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Project Update Meeting

Tuesday 20 July 2021

Via Zoom

Attendees

Niven Rennie

Will Linden

Alastair Muir

S38(1)(b)

1. Welcome and Introduction

Niven opened the meeting and welcomed all present with particular mention of S38(1)(b), a new member of staff at Scottish Government.

2. Apologies

Apologies had been received from S38(1)(b)

3. Minutes and Action Log

The minutes of the meeting of 8 June 2021 were adopted as a true record and Niven ran through the action log updating as required.

4. Partner Charity Updates

4.1 Braveheart Industries

Alastair stressed the difficulties being encountered at the dental hospital where little trade is taking place as student holidays are now ongoing. A chef and two trainees are

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embedded in the project but some tough business decisions are required by the BHI board.

4.2 One Community

S38(1)(b) advised that the OCS bank account was now open allowing funds that were being held on this development to be paid into the account. This includes funding for families in difficulty from children in need. Similarly a number of funding bids are being made to external agencies with management costs added which should help to give a firm financial footing to the charity.

A 2 day employability event is being held at G20 involving a mixed audience drawn from a variety of community groups.

Niven asked about the recent violent event that had been circulating on social media

S34(1) . S38(1)(b) replied that S35(1)(a)&(b)

This information has been passed to Police Scotland.

5. Current Project Updates

5.1 The Crib – Edinburgh

S38(1)(b) had submitted a written report and underlined that the young people who had been attending the Crib bus were now involved in events at Heavy Sound Cockenzie. The bus itself is more community based and on a recent trip S38(1)(b) had seen about 60/70 young people being drawn to the bus about 20 of whom boarded and engaged. S38(1)(b) also updated on Princes Street gardens and the SPACE initiative.

Niven advised that G20 staff are wanting to visit heavy sound and draw strength from their commonality of approach. S38(1)(b) offered to organise a meeting.

ACTION: Jim to arrange a meeting with Heavy Sound and G20

5.2 Dundee

S38(1)(b) but had submitted a written report.

5.3 Ayr Wallacetown

S38(1)(b) advised that 420 C2 survey forms had been received and these were now being analysed. He also highlighted support from the fire service and the local police commander. There are still issues with regard to wider engagement and it was hoped that these would be clarified soon, although the need for separate premises for joint working remains a priority.

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5.4 Custody Navigator

█^{S38(1)(b)} reported that COVID continues to impact this project. With numerous staff self isolating █^{S38(1)(b)} is working remotely once more although receiving referrals with some great case work that will be captured in the evaluation. The 2nd navigator starts on 9th August.

█^{S38(1)(b)} also highlighted employment initiatives he is progressing with Pheonix Futures and other bodies. This dovetailed nicely into an update provided by Alastair on the visit to London to see Turning Point and Divert.

Niven advised that he has a meeting with Linda Jones and Gordon McCreadie on 29th July regarding national custody options and the thoughts of the team in advance of that would be helpful.

5.5 ECHO Project/You Decide

█^{S38(1)(b)} advised that the logo for 'You Decide' has been designed and uniforms and identification for staff were in the pipeline. 4 trainees funded by SCVO had started and were going through an induction programme. This will include commencing the St Giles Trust mentoring programme.

The staff have been supporting 30 individuals moving many onto better destinations and are still working with about 12 service users currently. This requires a constant need for networking to receive referrals and also identify suitable bodies to support the referees once ready. The next step will be to engage with GP Practices including the Woodside Health Centre nearby. Niven noted that on a visit to the team a professional email address was highlighted as a barrier and he asked Alastair to raise this with the BHI board.

ACTION: Alastair to encourage BHI to secure a domain name and email addresses for staff.

█^{S38(1)(b)} added that he had engaged with a core group of residents in Springburn and attended a community council meeting. People had been very 'negative' in their outlook but he had encouraged them to highlight positives and develop the 'spirit of Springburn'. This has been well received. There is plan now to link to Wallacetown and identify similar themes.

Will focussed on funding and the fact that the detailed stories are being captured in the evaluation which will help with funding bids.

5.6 Help the Helpers

█^{S38(1)(b)} advised that they are remaining in touch with the cohort of trainers as part of the evaluation process.

5.7 Peer Inclusion Project

S38(1)(b) provided a positive report on the 6 individuals he is supporting on behalf of the Social Work department. On has now engaged at TIGERS but these are difficult cases that require a lot of work and support – S38(1)(b) provided examples. S38(1)(b) at the SW Dept is delighted with progress and there is wider interest in the SW network who appear willing to fund expansion. Will advised caution about expanding too quickly and the ability of S38(1)(b) to cope with a heavier workload than he has at present.

5.8 Community Navigator

Will outlined ongoing difficulties involving the ADP's in Ayrshire. North Ayrshire are the authority yet to commit but East and South will fund and the project will continue.

5.9 Prison Projects

S38(1)(b) advised on progress at Edinburgh Prison and Jason reported that Kilmarnock Prison were reviewing their violence strategy and he would seek to influence where he could..

5.10 Online Engagement

With S38(1)(b) gave a progress report centring on preparing the pages on the website to support the project.

6. Future Projects.

6.1 Caithness/Sutherland

S38(1)(b) reported on limited progress but she and S38(1)(b) intend to spend several days in the area in August aimed at re-igniting the resilience hub idea.

6.2 Youth Volunteers

There had been no progress since the last meeting. Niven asked S38(1)(b) to arrange a meeting with Inspector S38(1)(b) himself and S38(1)(b) from government to discuss this matter.

ACTION: S38(1)(b) to arrange meeting with Lindsay Kidd

6.3 Hope Collective

Niven provided a short update on the Glasgow Hack and intimated that he would attend the launch in London on 24th July and a similar event in Belfast in 7th August. These should provide a better idea of expectations for the Glasgow Hack on 13th December.

6.4 Domestic Abuse

S38(1)(b) reported that terms of reference for the steering group had been drawn up and the focus was now on the focus groups.

6.5 Kilmarnock Town Centre

S38(1)(b) said that COVID had impacted this projected greatly with many self-isolating including the police secondee. Niven added that he had visited the project and had been really impressed by what he had seen.

6.6 Scottish Government Bystander

S38(1)(b) had submitted a written report.

6.7 Human Library

S38(1)(b) advised that she had spoken with the international lead in Denmark who is keen for the VRU to host a Scottish event. Training etc will be free of charge if this is a public event. Dialogue continues.

6.8 Injury Surveillance

Will advised that slow progress is being made.

6.9 Vicarious Trauma

S38(1)(b) Will has not yet advanced this project.

7. Media/Website

Niven asked S38(1)(b) to help identify a date for the Strategy Launch asap.

ACTION: S38(1)(b) to speak to Cab Secs office to identify strategy launch date.

8. Training

S38(1)(b) had submitted a written report which was noted.

9. Evaluation/Research

S38(1)(b) highlighted her written report and stressed the remand work at Perth Prison involving S38(1)(b) which had been delayed due to staff self-isolation. She is also concentrating on the 420 responses to the Wallacetown survey.

S38(1)(b) added that she had been asked to collaborate on 'hate crime' work which is ongoing at present.

10. AOCB

10.1 Heartstone

Niven drew attention to the positive evaluation of Heartstone in North Glasgow and the steps being taken to identify additional funding.

10.2 Home Bargains

Alastair reported on engagement with Home Bargains in Dundee aimed at creating an 'Agility Trail' on green space in Charlestown. If successful this model could be copied elsewhere.

11 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at 1000hrs on Tuesday 10 August 2021.