

Bradford & District Safer Communities VCS Forum
Notes of the meeting Wednesday 1 August 2018
10.00 am – 12.00 pm at CNet



Present: Yasmin Khan (Staying Put) (Chair), Jon Royle (Bridge Project), Michelle Taylor (CBMDC), Muppett (CNet), Janet Ford (VCS Assembly), Jill Boyd (The Creative Butterfly Project CIC), Laura Cope (Family Fund Services), Paul Gartland (Horton Housing), Masira Hans (Sharing Voices), Shaheen Hussain (BDCT), Ali Kaye (Hidden Voices), Rachel Nauwelaerts (Positive Minds), Aamnah Rahman (Born in Bradford), Gary Staniforth (Hidden Voices), Sharon Waugh (West Yorkshire PCC), Sarah Wimpenny (BDCT), Jenny Scott (Peacemaker International), Julie Longden (BCB Radio), Abeed Rehman (Sharing Voices), Jas Rayatt (West Yorkshire Police), Sharat Hussain (Mary Magdalene CIC), Peter Horner (CABAD/Young Lives Bradford), Ian Brewer (Bradford District Credit Union), Ralph Berry (Liaison and Diversion West Yorkshire), Kursh Siddique (BAME Voices), Wafaa Nawaz (Inspired Neighbourhoods), Wendy Collins (CNet) (notes)

Apologies: Pam James (CNet), Bob Balfour (Survivors West Yorkshire)

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1.	Welcome and introductions – theme Yorkshre Day, opened by Muppett.		
2.	Apologies See above		
3.	<p>Presentation of the West Yorkshire PCC Safer Communities Fund – Sharon Waugh Sharon’s PowerPoint presentation will be circulated with the minutes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fund is reducing to two larger grant rounds annually, from three. • Both VCS organisations and statutory bodies can apply (currently reviewing to see if the funds are only available to VCS), and an increasing number of applications are being received from statutory bodies due to funding cuts. • The fund is vastly oversubscribed, with 17-22% of total bids being awarded funding; the success rate is average of most grant funding. • Grants must be spent within 12 months of being awarded. <p>Tips for submitting a bid:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be honest: if your project will tackle just one of the priorities, say that, and be realistic about the number of people who will benefit. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Always demonstrate how you plan to meet the priority/ies in your application. • Complete all questions as any missed mean the application is incomplete and can't be considered. • Qualitative data is acceptable; they don't always need statistics. • Bids can be accepted from a group of organisations working together. 		
4.	<p>Update of Community Safety Partnership – Yasmin Khan and Michelle Taylor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CSP works collaboratively to make Bradford district safer. • Chair of CSP is Councillor Abdul Jabar and Vice Chair is Chief Superintendent Scott Bisset. • The Partnership Board meets quarterly. • The number of thematic strands has been reduced from seven to three, in order to be more focused. These are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tackling domestic abuse and sexual violence ○ Tackling crime and reoffending ○ Tackling anti-social behaviour • Information was given with data as to the reason the above three priorities were selected by the CSP board. • The Integration Partnership Board now covers the Stronger Communities element of the former Safer Stronger Partnership. 		
5.	<p>Discussion on Future Plans</p> <p>The group discussed ideas for attracting more organisations to future Safer Communities meetings. The three main ideas that came out were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations from groups that have benefitted from the Safer Communities Fund – positive outcomes. • Information on available funding streams. • Sharing good practice between organisations and networking. <p>Other ideas suggested were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative art workshops. • More thematic events. 		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collective working and partnerships. • Hold joint forums with other Assembly forums to increase impact and reduce time spent in meetings Muppett asked that any other ideas be sent to him. <p>It was mentioned that some of the larger organisations don't attend any of the meetings as their work spans several forums and they don't know which fits best. Janet gave a quick overview of the other forums. Members can contact her for more information. Yasmin encouraged attendees to join the Safer Communities forum.</p>	<p>Send ideas for future meetings to Muppett</p> <p>Contact Janet for Assembly info</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p>
6.	<p>Member News Attendees were invited to share any upcoming events or news with the group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CABAD is running a walking festival around Keighley from 17th to 24th September. • The Creative Butterfly Project has an exhibition at Shipley Library from Monday 6th August to Friday 17th August. Admission is free. • The next Women's Health Network meeting is Wednesday 19th September at CNet. • Hidden Voices is running a ten-week recovery course. • Kursh reported that the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Cancer Alliance Board recognises and appreciates the contribution the VCS makes to cancer support across the district. • Young Lives Bradford will be submitting a large partnership bid for Home Office funding around children and domestic violence. • BCB Radio hosts a monthly LGBT show and are looking for people to appear on it. • Bradford District Credit Union has received Home Office funding to support their work. • Born in Bradford will be hosting a community event around Happy Healthy Children at Carlisle Business Centre on Thursday 20th September; they are looking for steering group members. • Sharat reported that Bradford Park Avenue will be hosting its first women's cricket match in nearly 40 years, with the theme of Bowling out Gender Inequality. 		
7.	<p>AOB None.</p>		

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8.	Next meeting: Tuesday 6th November, 10.00 am – 12.00 pm at CNet. Meeting closed at 12.10. Meeting followed by a networking lunch to celebrate Yorkshire Day.		