

# Charnwood Voluntary & Community Sector Forum

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## Notes of the meeting held 27<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at 6pm in the Café @ JSH

Arrival and informal networking

Attendance – signing-in sheet completed (16 people present)

Apologies – Helen Wootton, Zoe Whetherley, Mike Griffiths, Sue Davies, Gary Beharrel

6.30pm Opening by Chair Peggy Nicholls

Introductions were made and brief inputs given:-

Andy Hayes, LCC; Tom Kiernan, CBC; Lloyds TSB wants bids!

People were given a 10 minute challenge to circulate and meet as many new people as possible; 30 minutes later .....7.15pm the formal stuff:-

1 Minutes of last meeting, 6.12.11, available on VAC website

[www.voluntaryactioncharnwood.org.uk/forums-partnerships-and-networks.html](http://www.voluntaryactioncharnwood.org.uk/forums-partnerships-and-networks.html)

2 VCS Representation on Charnwood Together Board and partnerships

- Board – Peggy Nicholls – AGM coming up April 30<sup>th</sup>
- Community Safety – Mike Griffiths – report from February meeting was given
- Health & Well-being – Helen Wootton – report and questionnaire tabled. Jill Vincent urged people to get involved in all 3 sub-groups
- Children & Young People – Peggy Nicholls – meeting next day
- People, Places and Environment – Neil Lambert – met last week
- Economy and Learning – rep tbc – hasn't met yet
- Network & Development Forum – open attendance, 30<sup>th</sup> April Longslade College – Palmer Tomkinson Centre, Wanlip – chaired by Neil Lambert

It is intended that there will be a 2 way information flow via reps to VCS and from CT, and vice versa – Peggy encouraged members to contact representatives directly if they had any issues they wished to raise or information they wished to share with the wider forum.

- 7.40 p Formal information sharing:-
- Input from VAL, Voluntary Action LeicesterShire – policy reports were tabled by Vincent Gaten, new training brochure published, 25<sup>th</sup> April funders event @ VAL announced by Clare, LCC consultation events on Children & Families in April; Transforming Local Infrastructure grant received for VAL to coordinate partners
  - Input from VAC, Voluntary Action Charnwood. NL apologised re no refreshments and please give e-mail addresses for targeted mailings, VAC sub-contracted by VAL again in 2012-13
  - Other information – SOFA have furniture available as brochure circulated
  - Tom Kiernan is retiring at the end of May and Peggy thanked him on behalf of the Forum for all his help and support and wished him well.

- 7.45 pm Agenda items for future meetings –
- NHS Commissioning consultation underway;
  - Timebank, version of Local Exchange Trading Scheme

7.50pm Dates and venues for 2012 – see VAC website, Forums & Partnerships

**Next meeting Tuesday, 12 June 1 – 3 pm at Thurcaston Memorial Hall**

End of business – informal networking

Neil Lambert – 27.3.12