



Minutes

Community Engagement Forum (Southern)

Venue:	Eggborough Sports and Social Club, Eggborough
Date:	Thursday 9 June 2016
Time:	6.30 p.m.
Present:	<u>District and County Councillors</u> Councillors M Jordan (Chair) and D Peart. <u>Co-opted Members</u> Steve Laurenson, Dave Perry, Gillian Ivey and Keith Westwood.
Apologies:	Councillor Lunn
Officers present:	Chris Hailey-Norris (Association of Voluntary Service (AVS), and Janine Jenkinson, (Democratic Services Officer, Selby District Council).
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1. OPEN SESSION

The open session had consultation tables from North Yorkshire County Council - Highways (NYCC), Community Officer - Selby District Council (SDC), Carers Count, Bee-Able, Dementia Forward, York Bike Libraries, Energy Doctor, Selby Parish Nurses, and North Yorkshire Police.

2. FORUM MEETING – CHAIRMAN’S WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced, Ian McNiff – Inspector (North Yorkshire Police), Anne Gill and Alison Wimbles (Selby Parish Nurses), Amanda Stevens – Senior Dementia Support Advisor (Dementia Forward), Dawn Theaker – Service Manager (Carers Count), and Richard Gregory – Practice Manager, Social Prescribing Service.

3. FORUM FOCUS – CARERS COUNT

Ian Mcniff (North Yorkshire Police) provided the Forum with an update in relation to crime statistics for the Selby area. He reported that overall crime in the Selby area was currently low, and there had been no violent or theft related crime recently reported. He invited attendees to approach him during the Forum with any queries or questions.

The Forum speakers introduced themselves and outlined the services their organisations provided in relation to carers.

Anne Gill (Selby Parish Nurses) explained she and her colleague Alison Wimbles were registered nurses and had set up a service offering healthcare support to people of all ages. Anne explained that they visited people in their homes and held a drop-in session at King's Church, Selby every Wednesday 9 a.m. -12 p.m.

Richard Gregory (Social Prescribing Service) reported that in May 2015 Selby District Association of Voluntary Service (AVS) had launched a Selby District Social Prescribing Service for a twelve month trial, working in partnership with the Selby District GP Consortia, SHIELD. The Social Prescribing Service aimed to link patients with non-medical sources of support from a wide range of services delivered by voluntary and community sector organisations across the District. Referrals to the Social Prescribing Service came from all surgery GPs across Selby District on behalf of patients who they felt would benefit from support from a community based service. Once referred, a home visit was arranged to undertake an assessment of the patient with the aim of referring them to appropriate community based services, these included exercise classes, Yorkshire Energy Doctor, art groups and friendship matching people with others in a similar situation to themselves. Richard Gregory explained that due to a lack of funding the service would end in September 2016; the cost of running the service was approximately £50,000 per annum.

Anne Stevens (Dementia Forward) explained that Dementia Forward supported people living with dementia and those who cared for them. Dementia Forward provided avenues of support and information and a number of services including a dementia café, and a singing group to anyone who was interested in dementia.

Dawn Theaker (Service Manager, Carers Count) explained that the friendship service aimed to alleviate isolation and loneliness and to promote social interaction, independence, health, well-being and confidence through one-to-one support and group activities. Individuals requesting or referred to the service were then matched with others, based on shared interests, personality and location. The Forum was informed that the service would end in September 2016, due to a lack of funding; the cost of providing the service was currently £19,000 per annum.

The Chair encouraged attendees to visit the consultation tables and discuss any issues with the speakers.

The Chair thanked the public attendees and Forum speakers for attending the meeting.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.00 p.m.
