Papers for the Redbridge Voluntary Sector Network

This month: Hate crime and domestic abuse

1 to 2.30pm, Wednesday 5 April 2017
Sandwiches from 12.30pm
RedbridgeCVS, 5th floor, Forest House, 16-20 Clements Rd, Ilford IG1 1BA

Agenda

1. Introduction and apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting, matters arising
3. Reports from voluntary sector representatives
4. Liz Pearce, RedbridgeCVS: Domestic abuse
5. Perryn Jasper, Redbridge Council: Hate crimes
6. David Landau, Redbridge Equalities and Community Council: Hate crimes
7. Any other business
8. Next meeting: Wednesday 3 May

More information

If you have any questions about the meeting, contact Colin Wilson on 020 8514 9616 or at colin@redbridgecvs.net

Anyone involved with a voluntary or community sector group which is based in Redbridge or works with Redbridge people is welcome to attend Network meetings – just come along!

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Minutes of the Redbridge Voluntary Sector Network

1 March 2017

1. **Present**
   - Attrill Arnold, Melting Pot
   - Angela Banner, Redbridge Pensioners Forum
   - Alan Banner, Redbridge Pensioners Forum
   - Stuart Bellwood, Seven Kings Ward
   - Glen Bramley, Haven House Children's Hospice
   - Gloria Byer, Melting Pot
   - Ross Diamond, RedbridgeCVS
   - Lesley Grainger, NHS
   - S. H. Granditer, King of Hearts
   - Kate Harrison, Run-Up
   - Vera Hunt, RCV
   - Bob Littlewood, Redbridge Council
   - Cathy Mansfield, St Francis Hospice
   - Jo Ann McConnell, Widows & Orphans
   - Deborah Sampson, Resident
   - Harvey Sharpe, Newbridge School
   - Ghandhi Sooriyakumar, Sathya Sai Services Association
   - Adrianne Tobias, Barkingside Ward
   - Mandi Vanderpuye, LBR
   - Amanda Westgate, Make a Difference at Sandy’s
   - Colin Wilson, RedbridgeCVS
   - Lynette Jackman, RedbridgeCVS

2. **Introductions and apologies**

   Colin welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies for absence were received from:

3. **End of Life Care Proposals:**

   **Lesley Grainger, Redbridge Council**

   Lesley gave a short presentation about the End of Life plan which is out for consultation, closing date 12 May 2017. The aim is to improve end of life care for Redbridge residents, and encourage people to talk about this and make appropriate plans. People are identified in various ways as being at the end of their life. Sometimes GPs identify people on their patient roll. Some people arrive at a point where they realise they don’t want to continue with treatment to prolong their life and there are no real provisions available to assist them.

   As people live longer and need care, consideration needs to be given to the impact on the health system and how it will be funded. Redbridge has the third highest number nationally of people who die in hospital – yet when asked, most people say they would prefer to die in their own home. Only 1 in 5 die in their own home in Redbridge which is the lowest in London and the 8th lowest nationally. Redbridge also has the second lowest percentage of death in hospices and other places compared to London.

   John Powell, until recently Director of Social Services, was involved in developing the Ambitions framework (www.endoflifecareambitions.org.uk) which has been widely adopted across the country. Lesley hoped people will look at this and make their views known. There is also information on the MyLife website at https://mylife.redbridge.gov.uk/homepage.

   A bereavement group meets in Wanstead, every first Thursday of the month, called Mourning Coffee at the old Cherry Tree Café from 10am to 12 noon. More information from Lesley.grainger@redbridge.gov.uk.

   A copy of Lesley’s presentation is available on the Voluntary Sector Network page of the Redbridge CVS website at www.redbridgecvs.net.

   A question was asked about liaison with McMillan nurses. Lesley replied that they are providing some 24/7 advice and support. They also work with some of the care homes and they do some training. She also commented that there may be a move to bring hospice services for children and adults together in the future.

   She finished by saying that she and their Engagement Officer, Suzanne Wright, would like to provide articles on this topic for the Redbridge CVS newsletter. Lesley was thanked for her presentation.

4. **Redbridge 2025:**

   **Mandi Vanderpuye, LBR**

   The Council and other partners are coming together to develop a borough plan for the future. In order to assist them the council is carrying out a consultation process. They are asking people living and working in the borough to answer a few short questions about how they see the future of Redbridge. They would particularly like community organisations to encourage their members to participate. The questions are:

   - What do you value about living in Redbridge?
   - What you would like Redbridge to be in the future?
What are the 2 things that would improve Redbridge by 2025?

Ideas will feed into an ongoing piece of work. The consultation closes on 27th March 2017.

The consultation is available on the Council’s website at http://consultations.redbridge.gov.uk/s/Redbridge2025/

There are paper questionnaires available, and RedbridgeCVS will be willing to redirect completed forms to the Council.

Angela Banner requested hard copies for the Redbridge Pensioners Forum.

5. Minutes of the last meeting

It was pointed out that the date at the top of page 2 should have read 2017 and not 2016.

With this amendment, the minutes were approved.

