – Set up day 29th November** – Jill and Jackie spoke about this event. It is taking place between the 30th of November and 9th December in the Dronfield Parish Church. There will be entertainment plus lots of amazing trees. They have also asked the schools if the children would like to sing. (It sounds like a magical event – so please call in to see them).
- **Saturday 8th December – As part of Dronfest, there will be a mobile nativity – a walking story of Christmas.** More details to follow about this event from Rev. Andy Gore.
- **Dronfield 2gether website** – Shelley put in a request for more Dronfield 2gether champions to send in a profile of themselves and details of any service they provide, to be added to the Champion section of our website.
- **A talk by Joanne Frost from Derbyshire Community Transport** – In 2010 Community Transport, Town & Country, previously Amber Valley Community Transport merged with Chesterfield (CT4TC). Clowne Community Transport ceased operating. Now they are under H.C.T.C. Umbrella and they changed their name to Derbyshire Community Transport. Their main service is called Derbyshire Connect – a door-to-door service funded by DCC. They take people to their local supermarket, or to lunch clubs (every 2-3 weeks), plus they organise trips out through the year. They can also organise Community Group Transport – evenings, weekends or during the

day. They have 4 buses coming from Jersey (which will enable them to put on extra services). **Look out for more information being put in the 'News and Views' magazine, after Christmas, giving more details about these services.**

- Stevan spoke about an isolated person that he knows. Louise suggested a community café might help. Louise to get information on community café's across Derbyshire. Jude talked about a community café – All to send Shelley an email about it to send out.
- Shelley talked about an email she has received from Nick Porter from 'We Find Any Learner.co.uk.' They offer courses on: Falls Prevention Awareness, Children and Young Peoples Mental Health, Understanding Safeguarding and Preventing Challenging Behaviour, Understanding Autism, Caring for Children and Young People, Understanding Specific Learning Difficulties, Care and Management of Diabetes, Care Planning, Common Health Conditions, Dementia Care, Mental Health Problems, Nutrition and Health, etc. For a full list visit www.wefindanylearner.co.uk or to book, phone 01226 958 888.
- **Shelley gave feedback from The Great Dronfield Get2gether.** Helen from Rykneld Homes said "We had many people express their delight at how much was available for people over a certain age and that these kinds of events are not only fun, but also very informative and interesting. 38 service providers came and over 160 visitors. We had really positive feedback. Louise, and Julia from Derbyshire Voluntary Action are pulling together an evaluation of the event, which can be shared. The Champions said "It was just right. Well organised." "A nice buzz and a great space". "The space didn't feel overwhelming". Shelley suggested that we communicate early with Derbyshire Community Transport before the next get2gether, so that the people who are more isolated can come.
- **A talk by Alison Timperley from Age Concern (Working Together for Older People Project).** Financed by Healthy North East Partnership via N.E.D.D.C. They have 3 paid staff and 26 volunteers. They offer a telephone befriending service (Careline – funded by CCG and DCC), but the CCG funding may stop, so they may not be able to continue this service. They offer support for existing groups (governance grants) they can help groups to find new members and they can signpost agencies, services, clubs and groups.
- **An update from Rev. Andy Gore about the 'Life Project'.** This project will provide an 'open' space for the community in the Parish Hall. A space for young people, for parents and children, for the lonely and isolated. They are now consulting with the architects who will be overseeing the renovation. Andy said that they wish to link with the health service and other partners, when the project is near to completion. Louise said that they would be happy to be contacted to meet up and look at potential links/partners.
- **Angela Lobley from Citizens Advice & Scamwatch** gave us an update. Angela said she would like to link with more people, and would like to attend more local events, to spread the awareness about the increasing number of Scams that are happening now and is keen to offer people the support they need.

- We all then spoke about the Scam situation. Stevan said that scams are limiting people and that fear prevents people going on-line. He asked if anyone offers support to get people on-line. Churches are offering some support + Derbyshire libraries. Stevan also spoke about the MacMillan Safe & Sound project who support people with cancer. They can also do small jobs for people (not cleaning). He also mentioned the Elder Friends Befriending service. They have friendship clubs in Brimington and Chesterfield.
- **Jude Milburn from Rykneld Homes** announced that they were taking over with the management of Hallows Court from the 18th of December. He said that Rykneld will speak to residents to promote Dronfield 2gether and local groups etc.
- **Paul Waddingham from Derbyshire Victim Services** explained about how they help victims of crime.
- **Ref. Andy Gore was asked to explain why the youth club has closed at the Baptist Church.** He said there were too many alcohol issues, having to check their bags constantly everytime someone came. Plus, they couldn't get enough volunteers to help.
- **Shelley explained about wanting to constitute Dronfield2gether as a separate organisation.** This will enable us with sustainability and help us to gain extra funding. She explained that we need volunteers to become committee members and to give support. Stevan suggested that the Volunteer Centre can advertise for volunteers for this. Also, Alison Timperley suggested that we contact the 50+Forum.
- **Shelley mentioned about the Dementia Friendly Cream tea session at Cliffe Park Café on the 29th November, 2pm-3.30pm.** The Holmesdale Children are coming to sing Christmas Carols. The film matinee leaflets were then shared out.
- **Jude Milburn said he has trained as a dementia champion and can offer some training.**
- **Jo Frost spoke about Helens' Trust – helping people to stay at home if they need end-of-life care.**

The next Dronfield 2gether meeting will be on the 17th of January 2019.