

Community Partnership Meeting - Thursday 15th April 2021

Present: Marcia Churley -Ward Officer, Rev Andrew Clarke – Holy Trinity with St Wilfrid's, Barbara Walls- Food bank, Rev Martyn Weaver- All Saints, Joy Mills -Bingley Befriending, Cllr Helen Owen, Cllr David Heseltine.

Apologies: Marcus Dearden, Michelle Chapman, Gill Blamires, Cllr John Pennington,

Report M.C

50% of residents have had first vaccine. There has been a reduction in numbers of cases of Covid in 60+ age group. 70+ age group will start to receive booster jabs in September.

Adults can now order two lateral flow tests per week.

Since April 12th there has been a substantial increase in visitors to parks and open spaces in the district. Covid Response teams have been out and about providing reassurance, advice etc.

Free PPE equipment for unpaid carers is available from Bradford Metropolitan District Council.

A Mission Statement for the Community Partnership was discussed and agreed, with amendments.

(see attached)

A Welcome Back to Bingley in business was agreed. Date tbc – either August 7th or September 5th to tie in with the Bingley Monthly Market. Members of the group asked to express a preference asap to allow arrangements to be made.

£500 is available from the Bingley Ward Councillors Covid Recovery fund which will be used to support the event.

Bingley Town Council Office – official opening of could be held with Council agreement.

Local businesses will be invited to participate in a raffle – prize to be a voucher to spend in local shops/business.

Some entertainment for children may be provided.

Bingley Little Theatre to be approached re possibility of providing refreshments.

Chamber of Trade to be approached for involvement.

Bingley Town Council. Remote meetings will end after May 6th elections, unless legislation changes.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held remotely on Tuesday May 4th. Details will be on the Council website and Facebook page. Grant recipients will be invited to attend and give updates on schemes. All residents are invited.

Bingley Food Bank. Numbers have returned to pre-Covid levels and supplies are in good shape. Donations were passed to the Community Kitchen and used for holiday meals.

Thanks to Cllr Geoff Winnard for collection of donations from supermarkets and delivery to the Food Bank.

Community Kitchen – Permission for Charitable Status is ongoing.

Easter treats and gifts were distributed as well as food. Now preparing for Holiday Hunger in the half term holiday and summer holidays.

All Saints Church, services have resumed with restrictions in place and opportunity for private prayer. Attendance is improving.

Holy Trinity with St Wilfrid's – services are being held remotely for now. The difficulty of visiting Nursing Homes and Assisted /Independent Living residences was noted.

Joy Mills – Befriending service has received 175 queries and made 90 matches. 76 of these are regular calls. 30 people join Zoom quizzes. Jigsaws, books and magazines have been distributed. An evaluation survey has been carried out. Some residents very keen to return to meeting in person, others are happy with phone contact only. Anxiety about mobility issues has been identified. Many clients have not left their homes for over a year and walking support has been requested.

Risk Assessment training is needed to help volunteers through the transition.

New volunteers are being recruited.

Joy will speak to Bingley Town Council at its meeting on April 27th.

Next Meeting May 20th. 6.00 pm