**Partnership Board Meeting**

**Tuesday 11th June 2024**

**Minutes**

Norma Watkins Chairperson

CC Tudor Thomas MCC – Ward Councillor

Lisa Knight-Davies Community

Gethin Jones Councillor Abergavenny Town Council

Leanna Stevens ACE

1. Welcome

N.W opened the meeting and welcomed the board members present.

2. Apologies

Martyn Groucutt

Dianne English

3. Introduction

No introductions needed

4. Declarations of Interest

No declarations of Interest Made.

5. Minutes of the last Meeting

Minuets from Last meeting was accepted, Just confirming initials of previous board member, who has now left (R.C)

6. Financial

N.W Financial statement was available we are financially stable, but we are running low on funds, Balance is Currently £10,064.63 with a pending £10,000 from Abergavenny Town Council and £750.00 Llantilio Pertholey Community Council.

N.W advised that new corporation agreement with ATC has been requested at £18K due to rising core costs and that the funding agreement may not cover all overheads.

N.W Confirmed Originally Melin, MHA, Pobl, MCC funded £10k over three years.

L.S Advised MHA previously funded 2023 fun day.

LKD advised N.W and L.S to look at figures at cost avoidance as many of our outcomes and what we do saves many external agencies resources.

N.W advised that a grant of £1000 has been received from Abergavenny Rotary Club to pay towards trips, in the summer we had Barry Island £6 Weston-Super-Mare at £5per seat. - any remining funding will go towards our Christmas Trip to Gloucester Christmas Market, £10 per seat – L.S advised that the seats are selling well – this is an older persons trip to reduce older person isolation

L.S advised that we have a Christmas Grotto the price will remain the same at £3.50 per child, Last year their was a lower take up- this could be that many of the children have outgrown Father Christmas.

LKD advised that Barclays Bank Community have a community resource, LKD to send information to LS.

G.J advised that ATC needed copies of ACE accounts and previous audited accounts, Previously this was done by Roger Harris, N.W will approach somebody new to audit ACE Accounts.

N.W advised that Currently herself and M.G are signatories on the account with R.H still on there if necessary.

N.W and L.S confirmed that ACE also self-fund by selling any items of value online, This helps pay for any additional service.

7. staffing and Vols

Paid Staffing has unchanged.

N.W advised that GAVO still conduct our admin for wages, this is a service which provides a buffer for our finances.

N.W advised that volunteers have increased, This is mainly due to our community wanting to give back

N.W confirmed that CF4+ and CA are still regularly using the centre.

8. Outcomes

Outcomes have been received by email as well as a hard copy.

L.S advised that uptake on the limited food we have is still steady many of them is due to location of TT Food Bank, and that consumables such as nappies wipes, clothes still have uptake, many of these are given to us as excess from TT Food Bank

N.W advised that footfall has reduced as the convenience shop next door has now closed

L.S advised that Chat with Flo uptake has been increasing, This is die to the fact that our items are located in all W.Cs and that members of the community are able to access them without any embarrassment.

L.S also advised that they have extended their services offering incontinent products.

9. Any other business

N.W advised that we now have a Police surgery, which we hope to be on a monthly basis. N.W advised that if there are any problems usually we are first point of contact as we are a neutral space, we can then pass on details to authorities, Our centre is seen as a safe and neutral space for our community to access services needed.

L.S to advise the board when the next Surgery will take place.

G.J to look into Aled (police sergeant ) visiting ACE in the future.

L.S advised that ACE is registered as a warm hub, out community can look up where there nearest place will be, This will allow them to access a warm drink, Biscuits and Cakes if available, a shoulder and reduction in isolation.

G.J wanted to confirm how ACE is Constituted and use of social media, N.W confirmed that ACE is a Constituted social enterprise. L.S confirmed that we utilise Facebook and have a dedicated website to ACE.

N.W has advised that she is no longer a School governor and has stepped back after 40+ years.

10. Date of next meeting/ frequency

Board have agreed that Meeting to be a Friday makes our meeting more accessible for our board members.

Next meeting to be determined