6. Matters arising: Ross Diamond

Cumulative Impact Assessment for people with disabilities

Ross had written, as previously discussed at the Network, to Andy Donald (Chief Exec of LBR) to request a cumulative Impact Assessment for people with disabilities (ideally broken down by categories including mental health, physical disability, learning difficulty, sensory impairment). Adrian Loades, LBR’s Corporate Director of People had written to respond and Ross read his email to the meeting:

“We don’t currently have plans to produce cumulative impact assessments but I can understand why the question has been asked. I am currently looking at our approach to planning and the production of plans. I want us to ensure that we have a set of plans over time that provide the policy context and direction for savings. At the moment savings and plans are a bit disjointed and I’m not sure that we have the right suite of plans in place. If we had for example plans for mental health, learning disability etc services then we’d have a more clearly set out strategic direction for any future savings in these areas. This would reduce the risk of the notorious ‘salami slicing’ approach to savings and better illustrate the cumulative impact of savings and the mitigating measures that are being taken. It is early days as we’re currently in the process of collecting up all the existing plans to see what the strategic coverage looks like and whether there would be a better approach to planning.” Adrian also offered to come to a Network meeting and the meeting was keen for this to happen. We will confirm if he can attend the April meeting.

Homelessness Decisions

Ross also responded to previous discussions about the Council’s rejection of the Fairness Commission’s recommendation that “The Council should work with Redbridge Advice Network to review and benchmark the way it makes decisions about homelessness duty, and ensure that support is in place for people who are found to be ‘intentionally homeless’.” The reason LBR gave for not accepting this recommendation was that “The obligation to provide housing advice to these households is already complied with and the Council’s existing policies and practices align with best practice….. The criteria for homelessness decisions are not locally set by Redbridge but enshrined in legislation, case law and the government Code of Guidance and these are followed by the authority in its decision making,” Ross also noted that Wendy Taylor (who raised the issue) should now be receiving invitations to the Homelessness Forum.

7. Reports from voluntary sector representatives

Compact Champions

Ross reported that LBR has agreed to restart its “consultation calendar” – which we will put on our website again once we have it. The End of Life Care consultation was extended as its launch wasn’t communicated widely, so it is now a Compact-compliant 12-week period from when the voluntary sector was first informed of the consultation running until 12 May 12.

Enterprise Redbridge

Ross reported that the Council are looking at new ways to encourage business to locate and thrive here, employment for Redbridge residents, including the idea of the Council becoming an “employer” of apprentices who would be shared between more than one business.

Temporary Accommodation

Ross reported that RedbridgeCVS helped the Council with a (successful) bid to the Design Council in relation to helping the Council redesign its services to help reduce Temporary Accommodation issues. We want to ensure relevant voluntary organisations are fully involved with the Design Council consultancy.

Immigration Corporate Panel

Ross reported that a Fairness Commission
recommendation to establish a time limited working group looking at immigration and particularly those with “no recourse to public funds” (as a result of their immigration status) is now underway. A number of relevant voluntary organisations are involved, including RedbridgeCVS, RAMFEL and RECC. Council services seem broadly in-line with best practice in how it deals with these issues. Joint bids to the “Controlling Immigration Fund” are likely to be submitted, including ways to improve the impact on local residents of new arrivals.

Health
Ross reported that the Health and Wellbeing Strategy is not yet ready for consultation. We are hoping to have someone come to talk about the Health and Wellbeing Strategy at the next meeting.

BHR NHS are continuing to work on Integrated Care (in partnership with Local Authorities). There will be a voluntary sector engagement event in April that follows from two similar events last year. These were initially focusing on the potential for an Accountable Care Organisation which might undertake commissioning of health and social care services across three boroughs. It is now likely to focus on an Accountable Care System to look at further integration of health and care across the three boroughs. We understand that the event in April will be by invitation only. RedbridgeCVS will attend and share the latest thinking at a future Network meeting.

Stuart Bellwood expressed concerns that there have not been any engagement events in Redbridge about this. He also asked if anything had been heard about the financial state of the CCG. Ross replied that they have to make significant savings and we are awaiting communications from them. Will invite them to come and talk about their plans at a future meeting.

Redbridge Disability Charter
Ross reported that there have been a series of meetings to draft a Redbridge Disability Charter to guide local commissioners, as recommended by the Fairness Commission. This is being co-produced by LBR and the voluntary sector input. Before the final draft can be circulated for consultation, the CCG will be encouraged to have input (as they have been unavailable to attend any of the meetings to date) and the voluntary sector will have further opportunities to shape the final draft. Once it is drafted it will be published for consultation and there will be an easy-read version. Service users need to be involved in this work.

8. Any other business

- **Redbridge Together Against Racism** meeting to be held in the Gloucester Room of Redbridge Central Library, 6.45 pm, Thursday 2 March
- **National Demonstration in defence of the NHS**, marching to Parliament. 12 noon, Saturday 4 March Tavistock Square, London WC1.
- **Save King George Hospital A&E**
  People will be meeting at the Perth Road field entrance of Valentines Park at 1.30pm, Saturday 18 March to walk to Ilford Town Hall for a rally at 3pm.
- **Redbridge Transport for All**, who have campaigned to make public transport accessible to different people, meeting on 21st March 2017 at 2pm at RedbridgeCVS, Forest House.
- **Redbridge Faith Forum are holding a meeting about ‘Making Communities Safer’** where people can share what makes them feel safe or unsafe, and how local services could do more to tackle issues of concern. Monday 6th April 2017 at St Cedd’s Church Hall at 6.30pm.

9. Next meeting

Wednesday 5 April