

MINUTES

Whetstone Good Neighbours Scheme

7pm 12th July 2021

In Attendance

Louise Hathaway (Chair), Veronica Rye (minutes), Jenny Hilton, Richard Caple, Helen Caple, Danuta Jeeves, Jean Hoare, Christine Carroll (meeting held online due to current restrictions)

Apologies for absence – none received

Pecuniary interests

The meeting was reminded of their obligation to declare any pecuniary interests in the affairs of the scheme – None were declared

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the last meeting, 24th May 2021, have been read and were declared to be a true and accurate record and signed off by the Chair. These will now be uploaded to the website.

Services Update

The number of jobs continues to increase.

5085 jobs completed since the scheme started in 2016 with over 1800 completed in the last year.

Increase seen in the requests for transport for shopping, social events and medical appointments.

A slight reduction in jobs is expected during July.

The committee looked at the viability of hospital visits where 2 volunteers are needed for assistance. In some cases requests have to be turned down.

Danuta provided an update on the Facebook page –

Monday club (for over 60s) runs at Whetstone Boys Club once a month and details have been shared.

DBS and Safeguarding

No safeguarding issues

2 new volunteers have received DBS successfully

Volunteer Update

Good availability of new volunteers

Decision made to advertise on Parish Council noticeboards and on the Dog and Gun Co-op community boards

Richard agreed to create a publicity poster.

Financial update

The financial position continues to be strong

Grant received from BDC for running an event

Accounts need to be audited by independent 3rd party in preparation for AGM (Jean to contact someone to complete audit)

Any Other Business

Venues are being looked at in the area for the service users meal to get everyone out and meet new people within the Community. Louise and Chris to confirm details and discuss with the Venue and make arrangements. Chris, Jenny and Sylvia to contact service users by telephone to see who is available to attend the meal. Those unable to attend will have a meal delivered at home.

Chris is organizing a befrienders afternoon tea at home so that they can meet for the first time after months of telephone calls.

Cream Teas – event planned for mid – August. Funded from a donation by a former service user. All service users will be given: sandwiches scone jam, cream and a tub of strawberries.

Garden sale planned at Danuta's 6th September 2021 to raise funds.

No website update to report at this point – Richard is making an enquiry to see if someone can help with updating the website.

The committee discussed the idea of monthly meetings for volunteers to keep in touch, provide updates and answer questions.

AGM provisional date set - 13th September 2021 7.00pm

No other business being raised the meeting was closed at 8.05pm

Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place on Monday 23rd August at 7pm.