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| **Chesil Locality**  **Local Alliance Group**  **Minutes**  **Wednesday 12th July 2023 – Weymouth College** |
| **Meeting Attendees:** |
| **Chair:** Sue Dafter (Head of Student Services, Weymouth College)  **Attendees**: Cllr David Harris (Wey TC), Deb Woodward (Families & Babies), Kelly Heath (Health Visitor), Rachel Folland (Homestart), Joey Wormingon (Active Dorset), Anna Beech (Health Programme Advisor), Sharon Holmes (Libraries), Siobhan Lennon Patience (Parent), Charlotte Emery (Wey TC).  Sharon Peel & Richard Howes for AOB.  **Guests**: Dawn Henderson (Team Manager, Social Care)  **Minutes**: Katie Walker |
| **Apologies:** |
| Cllr Susan Cocking, David Freeman (NHS), Elaine Okonski (DPCC), Jane Biscombe (Wey TC), John Firkin (Holy Trinity), Katie Slater (Bincombe), Louise Drury (Harbour), Marie Thompson (Reach), Sarah Stockham (Mental Health), Sharon Mitchell (Libraries), Alison Williams (NHS), Jennifer Toogood (DC, Pride), Alex Fuhrmann (Wey TC, Pride), Tracey Hodder (Beechcroft), James Purkis (All Saints), Pete Barrow (Wey TC), Keryn Walden (Holy Trinity), Alice Deacon (Chesil Locality Strat Lead) |

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| **No.** | **Actions from Previous Meeting** | **For:** |
| Prev mtg | Amanda to write a handover for Relationships and Financial Wellbeing | Amanda Davis |
| 4.1 | Sharon Holmes to share LAG funding application for consideration | Sharon |
| 5.2 | Follow up question from Harriet re: Advertising what LAG is anyone can join | Alice |

| **No** | **Item Minutes** |  |
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| **1** | **Welcome, Apologies & Introductions** | **Sue** |
| **1.1** | Sue welcomed everyone to meeting and thanked them for joining us.  After Chesil Youth Pride presentation:  Sue read out apologies.  Did introductions around the room. |  |
| **2** | **Matters Arising** | **Sue** |
| **2.1** | Actions from our previous meeting held in May discussed and addressed accordingly. |  |
| **2.2** | Minutes agreed by Siobhan Lennon Patience and Sue Dafter  Majority actions completed or chased.  Leaflet on Weymouth Information Hub with Chris Wilson & Handover notes from Amanda Davis for 2 steering groups are outstanding. |  |
| **2.5** | Please email [chesillocality@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:chesillocality@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) if you struggle to access the Chesil LAG Teams page, or the Chesil Partnership site. | **Katie** |
| **3** | **Feedback of Chesil Youth Pride 2023** | **Dawn** |
| **3.1** | Dawn was a Project lead with Sue Dafter.  It’s important we include Portland with this feedback and information.  A video was made and is being taken to Pan Dorset tomorrow. The message is they (young LGBTQ+ people) don’t feel safe and listened to in schools.  Dawn started this project in February 2022, has come out through the loving yourself project from Louise Drury.  Stall event at Weymouth College and a parade to the pavilion.  VETs event was going on which is why we did it this way.  Key partners were the police for safeguarding.  College run their own groups.  The Portland drop in were fundamental in helping shape this event.  Was important to create and provide what they wanted and are saying.  The stalls at Weymouth College filled the square area.  The College provided catering with meat and veggie choices.  Equality, diversity and inclusion, advice from them and feeding back.  Highlight was the Pride bus arriving.  Feedback from young people and advice given was positive. |  |
| **3.2** | **What went well** 😊  Jennifer Toogood organising and planner. She clicked in 99 young people at the stall event. Had people from Bridport and Bournemouth who were here to be with like-minded people.  131 had taken part in the parade. Some joining from the beach.  Had music with the parade.  People shouting positive things.  **David**: What the average age  **Dawn**: ages between 0-25 years but would say mid-teens.  We are already talking about next year. Need to work closely with the schools.  Need to really appreciate, fit with Ofsted and curriculum. This currently conflicts with what the young people need. LGBQT+ topic can be contentious.  Planning on doing an updated video which includes the Chesil Pride Youth Event.  **Harriet**: Is there a link to see the video?  **Dawn**: no link as yet. Education around the video needs to go with the movie and the question, how can we all change it.  Video was made at the college, produced with Jenna Wineman.  Dawn met with Portland Drop-in.  We wanted a logo that will last year on year.  Interactive activities on the stalls. Feedback on the hoopla stall was really positive with understanding signposting included.  Photo booth was provided for the young people to capture the day.  It was reflected that some agencies might not of attended due to other commitments from their staff and also to see how well it went, how many attended and what was going to happen.  Training could have had kickback but not got any.  We are going to be starting a new project called “Boys protect with knife project”. |  |
