



Papers for the

Redbridge Voluntary Sector Network

This month: Homelessness

1 to 2.30pm, Wednesday 12 December 2018

Sandwiches from 12.30pm

York Room, Redbridge Central Library, Clements Rd, Ilford IG1 1EA

Agenda

1. Introduction and apologies
2. Minutes of last meeting, matters arising
3. **Reports from voluntary sector representatives**
Redbridge Council is ending some of its funding programmes for community groups, and consulting about what it should do in future. Council staff will attend to explain briefly what's happening.
4. **Homelessness**
Homelessness is a major problem in Redbridge. The Council has approved a policy of working with a range of partners to try to address the problem, and is now consulting on an Action Plan to put that policy into practice. Hitesh Tailor from the Council will come and lead a discussion about this. We'll also have a presentation from the Welcome Centre and hear from the Ilford Homeless Drop-In.
5. Any other business
6. Next meeting: 1pm, Wednesday 13 February 2019 (note there is no meeting in January).

More information

If you have any questions, contact Colin Wilson on 020 3874 4135 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!

Minutes of the Redbridge Voluntary Sector Network

14 November 2018

1. Present

- Shaweb Ahmed, RedbridgeCVS
- Panel Bham, Local Safeguarding Children Board
- Laki Begum, Redbridge Council Neighbourhood Team
- Jenny Colclough, Sea Rangers
- Javeria Coleridge, Aurety
- Ann Garrard, RedbridgeCVS/Ilford Shopmobility
- Kate Harrison, Run Up
- Vera Hunt, Redbridge Voluntary Care
- Jayabalan, UK Education C.I.C
- Suraiya Kassamally, Age-Link
- Helen Mapley, Redbridge Oral Health Promotion
- Jo-Anne McConnell, WOI
- Anthony O, Giceguy Security
- Susanne Rauprich, Citizen Advice
- Harjit Sangha, RedbridgeCVS
- Bushra Tahir, Awaaz Voice of Women
- Naina Thaker, Healthwatch
- S.C. Vasishtha, Redbridge Equalities and Community Council
- Ray Williams, Appleby and Wood
- Colin Wilson, RedbridgeCVS
- Lynette Jackman, RedbridgeCVS

2. Introductions and apologies

Colin welcomed everyone to the meeting and confirmed that the AGM for RedbridgeCVS would be following this meeting.

Apologies were received from Alan and Angela Banner.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

4. Matters arising

The presentation Rocket Science gave at the September Network meeting, about their research into the local voluntary sector, is now available on the Voluntary Sector Network page of the RedbridgeCVS website.

Attendees have previously raised the issue of a shortage of GPs in the borough. A scheme is now in operation which aims to encourage more new GPs into Redbridge.

5. Reports from voluntary sector representatives

Health and Wellbeing Board

The Health and Wellbeing Board met on Monday 5 November. Ann Garrard is a lay member. A local carer was very unhappy with the decision to charge service users for their carer's respite care. The Council are looking into this – there may be something in the Council budget to address this problem.

Cumulative Impact Assessment

The CCG have agreed to work with the Council on a Cumulative Impact Assessment covering all local and national policy and funding changes. Once this has been done we will report further.

GP Charges

There were questions about the way GPs charge for writing letters. The CCG have said that they will publish guidance on what GPs should charge and will look into what charges are being made. We will report back on the findings.

SEND Review

The review of services for people with Special Education Needs and Disabled People showed that parents and carers were not happy with the services but the overall review was reasonable. The Council said it would address some of the issues and are committed to additional support for the parents' forum, Empowering Parents Together (EPT).

Child Friendly Borough

Redbridge Council is committed to achieving UNICEF child friendly borough status – we will update accordingly on progress with this.

Prevent

The Prevent Advisory Group met recently and heard a speaker from Tell Mama talk about the rising incidence of Islamophobia. The Council also spoke about some of the services they commission locally to prevent violent extremism. Cllr Littlewood and Bashir Chaudhry were elected onto this board – if anyone else is interested in joining it, please let Ross know.

Public and Voluntary Sectors' Partnership

The PaVSP, including newly-elected voluntary sector reps, has held an Away Day. The PaVSP is planning to review the Redbridge Compact next year.

6. Place based community organisations

Speaker: Keith White, Mill Grove

Keith White gave a talk about Maybank Community Association, which he's involved with, and which is based near Charlie Brown's Roundabout. He outlined the history of the area, how and why the association came about and some of the projects helping to improve and maintain the area. He provided various pieces of documentation for everyone at the meeting to have a look at, as he has a long standing association with the area, having lived there for the best part of his life. The full text of Keith's talk is available on the Voluntary Sector Network page of the RedbridgeCVS website.

7. Any Other business

None.

8. Next meeting

1pm, Wednesday 12 December, York Room, Redbridge Central Library.

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