

# Trafford Community Collective Working Group Zoom Meeting Notes

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Attendees: George Devlin (Chair), Dan Shelston, Emma Lenihan, Karen Glendinning, Suzanne Kelly, Khan Moghul, Ben Andrews, Joanna Jones, Ralph Rudden, Michelle Grogan, Christine Aspinall, Jo Allen, Elizabeth Dotun, Rachel Muker, Andrew Hawksworth, Mark Nesbitt, Alex Neill, Judie Collins, Andy Latham, Yusuf Lambatt, Wes Audem, Jane Dennison

Apologies: Kate McGeevor, Jonathan Yates, Clare Standish, Lesley Fraser, Ann Marie Jones, John O'Farrell, Dannielle Sharps, Alicia Clare, Ruth Lancey, Clare Wright

Key points from the meeting:

## 1 Context for the Meeting

- Agreed by those present

## 2 Introductions, Apologies

- Apologies accepted

## 3 Project Plan Update

### Communication and Engagement

- George confirmed Simon Borkin was now in post and had begun work
- This had included a Workshop on Tuesday run by Simon which recapped on the vision and values of the Collective and plans as to how the membership
- Attendees fed back positively on the workshop
- Simon is writing up the workshop as an Action Plan

### Recruitment of Trustees

- Jane and Wes were welcomed to the meeting.
- Each gave an update to their background and the skills they bring to The Collective and their enthusiasm for the future
- George outlined the need to recruit a further Trustee for the application as a CIO to be completed
- All members were asked again to circulate the Trustee information into their communities
- Jo raised the option to register with REACH
- George agreed to take that forward

### Future Name

- Ben presented a paper on options for the name
- George took the group through the options and added a further option Trafford Community Collective that had been added by Kate
- Khan highlighted the potential for a strap line to support the name such as "serving the diverse communities of Trafford"
- A number of the group highlighted that acronyms can be difficult to understand and shouldn't be included in the name
- The group discussed whether health and wellbeing is limiting, or whether it provides focus
- The group discussed the positives of Trafford Community Collective as the name (with the potential for a strapline)
- The Group agreed Trafford Community Collective as the name for submission on the CIO
- Ben confirmed the name was available for use

### **Discussion on the Constitution**

- Suzanne and George presented the slides on the constitution (attached)
- The initial discussion focused on the objects
- Jane highlighted the duplication between clauses two and three
- The group discussed the need to incorporate social either to replace or sit along side the word charitable
- The group also agreed the need to look at the wording around individuals. families and people
- Suzanne, George and Dan to develop a revised set of objects following the discussions
- The groups discussed other clauses in the constitution.
- Key points of discussion included references to the minimum number of members and trustees for meetings, the difference between member and trustee meetings
- An address is also required for the organisation. George to speak with Ralph about using Oakland House, which is an obvious option given its role as a base for a number of organisations in the sector

### **Priorities for the Future**

- George outlined the key priorities for The Collective as:
  1. Continuing to get the organisation established
  2. Securing funding for 2021/22
- The group acknowledged funding as a key risk
- George highlighted the ongoing discussions both within the Living Well in my Community and the Local Care Alliance
- Dan highlighted the potential for Reaching Communities Funding (see funding update)
- The Group agreed a long term approach for accessing funding is required

### **Lead Partner Update**

- Lead Partners for each Locality provided an update
- Old Trafford
  - planning for the next 3 months
  - increasing the membership and communication are priorities
  - building a partnership based on relationships and trust
- Stretford Public Hall
  - Developing a mapping programme for meetings
  - Want people to come together in areas as well as Localities
- Urmston
  - Currently expanding the Group
  - Developed the M41 facebook page as a centre for information (also using Instagram)
  - Focus on supporting Christmas activity
- Altrincham
  - Linking with other Leads to share best practice
  - Closer links with Rachel at the Altrincham Hub
  - Want also to develop thematic Leads (e.g, to work for example with Emma from Calm Connections)
- Christine highlighted the positivity of Leads working together and sharing best practice.
- George highlighted the need to plan out key events in the year (e.g. Strategic Forum, RESET, Carers Week)
- George congratulated Emma on the RESET event as did others. The Group emphasised the need to help partners with events wherever possible

## **4 Children's Services Update**

- George briefly updated on the work undertaken by the sector and Children's Services
- A Reference Group has been established and members had agreed to work on different workstreams of the Early Help programme
- Homestart Trafford and Salford have begun work on the Early Years Workstream
- George highlighted the model used for Children's Services Engagement can be rolled out across other service areas

## 5 Funding Update

- Dan gave a brief overview on two funding sources (slides attached)
  - Reaching Communities Refresh
  - Thriving Communities Programme
- Dan highlighted the Partnerships Workstream as a real opportunity for the Collective going forward
- Dan confirmed that Thrive were happy to support developing the application
- George suggested the potential for a small Group to take development of an application forward
- Dan highlighted the opportunity to engage with the Lottery in developing the application
- Dan outlined the Thriving Communities programme which has at its base linking social prescribing with activity in communities
- Dan outlined the initial Thriving Community Fund pot is limited, but there would be opportunities in the future as the programme develops
- Dan highlighted the opportunity for partnerships linked to social prescribing to be part of the Learning Together programme, although applications have to be in by next Friday

## 6 Partner Updates

- Various partners provided an update on key activity:
- Suzanne, LifeChurch
  - Working to deliver 150 meals on Christmas Day
  - Close links with the Sale Hub and Sale Sharks
  - Great volunteer response and you-tube video showing the preparations
- Elisabeth, Rehoboth
  - Family feeding programme for Christmas in Stretford
  - Also the Bridging the Gap programme
  - Aims to build confidence and self-esteem in Young People
- Emma, Calm Connections:
  - RESET event sessions will all be online
  - Learning evaluation taking place
  - Thanks to all those who took part
  - reference the mental health expression of wish funding deadline today and confirmed she is arranging a meeting on 10th December to discuss further
- Michelle, Trafford Carers Centre
  - Trafford carers holding a Christmas extravaganza for carers on Sunday 19th December.
  - The event is online and we'll be running activity session for all age carers.
  - Michelle will circulate flyer after the meeting.
  - Trafford carers centre helpline will remain open during Christmas period (expect bank holiday's) to continue to support carers and in particular carers living in isolation.
- Karen, Age UK Trafford
  - Working with St Anthony's School to deliver meals on Christmas Eve for people to reheat on Christmas day
  - Open to all Trafford - contact Karen before 14th December.
- Joanna, Stretford Public Hall
  - Stretford Public Hall and placemaker events are working together on a toy collective for families and currently being supported by TDAS.
  - Flyer to be published this week for donations.
- Ruth, Altrincham Hub
  - Hampers to CAP for clients, linking with Altrincham FC for additional gifts for community
  - Christmas art project with primary schools for display and lining with Advent Trail in John Leigh Park.
- Christine, St Johns
  - Anybody wanting to take part in the St Johns Christmas quiz, please get in touch!
- Mark, TUF\*C
  - Urban Fitness - collecting "left over" food from Marks and Spencer on Christmas Eve for sharing in the community
  - Funding for GM community micro grant for BAME led organisations
  - <https://www.gmcvo.org.uk/emergency-grants-gm-bame-communities/micro-grants>

## **7 Any Other Business**

- George reflected on the progress made over the past six months and thanked everyone for their efforts
- The Group were very positive about the prospects 2021
- Everybody wished each other a Happy Christmas and New Year!!
- Date of the next meeting: Thursday Jan 28<sup>th</sup> 2021