

Notes from HILL Meeting 5 Sept 2018, Strathbrock Meeting Room 1

Attending – Joanne (Gen Arts), Pauline (Opal), Cherie (AS), Lisa (Blackburn), Avril (Aging Well), Linda (AS), Jenny (Food Train), Pamela (VSG)

Visiting – Susan Rose (West Foot Forward: Bike Library), Cllr Angela Doran, Jillian Dougall – Service Development Officer Older People.

Apologies – Robert (Scottish Care), Shoina (HIT), Michelle (Com Regen, WLC), Gail (Eat Well), Gill (Carers)

Presentation – Susan Rose, WL Bike Library

Susan introduced the Bike Library, based in Crofthead (Dedridge), to the table. They have many adapted bikes for hire for all abilities, scheduled group cycles and cycle leader training available – scheduled for 11 October. It is a free service, donations requested where possible, and will shortly become independent of the Council. They are keen to have more groups use the Library during the day and have asked if HILL members will support them to raise the profile of the Library amongst our clients. They have a Facebook page and website www.wlbikelibrary.co.uk. Joanne will circulate these details. Susan was thanked and then left the meeting.

Network Members Updates

Avril - Oct to Dec event booklet available, digital copy will be circulated. Older People Have Talent 4th October – any older person can participate, please spread the word.

A video of last year's event is on YouTube. Request for Silver Tones to perform (Joanne). Silver Sunday 30th Sept @ Hillcroft Hotel. Information tables available.

Please pass to Avril any flyers you want circulated at this event.

Lisa – applying to Eat Well fund, as are a few other HILL members.

Jenny – 8 years of Food Train now with 101 clients and 80 volunteers. Meal Makers going well.

Linda – Veterans Guide to older age now available. HILL members who attended training reported how inspiring and helpful this had been.

<https://www.ageuk.org.uk/globalassets/age-scotland/documents/veterans-project/vet-4-veterans-guide-to-later-life-in-scotland.pdf>

Pauline – looking for opportunities to attract men. Discussion developed around a male voice choir. Joanne/Avril/Pauline will discuss.

Pamela – VSG is planning a funding event on 14th November. Several funders will be there and topics will also cover social enterprise, partnership working and asset transfer. HILL members recommended to attend. Third Sector Strategy Group meetings scheduled for 3rd October, 7th November, 23rd January '19 (all are 12 noon for lunch/networking for a 12.30pm to 2.30pm meeting). Pam gave an overview of attending Anti-poverty Board and the Community Planning Partnership discussion on having a Health Forum and that the Community Covenant Group are organising an event on the 29th October to help promote the work of the covenant in supporting veterans. Contact Pam if you want more information.

Cherie – refurb imminent after which training programme will begin for people and carers living with dementia.

Joanne – large variety performance planned for 17 March. Training opportunity in Edinburgh on 18 September regarding the Hip Op-eration dance crew from New Zealand. Details will be circulated.

Opal – Mens activities, potential male voice choir discussed.

Senior Peoples Forum

Following May's discussion re the Senior Peoples Forum in West Lothian Cllr Angela Doran, SPF Chair, was invited to attend this meeting. Cllr Doran also brought Jillian Dougal, SDO Older People and former member of HILL (resigned 2017).

Joanne opens discussion seeking clarification on membership or attendance at SPF. Can organisations attend, do they have to be formally invited?

Jillian defines SPF as a consultative forum for WLC to engage with older people; clarifies that the Health and Social Care Partnership do the commissioning plan for care services not the Council and outlines the rigorous consultative process they have undertaken to engage as many older people as possible in the development of the forth coming commissioning plan. A report from the consultation has been produced and is available on the Council website. The resulting draft commissioning plan was written and approved by the IJB recently and will come into effect from April 2019 for 3 years.

Jillian strongly recommends that HILL plug into CCP and SPF and take a role in inspiring others to do so. The SPF is looking for more active members to attend and more reps are required to sit on the following interest group panels (aka PDSP's) on behalf of SPF:

- Ø Environment
- Ø Culture and Leisure
- Ø Services for the Community
- Ø Partnership and Resources
- Ø Education
- Ø Health and Care

HILL will circulate this opportunity to our clients, we're encouraged to support our clients to attend. THE NEXT SPF MEETING IS 17 OCTOBER SPACE 3, HOWDEN PARK CENTRE, 1.30-4PM.

Time was called at this point. The discussion on how SPF and HILL can work together to support one another will be tabled for November's meeting. Likewise how HILL will best be represented at the SPF meetings going forward. Cllr Doran and Jillian Dougal are invited to attend this meeting.

Note – shortly after the meeting Jillian noted she could not attend in November. Joanne will contact Cllr Doran / JD and ask for another officer to attend.

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2019 meetings dates will be set at November meeting. Please bring diaries.

Date of 2018 meetings

7th November, 9.30, Strathbrock