**Minutes of the Community CVS Network Meeting**

**Thursday 27th October 2022**

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**Presentation from Tim Horobin from Prevent – BwD BC**

* The prevent team work predominantly in schools for the last 12 months
* We provide staff training to spot signs of radicalisation
* We also provide training for community groups – volunteer groups etc
* Within in the training programme we teach people what signs to look for, safeguarding, what causes radicalisation – the changes in radicalisation – changes in ideology and terrorism moving toward self-initiated
* There are lots of different training packages
* We let people know what the process is if they do spot the signs – it’s not criminal it’s all about prevention and a multi agency approach
* Terrorism has changed post covid – recruitment is more online and targeting 14 – 25-year olds
* The nature of the terrorists changes too from the 80’s skin head to white middle class
* Radicalisation – we want to teach people – how easily they can be drawn into it
* Terrorists are now targeting individuals with Autism
* We are here – some struggle and we make people very aware of their vulnerability – radicalisation is something that happens gradually and you are in it deep before you realise what’s happening
* The training can be adapted to any group – informal coffee morning, we talk about safeguarding etc, we let people know what groups are operating in their areas and the dangers of violence
* Islamist, Right wing – Tony Robinson preaching hate
* Prevent training changes every year in order to stay on top of the threat posed
* The Home office funds our project as Lancashire is seen has a hot spot for radicalisation
* The Covid pandemic did not help with everyone retreating into their homes – home schooling – people online more – terrorists now are focusing on retired -60 to 70-year olds infiltrating church groups.
* Online manipulation through organisations like Qanon – in America -political conspiracy theories and political movements
* Many People are roped into conversations – patriotic which then becomes more and more racist and more dangerous – people are wound up, the language is very predatory and full of hatred – people become brainwashed without even being aware of it

Q: What is the youngest group of people that you work with?

A: We work within Primary schools – we teach British Values, tolerance etc

Q: would you be able to offer the training at the Weekends?

A: Yes

**Presentation for Rebecca Royce from South Pennines Park**

* I have been in post for about 3-4 months and I am an events/Community Co-Ordinator
* In the late 40’s and 50’s Lake District, Snowdonia, Dartmoor, Pembrokeshire Coast, North York Moors, Yorkshire Dales, Exmoor, Northumberland and Brecon Beacons National Parks where established as National Parks – the South Pennines were not selected
* The difference with the South Pennine Park (SPP) is that it is highly populated in comparison to the other National Parks
* The SPP is 500 square miles based in between the Yorkshire Dales and the Peak District
* 20 years ago it became a non-for-profit organisation and over the years it has changed name a number of times
* We have received millions of pounds in funding, organised many events over the years and we still are not a national park
* Before the pandemic hit we had commissioned people to go out and speak to the residents in the SPP – we had lots of ideas and looked at Funding then during Covid stopped us in our tracks
* Post covid we looked at the structure and decided that everything needed to come under one umbrella
* We applied for funding and we have new staff – their roles are about getting out and making people aware of the SPP
* We have become a self-designated National Park – there are many restrictions with this but we don’t get too many
* Stage A – funding heritage walks – explore the park and its history
* We want to bring an awareness – people to help create a park for those visiting
* Voices of the Park – recordings, diverse people who have visited the park
* We will be putting on a road show – people coming together – stalls/workshops
* Digital for young people – social media and photos
* Funding for the restoration – hands on volunteering opportunities
* We are not quite there yet – Im here so that you keep us in mind – see how we can help you guys, how we can work with you guys – how do we promote other service etc

Q: Do you travel across the entire Park?

A: Yes

Q: what sort of restrictions are there?

A: Restrictions in Green spaces – moors for scientific and nature reserves- some walks not able to go ahead etc – restrictions can be sometimes good because its about protecting the area

Q: Is there anything specific for Blackburn with Darwen?

