

CKPC Full Council Meeting, Monday 26th September 2022

CK Health Connect/Youth Update

1. Digital Inclusion

The first of four sessions on Digital Skills, organised in collaboration with Adult Education Gloucestershire, took place on Monday 12th September in the conference room, 10am – 12pm. The course was full to capacity, with learners demonstrating a wide range of skill sets. Following consultation with the learners, tutor and senior librarian Jo O’Dea, the class has now been moved to the adjacent larger library space for the remaining 2 sessions (Monday 19th cancelled due to the funeral of Queen Elizabeth 11). All learners have now been notified of the change in venue, and we are grateful to Jo and the library service for making this space available to us.

2. ‘CONNECT’ – Directory of Health & Well-Being Services & Activities

The latest updated edition of the directory for 2022/2023 has now been re-branded as ‘CONNECT’, and features a new front cover, with several new entries across the various categories. The new edition will be launched at the Autumn Fayre on the 24th September, when hard copies will be available for our community to take home.

Throughout October, further hard copies will be distributed and made available locally in our cafes, clinics, pharmacies, and churches. Subject to availability, hard copies may also be collected from the Parish Council offices between 10 – 2pm, Mon – Fri.

A social media/noticeboard/website/newsletter campaign for the directory will be launched week beginning October 3rd. A link to the new directory will then be available on our website at: <https://www.charltonkingsparishcouncil.gov.uk/ck-health-and-well-being-directo.html>

3. Youth Work

a) Investing further in children and young people

The financial expenditure on the Council sponsorship of the summer activities amounted to £2k, with confirmation of over 250 places taken up by children and young people throughout the month of August. Age Profile: 79 under 8’s attended; 123 9-13’s attended; 49 over 14’s attended.

A ‘wash up’ engagement session was held on Tuesday 20th September with several of the youth summer programme workshop and activity facilitators, over an informal ‘thank you’ sandwich lunch. The key objective of this meeting was to discuss the feedback generated by the programme survey recently sent out by our Administrative Officer Helen. We also brainstormed ideas and developed some concrete suggestions for the development of

further partnership led actions, which would enhance the resilience, health and well-being of local children and young people over the coming year.

Arising out of this meeting the creation of a network of youth community programme partners was agreed, to take these ideas forward. More detailed data, analysis and recommendations will be included in a project proposal for Council sponsorship of future investment in our young people for 2023/24, which will be brought to Full Council at the October meeting. In advance of this, Councillor's input would be welcome at the Council strategy & budgetary planning morning on Saturday 15th October.

b) Inspire to Aspire Detached Youth Work

Inspire to Aspire continue to work with our young people as part of the CBC Cheltenham detached youth work initiative, mainly targeting the 14 to 18-year age group, but now reporting increased engagement with younger teens.

Escalating drug dealing/use has been noted with reference to the older age group on the Grange Field and has been reported to the police by Rob Henshall, which according to the youth workers has impacted negatively on their relationship of trust with the young people. It has been suggested that the timings of visits to Charlton Kings and other areas in Cheltenham should take place on weekend evenings at the later time of 7- 9pm. The current issues identified by the youth workers requires further discussion, and I have proposed that we meet with all relevant parties, including Neighbourhood Policing team Inspector Mike Yates and Sergeant Meredith Gosden, before the end of the month.

The Clerk and I continue to attend monthly steering group meetings hosted by Cheltenham Borough Council, to which Borough Councillors are now invited. Quarterly reports provided by CBC will be made available to Council. As reported last month, our Clerk is also a member of a working group established by CBC to complete a review of the work conducted by Inspire to Aspire across Cheltenham over the last year. Year 1 briefing for all 5 parish councils will be at the next C5 Parish Councils Group meeting on Wednesday 28th September, 6pm.

To inform the review, a community survey prepared by the working group on the impact of this detached youth work has now been circulated on social media to our parishioners, with an extended deadline of Wednesday 28th September. Councillor input would be highly valued and you can access this survey at:

<https://haveyoursay.cheltenham.gov.uk/strategy/cheltenham-detached-youth-work-your-feedback/>

Councillor Lynda Johnson
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