



Telford and Wrekin C.V.S.  
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**Notes of the Voluntary and Community Sector Forum  
held on Thursday 15 July 2010  
at 10.30 a.m. Meeting Point House**

**PRESENT**

Mick Lloyd, CVS	Caia Bryant-Griffiths, Home Start
Sue Howe, CVS	Judy Lewis, SHFP
Kath Fackrell, CVS	P Hefferon, BASIS
Colleen Wickstead, CVS	Sue Rawlings, BASIS
Ella Sips, CVS	Sylvia Payne, Cruse
David Wade, Community Mobility Transport	S Shimer, Age Concern
Val Mann, YMCA	N Patterson, Age Concern
D Clarey, Newport Cottage Care	Nicola Llewellyn, LLLC
K Morrissey, Seniors Gym Club	Denise Gill, LLLC
Jo Hesketh, Crossroads Care	Peter Beer, T & W Council
Anne Fletcher, Red Cross	Penny Owen, Seniors Gym Club
Vanessa Pritchard, Cartlidge House	Jo Havell, Friendly Retirement Club
Glenys Dickinson, Cartlidge House	Jen Barrett, Friendly Retirement Club
Lisa Wood, Tots & Toddlers	Andy Smith, Telford Christian Council
Debbie Garbett, Tots & Toddlers	Sara Langley, Friends of Apley Woods
Ginny Miller, Tots & Toddlers	David Jones, Friends of Apley Woods
Alison Kinrade, YSS	
Pat McCarthy, College Ward East Residents Assoc	
Bev McCarthy, College Ward East Residents Assoc	
David Wassell, Ironbridge & Severn Gorge Lions	
Daphne Caton, SMEG and St Leonards Church	
W Walton, Brookside Improvement Group	
Maureen Beard, Hadley Rest Room Committee	

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Stephna Davis-Watts, Regional Development Officer, Big Lottery Fund

1. **APOLOGIES**

George Kinnell, CVS; Sheila Cooper, Club 2000; Julia Saunders, Randlay Roundabouts; Colin Watt, East Midlands NSPCC; Glenys Evans, Madeley Community Orchard; Janet Groves, Drugs Anonymous and Marks Pit Stop; Jane Spendlove, Coalbrookdale Youth Club; Estates and Investments, Telford & Wrekin Council; Denise Randell, Landau; Malcolm Hine, OTC; Bev. Harris, Volunteer Centre; June Middleton, Cruse; Julie Lloyd and Tina Perkin, Woodside Family Projects Group;

2. **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Mick Lloyd welcomed everyone to the Voluntary and Community Forum.

3. **NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> APRIL 2010**

The notes of the meeting were agreed with the following matters arising.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

4.1 **Mayoral Fund**

Congratulations to all the groups successfully receiving grants from the fund

4.2 **Chief Officer Group**

Mick spoke of the proposed formation of a group representing organisations and community groups who have a contract or service level agreement with the Council. The group would have the remit of speaking up for Voluntary and Community groups giving them a corporate voice. A letter will be sent out shortly to all groups inviting them to a meeting. Mick will also be asking the Council for an organisational chart which covers all the re-organisations within the authority to find out who is responsible for which service.

4.3 **Compact/Voluntary Sector Assembly**

Both the Compact and the Voluntary Sector Assembly are issues which the CVS, the Telford & Wrekin Consortia and the Council are being investigated locally and further reports will be brought to this group. The formation of the Chief Officers Group mentioned above is a commencement to this process.

5. **BASIS PROJECT – THE NEXT STEP** - Colleen Wickstead and Kath Fackrell – CVS

5.1 Colleen and Kath reported on the progress to date with the BASIS project. In June an awareness session was held to explain what the project was offering to VCS groups to see if they would be interested in joining the project to develop their own websites, internet, fundraising etc.

5.2 A video on websites, twitter and face book were demonstrated to show how the voluntary and community sector needs to get involved with social media and social networking in an organisational way. Telford & Wrekin CVS have been using these social networks to communicate, publicise, promote and campaign on particular issues etc.

- 5.3** Over the next 4 years, due to the BASIS project, it is anticipated that 50 groups will have the skills and knowledge to use social media and social networks to develop their work.

Mick thanked Colleen and Kath for their presentation.

**6. THE BIG LOTTERY FUND** – Stephna Davis-Watts, Regional Development Officer

**6.1 Update on BASIS (Building and Support to Infrastructure Services)**

This programme aimed to ensure that VCS organisations have access to quality support from infrastructure bodies, The Telford BASIS is one such grant made in the West Midlands with £14.8 million going to 37 organisations.

**6.2 New Funding** – Targeted funds will be set aside for: -

- Youth in Focus (young people in transition)
- Forces in Mind (to support veterans and their families)
- Social Housing and Financial Inclusion (to work with social housing providers to support the most vulnerable residents)

**6.3 Open Programmes**

**Changing Spaces** (community spaces and environmental improvements)

Grants between £10,000 and £50,000 - Closing date 28.01.2011.

**Community Wildlife** (helping wildlife)

Grants between £300 - £10,000 – deadlines 21<sup>st</sup> July, 22<sup>nd</sup> September and 24<sup>th</sup> November

**Reaching Communities** (Rolling programme no deadlines)

Grants between £10,000 - £500,000 up to 5 years funding - two stage process.

**Awards for All** (Rolling programme no deadlines)

Grants between £200 - £10,000 for up to 12 months funding only – one stage process.

**6.4 Funding in Telford**

**Awards for All** – received 185 applications with awards going to 95 groups – an average of £3,000 per group.

**Reaching Communities**

Madeley Community Orchard received £76,730 for a 5 year period which paid for a part-time project officer.

**6.5** For more information see the website: -  
www.awardsforall.org.uk  
BIG advice line – 0845 6021659

Copies of Stephna's presentation available from Sue Howe  
Email: suehowe@tandwcvs.org.uk  
Telephone: 01952 291350

Mick thanked Stephna for her presentation and for giving her time to attend the Forum.

**7. DATES OF NEXT MEETING**

All meetings are to be held at 10.00 am in the Quaker Room at Meeting Point House

Tuesday        21 September 2010  
Wednesday    1 December 2010

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**15.07.10**