

Notes of the Cannock Chase Strategic VCSE Forum held on 9th September 2021 1:00pm

Present:		Apologies:	
Michelle Cliff	Support Staffordshire	Jane Reynolds Caroline Bruno Debs Prew Lisa Dyke Kerry Hutchings Caroline Bradford Sarah Maxfield Sara Green Helena Tranter	
James Flintham	Support Staffordshire		
Preet Chandy	Cannock Chase Advice Centre		
Paul Vermeer	Cannock Chase Advice Centre		
Sarah Atkins	Gamcare		
Leanne Macpherson	Community Foundation of Staffordshire		
Cllr Debbie Cartwright	Hednesford Town Council/Chase Lighthouse		
Caroline Richardson	Landau		
Lisa Evans	Mental Health Matters		
Sheila Harding	Norton Canes		
Jessica Ryan	Support Staffordshire		
Jill Davies	Age UK - Social Prescriber		
Jonathon Burd	Penk Moneywise		
Chris Fielding	Rugeley Community Centre		
Jade Gough	Severn Trent		
James Battrick	SAGE		
Dawn Adams	EVOLVE for CASES		
Nick Kelly	Sporting Communities		
Cllr Mike Sutherland			
Cllr Adrienne Hewitt			

1. Welcome, introduction and Apologies

2. Presentations

- **Sarah Atkins, Gamcare**
Slides attached.
Contact details are sarah.atkins@gamcare.org.uk or call 07950171771

FOCUS ON FUNDING

- **Jade Gough, Severn Trent Community Fund**
Launched in January 2020 to support communities for 5 years at £2 million per year. Eligibility is for not for profit and must be based within the Severn Trent region. 3 aims that the fund would like to achieve:

People: Projects that help people to lead a healthier life and gain new skills

Places: Projects that help to create better places to live in and use

Environment: Projects that will help look after our natural environment, give people greater access to that environment or help look after water

Capital and revenue can be funded and applications can be made in 3 bands:

£2000 to £10,000. £10,000 to £75,000, £75,000 to £200,000

Proposals go to panel (which includes ST customers) who meet quarterly to consider any application over £10,000. Next deadline middle of November for December panel. Details can be found at <https://www.stwater.co.uk/about-us/severn-trent-community-fund/>

Contact Jade by email - jade.gough@severntrent.co.uk

- **Leanne Macpherson, Community Foundation for Staffordshire**
Funding for organisations in Cannock Chase
Slides attached
Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions
leanne.macpherson@staffordshire.foundation or call 01785 335940 / 01785 339546 or visit the website www.staffordshire.foundation

Discussion of other funding successes or challenges:

Groups recounted particular successes in funding including the Asda community champion.

Staffordshire County Council have their Local Members fund, find your local councillor: <https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Your-council-and-democracy/Members/Find-a-county-councillor.aspx> A small amount is left in the Staffordshire County Council Covid self isolators fund.

Funding information from Support Staffordshire: <https://www.supportstaffordshire.org.uk/whats-happening/funding>

Easy Fundraising https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=254865&invite=G9YR3G&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_source=rtwsharebox

Michelle Cliff – Support Staffordshire updates

TRAINING

Wide range of training courses on subjects including organisational development and Supportive Communities training (suitable for anyone in the community)
<https://www.supportstaffordshire.org.uk/events/upcoming-training>

Volunteers Fairs are taking place during Freshers Week at South Staffs College (focusing on Jobs & volunteering) in September 2021 and stands for voluntary organisations are available.

Cannock Campus 14th September, Rodbaston Campus 17th September, Tamworth Campus 13th September and Lichfield Campus 17th September details can be obtained from rick.hill@supportstaffordshire.org.uk

Nominations are now open for the 2022 Cannock Chase Volunteer Star Awards nominations and hoping for this to be an in person event at Beaudesert Golf Club next year:
<https://www.supportstaffordshire.org.uk/volunteer-star-awards/submit-nomination-2022>

Local News Roundup

Chris Fielding, Rugeley Community Centre

What's On Where directory for Rugeley, Brereton, Armitage and Handsacre area now updated and online and will keep up to date. Let them know if there is anything to add or to update: <https://rugeleycc.org.uk/wow/>

Nick Kelly, Sporting Communities

My Voice awards for North Staffordshire. If you know of any young people who should be nominated for the awards in Staffordshire at the end of October.

nick@sportingcommunitiescic.org

Mike Sutherland

Victory Church in Rugeley running a Tiny Tots activity centre. Christmas fair evening planned for before Christmas in Rugeley.

Debbie Cartwright, Chase Lighthouse

Running the community table on Sunday afternoon from 1:30 and projects for a community fridge at Pye Green Community Centre and community garden in the pipeline. Volunteers very welcome.

Caroline Richardson, Landau

Support people with learning difficulties and others and now have contracts to deliver services including currently a project for veterans. Helping get people into training work or to improve their lives. caroline.richardson@landau.co.uk 07368441545

Dawn Adams, CASES

Evolve funded by ESF and National Lottery and can assist where people have barriers to education and employment and the support needed to access these things including any advice needed. Can give benefits advice and completing PIP forms. Some funding available to help people access technology and training Evolve phone 0300 3302110

evolve@casesstaffs.org.uk

VCSE forum evaluation form

Evaluation link <https://forms.gle/1K9xVG3mikcnTW1u5>

Date of Next Meeting - TBC (December 2021)