| **3.3** | Next time, vetting is required for stall holders. Dawn gave a reason for this.  Working on flagging any locations and groups.  This community is small as a whole. This was a group of people invested in the right reason.  Wagamama’s are on board for next year.  The date is hopefully going to be Saturday 15th June.  Weymouth College to host again.  Use bigger tables for the stalls.  The feedback is most important part of it.  Working towards next year….  Want more people involved, so please feedback to colleagues to come forward and let us know as soon as possible.  Need to asked Shire Hall which date they are planning their pride event, 22nd or 29th June. Check we don’t have the same date as the VETs.  Music service want to be involved but might want to think about exams.  This event/project rests within Louise Drury’s “loving yourself”, Kaye Wright and Sue Dafter.  Kaye’s cohort care leavers not feeling confident about their bodies.  Last year college students led on an equality & diversity day. Cultural diversity about ethnic groups. Final placement essay was on Dorset anti racism, 10 years on no different.  Please make contact with community leaders and invite them to us.  Link in with lots of arts projects and music. May 21st is Cultural Diversity Day.  Question, Louise Drury can we do some kind of festival carnival next year.  A lot of children in our services that have disability needs.  There is a connection between age and gender, those within our locality with vulnerability.  Young People’s video, we want to use is training across the board within Pan Dorset. |  |
| **3.4** | **David**: The Council hopefully will get much more involved next year. Want to make sure E&D is there, a push to integrate. That we are doing everything in the right way. Have just set us a youth council who might want to get involved. School years 9-11.  **Dawn**: Attended Southill Primary assembly, where they discussed pride history month. The questions from them, they really got it.  Town council events colleagues were helpful.  **David**: Ryan Hope wants to run a carnival.  We want to be cautious. This community is small, do we keep it as a small event?  Need someone to take on a Youth Pride for safety/ethos.  **Joey**: Photographs at the event. They have used wristbands to show consent.  **Dawn**: An idea to take back to keep inclusivity, everyone gets a wristband, colour depicts happy for photo to be taken or not. We have to remember not everyone is ‘out’. Ensure legally we comply when taken photos (consent from parents etc). need to check with legal.  Age 0-5’s we see making it a bigger event. Chipmunks were there, promoted it to them. Had same sex parents bringing their family.  **David**: Cultural diversity 21st July. What’s happening with the Barge. (Alice’s feedback in AOB 5.3)  **Dawn**: Chesil Locality have a meeting this afternoon.  Sue has been fantastic 😊 |  |
| **3.5** | **Sue:** Resettlement talk and pulling people in. Attended yesterday the South West Regional Prevent meeting. Concerns with nasty leaflet dropping, Patriotic Alternative, white supremacy.  Police said it’s not illegal.  Brought this topic up at the meeting, very fractured, lots of in house arguments. Very short of time, talking of pro scribed (banned).  **Siobhan**: Community research on Portland school. 8 and 10.  Monitor posts on social media, concerns about the influences we are seeing.  **Dawn**: Withing the family home the adults influencing others.  Lack of education that makes people think that way.  Where can you go for a positive space? |  |
| **3.6** | Invite Kaye Wright. Write a wish list of a better place using Christmas paper chains.  Kaye to Senior Leadership Meeting on 30th August.  How do we link with the music service, how we get involved.  Dan Parker, art projects  How can we create more Portland Dop-Ins  Invite Phoebe from Tilbury Douglas to get feedback from their activity on their stall. |  |
| **4** | **LAG Funding Applications** | **Katie** |
| **4.1** | Currently have received 4 Funding Applications:  Transition Summer Schools submitted by Sharon Peel with Dan Parker at Skills & Learning.  Peer Mentoring Project submitted by Richard Howes.  Families belonging Breakfast Club by 4 schools including Beechcroft. This has been declined due to the value asked for is well over the collaborative figure.  Summer Transition Programme submitted by Weymouth College. Is £600 over the individual figure. If they can find the £600 we agree to this application.  Action: Sharon to email their application  Link to apply for LAG funding in Dorset.  [Local Alliance Group funding request Chesil (office.com)](https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=Nd9OCtLwI06Y9rCQC06h5g8_sjqjuE1GjQNVD7aPjZpURFk4VTBZS0tGOEkxSU1MNURSOUVaNDJNRC4u) | Sharon |
