



THIRD SECTOR DUMFRIES AND GALLOWAY

REPORT OF MEETINGS

POVERTY & INEQUALITIES PARTNERSHIP (P&IP)

12 October 2022

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Working together to put our sector first
Dumfries and Galloway's Third Sector Interface

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1. The P&IP agreed that Mark Molloy will remain as a caretaker chair until the permanent replacement of the chair is in place early 2023.
2. There was a discussion about whether or not the chair of the P&IP should be a paid role. On balance the view of the P&IP was that the role should be unpaid in the first instance. If recruitment becomes difficult then the matter can be revisited. There is a budget in DGC that would cover it.
3. Wendy Jesson will contact me to invite TSDG to present to the P&IP sub-groups on the digital exclusion research report. It will be important to ensure that the P&IP work is informed by the research findings.
4. Wendy also provided a brief update on the progress of the four sub-groups.
5. Claire Brown's work with sub-group one was singled out as making exceptional progress with the third sector groups involved.
6. Sub-group three will contact all wind farm funds to ask if they would consider using some funding to support those finding the increase in energy bills challenging.
7. I asked about the process for this; it will down to each wind farm to agree what it does. I asked for a list of wind farms and RG agreed to provide
8. Wendy summarised the work of Challenge Poverty Week; successes included
 - a. The various films which were shown across the region
 - b. Foodbank contributions increased during the week
 - c. A report will be brought to the PIP in January for 2023 week to avoid last minute planning
 - d. The one stop shop website was launched for signposting
9. Liz Manson joined the meeting to discuss the concept of 'warm banks' in D&G.
10. She started by saying that there were various definitions of these. The definitions may not be applicable in a rural area where travel may be involved. She said that there may be those who would prefer to be warm at home and there may be stigma in attending a warm bank.
11. Some local authorities are opening libraries and offices with tea and coffee but there is a cost to these. The DGC community resilience team has been discussing this. There will be consultation.
12. Warm packs- are these being considered by DGC? The community resilience groups across the region may have packs to give out when there is an emergency like a flood. These packs will be used.

13. A consultation mandate will be signed off to ask people what they would find most useful in the cost-of-living crisis; what are their concerns and challenges.
14. I said I believe that while a consultation might be useful in the meantime there is a crisis. I suggested that the locality hubs would be a useful vehicle for this. LM agreed.
15. I will raise it within TSDG.