

**Tuesday 27 March 2018**

**Present:**

Maggie Gordon (MaggieG)	Unpaid Carer
Maureen Donnelly (MD)	Unpaid Carer
Bernie Campbell (BC)	Former Unpaid Carer
Sandra Auld (SA)	Unpaid carer
Maureen Summers (MS)	Unpaid Carer (chair)
Mel Gibson (MelG)	Former Unpaid Carer
Marlena Nowaczyk (MN)	PKAVS Carers Hub (notes)
Margaret Marmion (MM)	Unpaid Carer
Christian Campbell (CC)	Former Unpaid Carer
Alexander Chan (AC)	Unpaid Carer
Dave Cuthbert (DC)	Former Councillor

**Apologies:**

Joan McEwen	Unpaid Carer
Vivian Mann	Unpaid Carer
Linda Lennie	Unpaid Carer
Lorraine Greig	Unpaid Carer
Andy Moir	PKAVS Community Engagement
Chris Ahern	Councillor, Perth City
Susan Bathgate	PKAVS Community Engagement
Raymond Jamieson	PKAVS Carers Hub Manager
Laura McKenzie	PKAVS Carers Hub Deputy Manager

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

MG welcomed everyone and thanked for attending. Apologies were noted.

**2. Notes From Previous Meeting and Matters Arising**

Notes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

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

Matters arising:

SA – Community Engagement Team is supporting carers representation at IJB, it would be useful to know what the support is supposed to be. Susan Bathgate is currently on leave.

MM – went to Glasgow at Unison Pensioners Conference where Silver Voices were talking about loneliness. Loneliness is a big issue for carers and cared for, TV is often a main companion. MM shared about the work that PKAVS does for carers at that conference.

MS, BC and SA updated that Beechgrove care home was decided to be closed at the last IJB meeting. There were only 7 voting members present. The group expressed shock about the outcome and not having bigger number of voting members.

BC – currently there are 12 residents in that home aged between 91 and 100 and there is no availability for them.

BC – bed in private care home costs £598 a week and in the council care home it's £900 a week but it's heartless to be moving 12 people who are already settled in that home.

MelG – the population of older people in Perth & Kinross is expected to rise by 70% in next 10 years

MN – has made an application for PB funding for Carers Voice for £1200 which was successful. BC and MS represented Carers Voice during the event at Dewars Centre, there were few people interested with the group.

Action:

DC – ask at IJB for a plan for the next 20 years, turn it on its head and bring the question back

MN – to order new leaflets for Carers Voice

### 3. Update on Carers Manifesto

Manifesto has been drafted and shared for feedback and presented at IJB at the end of March. Manifesto clearly states currently carers aren't listened to very well and don't have contribution. Manifesto is an explanation of carers' rights in their role of being public partners.

BC – can DC use his expertise to help carers understand the manifesto and make sure English is easy to understand? There should be summary and language that lay people could understand.

DC shared drafted manifesto (attached).

DC – advised to meet with Rob Packham and other councillors or their substitutes, discuss manifesto and say what you as IJB public partners want and agree it with them. You need to know what is going on to fulfil your role, you need clear language and to see papers in advance. IJB has to conform to what's in the Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Act 2014. Talk to Councillors before papers go to IJB, talk to Stephen Haye and Rob Packham, you're effectively putting an item on the agenda. Motion can also be presented at IJB meeting.

Yellow section of the manifesto (Critical and Urgent Changes on page 1) is non-negotiable. IJB has an obligation to ensure public partners participation. Point 5 allows partners the power to postpone the decision. The purpose of the Act and IJB is to ensure stakeholders engagement.

SA – was told that as a public partner she does not have to consult people, SA expressed uncertainty as to what is expected of her in terms of being a voice of the community group she represents

BC – we are public partner reps for service users and carers and we have every right to speak to people we represent. There’s an expectation that we have to go out and speak to people and listen what their opinion is. I can they say I spoke to x number of people and they all say the same thing. We are representing and reflecting views. Public partners input in IJBs around Scotland are different in each region.

Principle guide is stakeholders’ engagement.

DC – categorically your role is to represent the views of the people, stakeholders.

SA – Andy Moir was going to forward the formal comments to the manifesto, those weren’t received yet

Jillian Taylor is leaving in July, Bernadette is leaving soon as well.

Action:

BC – will contact Rob Packham to request a meeting for public partners with himself, Stephen Haye, councillors and their substitutes to go through manifesto and explain needs as public partners for carers and service users.

DC – happy to be involved with further developments.

#### **4. Carers Week**

Carers Week takes place between 11-17 June and it’s opportunity for Carers Voice to raise awareness about the group as well as raise awareness about carers among the wider public. Members keen to engage with events that are happening, MN to share further info. Group members to think about ideas how to engage with public and other carers during the Carers Week.

Actions:

Everyone to plan Carers Voice engagement during the Carers Week

#### **5. Integrated Joint Board Updates**

Discussed under matters arising and Update on Carers Manifesto.

## 6. PB Monies Review

NEW STARTING BALANCE: £1200

Actions:

Please keep receipts and claim any travel/accommodation expenses incurred for attending meetings, events etc. associated with Carers Voice. **Hand in claim forms to Marlena for filing.**

## 7. List of meeting/events/training attended

None received

## 8. AOCB

MN will invite Lorraine from TIDE for a training day for Carers Voice members to help them build skills and empower to share experience and various forums. More information at <http://tide.uk.net/about/what-we-do/>

MelG – The Lens supply funding for all sorts of projects, the current one being Dementia, there are videos on "Vimeo" of previous years' finals, presentations and judging panels. MelG has been nominated to sit on the assessment panel.

More information at <http://www.lensperspectives.org.uk/>

Meeting ended at 1.00pm.

### 2018 Dates for Carers' Voice Meetings

All meetings held on Tuesdays from 11am-1pm on the following dates:

**8 May – pre IJB Briefing Session on 11 May**

**5 June – events, groups, training for carers (*Carers Week 11 – 17 June 2018*)**

**21 August – pre IJB Briefing Session on 24 August**

**18 September – events, groups, training for carers (Carers Rights Day 24 November 2018/Carers Conference)**

**23 October – pre IJB Briefing Session on 26 October**

**20 November – events, groups, training for carers (Carers Rights Day 24 November 2018/Carers Conference)**