West Moors Dementia Action Group

Notes of meeting on

Tuesday 19th November 2024

1. **Present**: Penny (WMTC), Jo B (local resident), Laura (MM), Debbie (BV) Lynne M (St Marys/Chair).

**Apologies**: Kate C(SPr)

We welcomed Debbie from Brook View to her first meeting. All did a very brief intro of themselves.

2. **Actions** from Notes of last meeting: All will be covered on todays agenda.

3. **DAG Publicity**

1. Banner. This has been purchased and was opened to show all. Looks good. Our thanks to Jo for getting this organised and purchased.
2. Posters. Kate has been taking these around to shops and other businesses. There are some still to do, but we understood Kate to now be awaiting the information (pocket) cards to be printed in order to hand them out at the same time.
3. Cards. Our thanks to Kate for thinking through wording etc for these. They are now minimised to fit 8 on an A4 page.(pocket sized). After discussion it was agreed we look into getting these printed on water resistant card. All present were very pleased with the card words/size. **Lynne to make enquiries re cost at xerox in Ferndown and Laura to investigate online.** Penny advised that this is something the WMTC would probably be happy to fund and recommended we put in a grant application once we have some costs. Quantity: All agreed 500, then to get more as needed. **Lynne to draft a funding application** ready for submitting to WMTC when we have costs available.
4. WM Directory: Jo has prepared and submitted another article for the December issue. We are still able to put these in without a fee.
5. Living Well. The new Winter edition is just out, delivered to WM yesterday. Front cover picture of daffodils peeking through the snow look really good. A sign of hope and spring. The magazines continue to be very well received and highly sought valued amongst professionals and local residents. A briefing meeting to discuss the next edition is on 10th January 2025 and deadline for information inclusion to Lynne is Wednesday 5th February.
6. Website. Kate is looking into this with possible help from her husband. Update next meeting.
7. Facebook. This is going well. Lots of contact 'likes'. Thanks to Jo for constantly keeping it up to date.

4. **Christmas Tree Festival** 2-7 Dec. Jo has prepared the large baubles and the forget-me-not to go on the top which look great, and handed to Lynne. The title of our tree is: WM Dementia Action Group: Living Well with Memory Loss and Dementia. We were going to set up on Monday morning 1st Dec, but it seems St Martins are open for set-up on Sunday afternoon, if wished. As Jo will only just have returned from USA and may not make Monday, **Lynne may opt for Sunday set-up**. **Tree and other decor, = Literature from Lynne**. The Living Well magazines and our generic trifold leaflets will be available by the tree.

5. **Carols on the Petwyn**. Friday 6th December. Jo is co-ordinating. Our pitch is outside the Spar supermarket. **Jo has a list of who is doing and bringing what.** Laura (Moors Manor) & Debbie (Brook View) are providing small cakes to sell. Kate M is organising the Lucky Dip. Contact Jo after 1st Dec or Lynne before that if any questions.

6. **Needs, Vision, Actions**.

1. Jo had provided the 4 Aims as discussed at our last meeting, and an alternative version (version 2). After discussion the 2nd version with some further amendments was agreed. (see attached) **Jo to finalise copy.**
2. Dementia Friends awareness session. Further discussion with Penny (WMTC) and the group it was agreed that Jo apply for a Dementia Friends facilitator for 27th Feb and/or 27th Mar 2025 to fit in just before the WM TC meeting. Venue: Church Hall, St Mary's. Participants: WMTC and open to anyone else (to be advertised locally) to register that intent to attend. Refreshments could be offered and at a possible small charge of .50p.  **Jo - application, Lynne to book Hall. All to help promote** once definite date agreed with Dementia Friends. Local Schools & Businesses - carried forward after conversation with DF person.
3. Questionnaire to residents. \*Deferred for the time being.
4. As c above\*

7. **Fundraising:**

1. Our grateful thanks to Moors Manor Care Home for holding a 3 peaks challenge with older residents walking laps of the garden and staff and supporters using a treadmill. They have raised an amazing £140.55 to help our funds. Thank you to all those who participated and those who donated. It is much appreciated.
2. GoFundMe - update. A couple of other donations of £10 have been made (less the small fee).

8. There was no other business.

 With grateful thanks to all for the amazing teamwork.

9. **Date of next meeting is: Tuesday 14th January 2025 2-3 p.m.**