

Cobra Meeting

Link via Zoom

January 9th 2024

Time: 2pm – 3pm

Cobra is co-ordinated by Settle Community and Business Hub. If you wish to have anymore information about points raised here please contact Jo Rhodes on:
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Present: Jo Rhodes (Settle Community and Business Hub), Lynn Northrop (The Folly - North Craven Building Preservation Trust), Jonathan Kerr (Age UK), Ian Hunt (Neighbourhood Police Team), Tania Ackernley (Homestart), Louise Try (The Place)

Updates:

Jo Rhodes

- Chugging on as usual - Public Living Room Monday and Thursday, Community Fridge 3 sessions a week, knit and natter Weds morning, Barclays have confirmed they are coming for another year to do the pop up banking in our office on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- Simon Wells restarting his Mond peer support group but this will be just for men this time. With a focus on men with trauma and/or more severe mental health issues. This will be in hub office 10.30 starting Monday 5th Feb initially for 8 weeks but may be extended.
- I'm going back to USA for 2 and a bit weeks mid Feb for my travel fellowship so Pat Porter will be in charge again while I am away. Seattle to LA this time with a few stops in between.
- We will also be doing the Understory community mapping exercise again sometime before Easter. Jane Cotton will be taking the lead on that.

Lynn Northrop

- Museum is closed until Easter as we are having major works done with replastering. Coffee House will continue to run 6 days a week, usual hours.
- We have also bought the old Natwest bank and have officially changed its name to Dr Buck's House who used to live in it and his best friend Edward Elgar who used to compose in it. We are proposing to change it into 3 flats for local rental and on the ground floor an Edward Elgar exhibition and some signage to the Folly - it has level access which is great. At some point there have been conversations about putting the TIC in it but this depends on funding.
- We also own Zion Chapel Manse and Hall. We have been deciding how we want to renovate this and have reported back on this to a grant body and will be applying for development funding so we can involve an architect and get proper plans drawn up and planning permission arranged. We are talking about the Hall becoming a community archive, so all The Folly archive will go in there alongside Friends of Settle Carlisle archive and anyone else who wants to rent a bit of space!! We then hope to open this up for people to do research. The front section of the building has an old organ that we are hoping to renovate but will cost a lot and ideas for that space are still in the development stage.
- Craven Community Land Trust - No properties yet so having a hiatus as not much is going on at the moment but do want to provide local low rent housing - we are sending out a Housing Needs survey in February so please respond to this so we have some back up when we apply for funding.

Ann Harding

- Turnover was around £500,000 last year but we have a hole in the budget of around £30,000 - £40,000. Maybe look at how we can work together to share resources and funding.
- Miss Victoria's is closed for a bit - we are undecided as to what to do as staff have retired and we are having a think about this moving forward.
- Brochure now done and delivered
- Invigorate Upcycle - a more commercial focus around recycling plastics into textiles. We are attempting to be more agile. Manufacturing and Engineering to create money to support Victoria Hall.
- Looking at how to improve and change things for the Garden this summer.
- Looking at succession plans over the next year.
- Doing some work on transferring assets and may need letters of support from you all at some point!

Jonathan Kerr

- Trying to make the budget balance for next year. We have a turn over of £450,000 and there is a gap of around £50,000. Looking at how we manage that moving forward as I'm sure everyone else is - a tricky problem!
- We are refurbishing the shop at the end of January so it will be closed for 2 weeks, decorating and electrical work being done, will cause chaos but will have a nice shiny new shop! his generates over half our income - £4000 a week a big income draw for us
- Lunchtime club at the Royal Oak has not worked as they closed so we are doing a fish and chip lunch during the month of January.
- Looking at doing another shopping shuttle to Skipton as we are currently at capacity.
- Barbara Reynolds has started working with us on our information and advice which is our one to one support, Tracy Whalley is our current member of staff doing this but we were overwhelmed with demand for support so have bit the bullet and taken on someone else.
- Have been struggling for a long time with Lottery Funding but we have finally sorted this out.
- We work with lots of smaller groups across North Craven and we are trying to promote a small health grant that Kate Senior is administering for £2000 on behalf of Craven Communities together. There has been an under spend on this across other sectors but it is for organisations with a turnover of less than £250,000 if you know of anyone that fits the category please encourage them to go for this, it is very accessible.

Ian Hunt

- Covering Settle, Ingleton and Bentham
- Not too much going on at the moment - we attend the Town Council meetings wherever possible and give monthly reports There.
- 2 Burglaries in Settle recently but both properties were empty at the time - please promote a good neighbour approach if people we know are going into hospital for a spell or away - to keep an eye on each other's properties.
- Food bank vandalism issues seem to have been sorted and the offender spoken to. Just to be aware.

Tania Ackernley

- Groups are still running at various times at The Place on Mondays. Baby Calm in the morning and then various activities groups in the afternoon. We have had up to 12 Mums and Babies which is really exciting.
- We support families in the home so if anyone comes across anybody who needs some support please let me know. It's anyone at all, no criteria except one child under 5 - anybody can find it overwhelming at any time.
- We are also trying to add some exercise groups to the offering if anyone knows any trainers. One volunteer is going to run some Yoga sessions for us and we are looking at doing the coach to 5K with buggies so look out for us in Settle!
- As an extra I am on the board of Trustees for a charitable trust where some small funding is available please get in touch if you're interested.

Louise Try

- Our wellbeing cafe is now at it's new venue Victoria Hall. First one is on now so we'll see how it goes! A few reasons for this is we have out grown the space here as it is well attended and we are hoping this opens up the service and the offer to those who don't usually attend
- Citizens Advice has been really busy running once a month. Appointments are made through us at The Place and this can usually be filled 3 times over so we are hoping that we might be able to run this more than once a month
- We are hoping to get Horton Housing back in with a regular slot - similar offer to Citizens advice but with a focus on housing as well as mental health, benefits etc.
- Cobra emails and mailings will be coming out from The Place moving forward (once organised) but we will need to sign people up properly and get things transferred over with confirmation emails being sent out so please do respond to these.
- General things are running as usual but the same as everyone else we are hoping to get some funding applications in and look at some future planning.

General conversation about Delaney Court and its current bad condition. Ideas around who this might be reported to and what steps might be done.

Next meeting Tuesday 6th Febraury 2pm on zoom