

Tuesday 4th April 2017

Present:

Susan Bathgate (SB)	
Bernie Campbell (BC)	Former Unpaid Carer
Christian Campbell (CC)	Former Unpaid Carer
Kerry Donaghy (KD)	PKAVS Carers Hub
Maureen Donnelly (MD)	Unpaid Carer
Melvyn Gibson (MGi)	Former Unpaid Carer
Maggie Gordon (MGo)	Unpaid Carer
Raymond Jamieson (RJ)	PKAVS Carers Hub
Linda Lennie (LL)	Unpaid Carer
Claire Thomas (CT)	Former Unpaid Carer

Apologies:

Barbara Tinto	Unpaid Carer
Joan McEwen	Unpaid Carer
Maureen Summers	Unpaid Carer

1) Welcome and Apologies

Everyone was welcomed and apologies were noted. Susan Bathgate joins the group to support them on community engagement and Integrated Joint Board related matters.

2) Agree On Notes From Previous Meeting

Notes agreed and added to PKAVS Carers Hub website for viewing
<http://www.pkavscarershub.org.uk/Perth-and-Kinross-Carers-Voice-event>

3) Carers Manifesto

KD emailed the members recently to invite them in individually writing to the candidates in their area for the local election in May to highlight carers issues and ask them to keep this at the forefront of their minds. RJ showed the members the draft letter that KD has produced to the candidates, and it was decided that the letter should be addressed from Maureen and Bernie (our IJB representatives) to all of the candidates on behalf of Carers Voice as a whole.

KD has also produced a sample letter to be sent to the local newspapers and publications encouraging readers to vote and keep carers issues in mind when doing so. It was agreed at the meeting that this letter would be signed by Maureen Summers, our chair.

Other ideas were discussed around more exposure in the media on the carers agenda.

Actions

- SB to provide KD with press contacts to send press letter around for publishing
- KD to send press letter to press contacts, and candidate letters/emails out ASAP
- LL to get in touch with her contact at the BBC about a possible cover on carers
- All carers to send individual letters to their local candidates if they wish (you are welcome to use the sample letter enclosed with these notes, and the list of local candidates are also enclosed with their addresses)

4) Integrated Joint Board updates

BC advised that the recent media coverage about PRI and staffing was discussed at the most recent meeting, finances and budgets overall and the tender for the Care At Home. There will be a briefing on the mental health redesign as part of the IJB meetings on 16th June, and there will be a consultation on the preferred choice afterwards.

BC advised that they provided Rob Packham (chair of IJB) with their item around GPs identifying carers in the GP setting recently but they have not seen it being added to the agenda for discussion. SB has suggested we contact the GP clusters as an alternative route to make suggestions to. KD has advised she has already begun this process but has found it difficult as some clusters are more open to the discussions than others.

Actions:

- KD to write up progress of work with GP clusters to encourage GP involvement in identifying carers and send to SB, BC and MS for future IJB discussions by 3rd May
- SB and BC to bring up GP issue with Rob Packham again to determine if this will be raised at IJB at 3rd May IJB meeting

5) Handling & Moving App

KD advised that Perth and Kinross Council are developing a digital application for an easy manual handling responsive web page/app.

This resource will be user friendly way for people to access, share and support/be supported in Perth and Kinross. This app will create a collaborative network in developing better care and safety methods through effective handling and moving communication, which has the potential to support all our needs.

An essential part of the creative process is to work collaboratively with community groups and gather their ideas and thoughts on what content they feel would play an important part and should be included in the app.

Leigh Must would like to attend a future Carers Voice meeting to ask the members to take part in a small exercise which should take around 15mins.

The members agreed that they would like to be involved in this, and KD has arranged for Leigh to attend the beginning of the June meeting to carry this out.

6) EPICS Support

KD and MG gave an update on the Encouraging Positive Involvement for Carers Support AGM meeting. There were many issues raised by the EPICS members that needed to be addressed by the appropriate decision makers – they were invited to the meeting, but they did not attend. KD has suggested that she contacts the decision makers to make arrangements for an individual meeting specifically to address these issues. Liam McLaughlin has asked KD that he would like to help EPICS make this happen.

Actions

- KD to contact decision makers to set up a meeting

7) PB Monies Reviews

STARTING BALANCE: £1280
TOTAL SPEND SO FAR: £956.19
REMAINING: £323.81

Future funding will need to be discussed at the next meeting to determine how costs will be covered for future.

8) Making a Case for Change feedback

KD provided feedback on the Making a Case for Change training, which helps individuals and groups shape their arguments to be rational, informative and focussed. The templates are enclosed with these notes for your own use – KD has advised this work will be handy for any future points needing to be raised at meeting.

9) List of meetings/events/training members have attended since last meeting

- Care @ Home Panel
- Carers Strategy Group Meeting

10) AOCB

- RJ advised that PKAVS have secured a years funding to re-fund the Hospital Link Worker post. This post is based at PRI and its aim is to identify carers in the hospital setting and ensure that they have an appropriate care package in place before they leave the hospital. The post will be advertised soon.
- Linda Adams from Mears Group will attend the Carers Voice meeting in May to discuss the issues brought forward at a previous meeting about care at home around male carers for female clients, timing of care provided, consistency of employees and adequate training
- BC contacted Jamie Cormack from the council to clarify the PB funding process, and has determined that it is more based on geographical rather than specifically for carers as previously. BC advised she will keep an eye out on this funding in the future, as it was a good funding resource for the group before.
- LL asked SB about the Health and Social Care Strategic Group. LL has recently expressed an interest in taking part in it but hasn't heard anything back. SB advised that the group are still trying to clarify their remit so they will be in touch with her in due course about meeting dates.

2017 Dates for Carers' Voice Meetings

All meetings held on Tuesdays from 11am-1pm at The Gateway, North Methven Street, Perth on the following dates:

16th May
27th June
8th August
19th September
31st October
12th December