| **5** | **AOB – Partner Updates – Date for Next Meeting** | **Sue** |
| **5.1** | **Next Meeting**  Wednesday 4th October 2023 1:30pm – 2:00pm  At Weymouth College/Hybrid 😊 |  |
| **5.2** | **Questions brought from the 0-25 Forum.**  **LAG Fund**  **Harriet**: Whether LAG Fund applicants have to be LAG members? This led on to…  **Alice**: We would like to extend LAG membership, but you do not have to be a member to access the LAG funding opportunities.    **Harriet**: How to become a LAG member and what that entails (it used to be invitation only). In the ensuing discussion there was a request for a poster explaining what the Chesil LAG is and how/why to get involved. And how to increase LAG membership/Participation?  **Alice**: Membership to the LAG pages requires a form to be completed Katie Walker can clarify.  Action: Follow up Harriet’s question at next LAG  **Harriet**: Whether it is true that other grants from DC will in future be channelled through the LAGS rather than provided centrally?  **Alice**: I do not know what else if anything is planned to be channelled through the LAGs, at this stage what we do want to understand is if the current fund is effective, whether we can secure it for another and or future years.  **Family Hubs (FH)**  **Harriet**: Chesil FH - where are we? (Will it be Council-run vs. VCS-run as in other LAG areas? Has a place been identified? What will happen there?)  **Alice**: Chesil Family Hub/s timeline not clear at this current time. FH project team will provide further update to LAGs together and individual localities. They will also be regularly coming to the LAG chairs meeting to ensure connectivity and good communication.  **David**: Wey TC not being involved in these changes.  **Localities**  **Harriet**: Developments re Chesil Locality - what are the changes from the previous FPZ?  **Alice**: I need to understand this one more. Being not long on post I can do a what things look like now rather than pre blueprint 2020 and what was before.  **Katie**: Family Partnership Zones (FPZ) were created with Early Help in mind. Staff being Family Workers, Targeted Youth Workers, Activity & Parenting Workers and Family Advisors. Originally 7 Zones that went down to 6 as Christchurch merged with Bournemouth & Poole to become BCP. Chesil Locality was created in the Blueprint for change where we merged the Children’s services sections together. So, Chesil Locality has the people from FPZ, Social Care and Education all in one place to help young people and their families in their locality, Chesil being ours (Weymouth and Portland).  **Integrated Care Board (ICB)**  **Harriet**: ICB process - where are we?  **Alice**: Feedback following strategic alliance in September  **CAMHS**  **Harriet**: CAMHS transformation - where are we?  **Alice**: Feedback following strategic alliance in September  **Strategic Alliance**  **Harriet**: Strategic Alliance (SA) updates (eg there was a recent annual event) - my understanding is that the LAGS are the local arm of the SA? If that’s right, then shouldn’t we have a way to hear what they are up to and feedback from a local perspective?  **Alice**: Helen Hornsey represents the LAG Chairs at the SA, we are aligning chairs meetings with SA to ensure good information flow and that Chairs are able to bring issues and areas of focus to Helen and I pre the meetings and that the chairs receive minutes and agendas to be more connected. | **Harriet**  Alice |
| **5.3** | **Bibby Stockholm berthing at Portland Port**  The decision to site a barge to accommodate asylum seekers in Portland Port was made by the Home Office and Portland Port. Dorset Council was not consulted by the Home Office and had no say in the decision.  Dorset Council, Dorset Police, NHS Dorset and other agencies have statutory responsibilities to ensure robust arrangements are in place. We are working with the Home Office and the Port through a Multi-Agency Forum, preparing for the arrival of the barge and the asylum seekers.  We are working in the best interests of both residents and asylum seekers to make sure arrangements operate smoothly, with minimal impact on local services and communities.  For further information, please look at the Home Office online factsheet: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/asylum-accommodation-factsheets/factsheet-asylum-accommodation-on-a-vessel-in-portland-port>  There is also information on the Dorset Council website here: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/-/portland-port-asylum-accommodation>  The information is changing day by day, and it’s complex as it’s a multi-agency piece of work. It is also very sensitive. If customers have a more detailed question or complaint, it should be directed to Dorset Council customer services.  01305 221000 Monday-Friday, 08:30am to 5pm  [customerservices@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:customerservices@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk) |  |
| **6** | **Free to Network with LAG members** |  |