A: at this point no – we are just making people aware of the SPP and want to make those connections and partnerships going forward – we are also waiting for sign off on a number of funds

<https://southpenninespark.org/>

**Presentation from Lynn Goodacre from BwD Food Alliance**

* The BwD Food Alliance has been in existence since 2018/19 – it was created on top of existing roles – Public Health, Community work etc
* I became co-ordinator in April 2020 and we set up as a charity
* Our work is fundamentally working in BwD for people to access good food that is sustainable
* We have 2 agendas – Good Healthy food and sustainable production
* A lot of our focus is on good food on a daily basis however in BwD there is a bigger issue and that is food poverty
* We are developing a network of the food support – the food bank, community projects, community centres, food clubs
* There are many challenges for people who need food – what is out ther- how do they access it? – the purpose of the network is to find out exactly that – who dies what and where
* We also need to look at how do we make these resources reach everyone who needs them? With the cost of living crisis food poverty is only going to get bigger
* BwD Eat Well – Strategy published it’s ‘Eat Well Strategy’ – people eating well and doing more exercise
* We need to build peoples knowledge and skills - people need to learn how to cook – there are a number of groups developing cooking skills, budgeting – keeping the food costs down (less takeaway) growing own food etc
* Develop Community Gardens – Greenhouse in Witton Park – please go down and have a look we are offering 6-week social prescribing courses – growing and outdoor areas
* The problem we have is that after the 6 week course the individual has nowhere to go – so how do we develop this?
* Nightsafe and the Foyer are looking at this with the young people
* We need to increase growing and we need to start with schools
* BwD food waste – too much edible food is thrown away – in July we collected the waste of 4 streets and examined their waste – 50% of waste was food and 40% of the food thrown away would have been edible
* Nationally every year the food waste equates to £700 per household
* Over the next 2 years its estimated that the food waste will cost the council £700,00.00 to dispose of the waste
* We need to raise awareness of the food we are throwing away – food support, p[promotion of healthy eating, growing food and what to do with food waste
* We also want to look at sustainability – food production – how much are we actually supporting local food? How do we promote that more?
* Celebrate good food – too many fast food places offering substandard food – we need more diversity/ more local produce/more sustainability we need good food places
* If you would like to be part of the BwD Food Alliance – and help us please just send me your email – we have a conference in March and we will have some interesting speakers
* I have one ask – we are just starting off to launch the campaign – we want to start a conversation of what does good food look like? What is good food?
* We want to go out and speak to groups, staff – volunteers
* The conversations last about 1hour – no power point presentation – just a conversation about what does it mean
	+ - * + Personally
				+ Borough wide
				+ Environment
* The session is very interactive, we want to talk to everyone – we would like the conversation to be very diverse and we ill be using this info for our conference in March
* Lots of changes – with the current economic climate – this has impacted on food support – organisations such as Fair Share are now receiving less food – in the last 4 months the amount of food that has been received by Fair Share has dramatically reduced – lots of companies are not producing as much food which is good for the environment but not for those reliant on food parcel etc .
* The fact that we need to rely on waste sets big challenges on meeting demand
* Foodbank and Community Centres – offer food support and are looking at eating healthier – look at the prices – fruit & veg is cheaper, healthier
* Food Agenda – lots of issues – we need to be realistic- we also need to look at the other side of the agenda – Food Growth and Food Culture
* Markets, restaurants, café and shops all create a buzz and influx of visitors to BwD – positive experience good food helps with the regeneration of the area

[Blackburn with Darwen Food Alliance - Home | Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/FoodBwD/)

Update Clare from In-partnership project

* We have 17 flats and we house females – who have issues around homelessness, mental health, drugs, alcohol
* We currently have one flat free – fully furnished , £4 top up per week – so if you know anyone looking for somewhere to live please let me know
* We offer breakfast clubs, new skills and cooking clubs
* You can refer tome of go through housing needs

[Inpartnership Project | Neighbourly](https://www.neighbourly.com/project/603e086113281061d0b7d458)

Update from Kiran from BwD Carers

* Carers Rights day is coming up – we want to invite different partners to come along to Kings way – flyers will be ready soon and I will send them over to Donna
* Volunteer Academy Course – available for anyone who wants to volunteer with us at the BwD Carers
* Training is accredited
* Not sure if we can extend the training to other volunteers form other organisations

[Home - Blackburn with Darwen Carers Service (bwdcarers.org.uk)](https://www.bwdcarers.org.uk/)

Update from Julie from Herbert Parkinson – John Lewis

* Every Quarter Herbert Parkinson are given £750 to distribute to different causes – the last one was Nature so we have donated to the Witton Park Project
* Next Round – Vulnerable Children/carers – so if you would like more inf please get in touch

**Next Meeting**

**Thursday 24th November 2022**

**9:30am – 11:30am**

**The Community Hub,**

**35 Railway Road, Blackburn BB1 1EZ**

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