

# **Stronger Communities Group**

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> July 2011  
**Time:** 2.00 – 4.00pm  
**Venue:** Chester and District Housing Trust Offices

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**In Attendance:**

Moira Chapman ( <i>in the Chair</i> )	Cheshire Police Authority
Carol Berry	CVA
Joanne Byrne	CW&C
Emma Coxon	CFRS
Jenny Ford	Cheshire Police
Joanne Jones	CW&C
Anne Lancaster	Third Sector Assembly
Andrea Mageean	CW&C
Jane Makin	CW&C
Julia Nundy	CDHT
Martin Supple	CVA (Bank of America secondee)

**Apologies:** Angela Doe (CW&C), Marie Orrell (Probation), Neil Massingham (CW&C), Nadia Ali (CAMCC)

Item No. 1	<b>Welcome, introductions and apologies</b>
	Moira welcomed all to the meeting  Martin Supple, a secondee from the Bank of America to CVA to work of the Skills Share project was introduced and welcomed to the meeting.
Item No. 2	<b>Matters Arising</b>
	As PREVENT is no longer part of the remit of this Group, Rob Dawson (University of Chester) has resigned. However the group felt it was important to have continued University representation to reflect its increasing role in our communities.
Decision/ Action:	
Item No. 3	<b>General Progress against the Action Plan</b>
	A large part of the meeting was spent reviewing progress against each action in the Action Plan. Much of this is noted on the revised Plan attached, with specific actions for the group noted below

Decision/ Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.2. Anne Lancaster to circulate the TSA Survey August/September.</li> <li>• 1.3 Anne Lancaster to summarise and circulate the National Survey of Third Sector Orgs, and also to follow up circulation of the Hidden Power report with Cheshire Community Action.</li> <li>• 2.1 The Group will look at the work of the Community Safety and Criminal Justice Commission around engagement relating to community safety and see if the learning from this could be adopted for other areas of engagement.</li> <li>• Anne Lancaster to look at promoting and expanding Rooms for Hire through the TSA website.</li> <li>• 5.1 Jo Jones to draft a proposal to commission work to identify gaps in capacity building activities to be shared with the rest of the group before Sept.</li> <li>• 5.2 Carol Berry to follow up work to improve the capacity of minority groups to participate with Nadia Ali.</li> <li>• 6.1 Jenny Ford to coordinate a one off meeting to map out and understand the full range of volunteering opportunities across the public sector, involving Jo Jones, Anne Lancaster, Clare Bennet (CFRS), Julia Nundy, Sue Cormick (Hospital) and a University rep.</li> <li>• 6.3 Carol Berry to call together a working group to develop the proposal for an event to celebrate volunteering asap so that costing can be submitted to the Safer Stronger Chair for approval.</li> <li>• 6.3 Moira Chapman to circulate information to volunteers on how nominations to QAVS can be made.</li> <li>• 6.4 Jenny Ford to investigate how best to support Home Watch work.</li> </ul>
Item No. 5	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Jo Jones reported that Cheshire West and Chester Council would be repeating the Community Survey. There is an opportunity for partners to influence the questions being included (deadline 12 August)</p> <p>Moira Chapman agreed to seek health representation on the Stronger group as Cathy Maddaford was no longer able to attend.</p>
Decision/ Action:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Moira to seek health representation</li> </ul>

**Details of next meeting:** Monday 22<sup>th</sup> August 2011, 2.00 – 4.00pm, Chester & District Housing Trust offices (Boardroom)

Signed (Chair): .....

Date: .....