

Minute of the meeting of the trustees of Dunbar Dementia Network SCIO held on 4th June 2020 via Zoom

Present – Diana Greene, Alasdair Swan, Jo McNamara, Lorna Bunney.

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2020 were approved.

1 Co-ordinator's report –

Diana commended the wonderful work That Lorna is doing in difficult and extraordinary circumstances.

Individual visits:

Lorna explained that some group members really appreciate informal visits from volunteers, meeting outside and respecting social distancing.

There was concern that volunteers have not been trained to make such visits.

There was concern that volunteers did not have PVG checks in this context. The request for the charity to be officially registered for PVG checks has received no response. This is to be followed up. **AS**

On the other hand, volunteers are well known, have many years' experience with the group, and hold PVG certificates in other contexts.

It was agreed that –

- Volunteers will be approached to see if they are willing to help. **LB**
- An assessment will be made as to how many members would be glad to receive an informal visit. **LB**
- Meetings will only take place out of doors
- The limits of contact and expectations will be defined. **LB**
- Michael Huddleston will be consulted. **LB**
- A risk assessment will be prepared **JM**

Way ahead:

Smaller groups would defeat the purpose of the Carers' Groups, particularly the Thursday Group which has a long-established and valuable dynamic.

It may be necessary to look for alternative long-term venues for the group meetings. Belhaven Community Hospital was suggested as an alternative, but parking arrangements make this unattractive.

2 Website –

Requires a review and updating.

3 IT project –

Lorna is to attend an online session with “Connecting Scotland” to get ideas as to how best to train vulnerable people who do not have computer experience on how to get access to the likes of Zoom.

Following that session, she will pull together a project paper to show –

- How many people would require IT training?
- Who the trainers might be?
- What the scope and objectives of the training course might be?
- How they would do the training during current restrictions?
- What equipment might be needed?
- What the cost of the above would be?

Alasdair believed that he could approach Be Green for funding once the project paper had been signed off by the trustees. **AS**

4 Funding –

The meeting acknowledged the generosity of recent funders.

No word has been received back from the Amos Trust.

It was suggested that further approaches might be made to –

- Robertson Trust
- Lottery fund

The challenge is greater when seeking grants to pay salaries, but the immediate pressure in this area has been removed.

5 Any other business –

Matters carried forward from the last meeting because of the lock-down –

- Leaflets to the Surgery
- Training

STRIVE is now under the new leadership of Maureen Allen.

National Volunteers’ week has been recognised.

An article for the Newsletter on the role of the trustees will be drafted, to show the support given to keep the Carers’ Groups going. **JM**

6 Date of next meeting –

Thursday 2nd July 2020. 4.00pm, via Zoom.