

Selsey Community Forum: Notes of the Forum meeting held 13th. September 2017 4.15pm. at The Academy School.

17 people attended representing various groups, organisations and 4 local authorities, and 3 apologies for absence were noted.

A round-the-table discussion took place lead by Mike Nicholls, Chairman of the Forum.

- A welcome was extended to David Hyland of C.D.C. and congratulations offered to C.D.C. on nomination for a national award for their 'Ideas Into Action' project with local schools.
 - Danny Kelly updated the meeting regarding the takeover of Selsey Club by Julie's Kitchen, the 'meals on wheels' service and arrangements for the Christmas Day lunch. People interested in helping with arrangements for the Christmas lunch are invited to meet at the Fire Station on Thursday 21st. Sept. at 6.00pm.
 - Cllr. Carol Purnell informed the meeting regarding arrangements for meetings with Mrs. Gillian Keegan MP, ongoing funding applications for local projects and the proposed Selsey to Chichester Cycle Route (The Selsey Greenway). Also, arrangements for a 'Digital Tea Party' to take place Friday 6th. October - 2pm. at the Selsey Centre.
 - Kathleen Hind drew attention to U3A activities - see their website <https://u3asites.org.uk/selsey/welcome>
 - Karen Pirks on behalf of W.S.C.C. reported on progress regarding dementia awareness with a Showcase arranged to be held Monday 18th. Sept. at the Town Hall and the 'Forget-me-not' project. <http://www.forget-me-not-selsey.uk/events/4593808884>
 - Derek Allchurch reminded members of community activities taking place at "The Shop" 89 High Street, Selsey
 - Rev. Bruce Allinson reported good attendance at the Methodist Chapel 150th. Anniversary celebrations. He also drew attention to the weekly food bank currently assisting approximately 75 families per week. Donations of food invited. Please contact Rev. Bruce or Mrs. Lisa Allinson at brucestuartallinson@gmail.com
 - Venture Club representatives reported delivery of 2 new buses. Also a new van being obtained. A recycled furniture shop to be established. Thanks expressed to Selsey Shuttle and others for their help with transport.
 - Brian Hall on behalf of Royal Naval Association reminded us of the annual Remembrance Day Parade to take place Sunday 12th. November commencing 10am. at The Academy School.
- Help wanted with poppy sales - contact Adrian Wilson (phone 602047)

Thanks to all who helped with support for SSAFA - £300 raised by the 'Big Brew Up'. Also, thanks to Royal Naval Association and the Fire Brigade for work to renovate the flagpole outside the Scout Hut.

- Ronelle Juleff, manager of Selsey Information Exchange in Penny Lane reported on Selsey Community Watch activities including telephone contact with lonely people, befriending visits, afternoon teas and Cinema & Lunch Club, and Jill Eriksson expressed the pleasure derived from arranging these activities <http://selseycommunitywatch.org.uk/>

- Frank Carfie reminded us of the importance of outreach to identify lonely people needing help.

- Simon Keen reported on production of *Senior Selsey News* edition 24 October to be available shortly.

- Cllr. Glenda Baum spoke regarding the FLAGS flood emergency plan to identify vulnerable areas and people. People interested to help with this project please contact Cllr. Baum glenda.baum@selseytowncouncil.gov.uk

Other topics included

- Selsey Works Acton Plan being developed to deal with fuel poverty.

- Chichester District Council carrying out an assets survey to identify community and other open spaces.

- The Chairman expressed congratulations to Arts Dream for their recent festival arrangements. He also reported resumption of programmes offered by Youth Dream, Snak Shak, the Scouts and sports club activities following the summer break.

Thanks were expressed to Matt Tymon, Head of Pastoral Care at The Academy for allowing the Forum to meet on the school premises and their hospitality.

Also, congratulations to The Academy on excellent G.C.S.E results and the fact that only 4 days of school were lost as a consequence of the devastating fire. Rebuilding of the school now taking place and much appreciation expressed by Mr. Tymon to the entire Selsey community and Town Council for help and support given during the past academic year.

For further information regarding Selsey Community Forum and associated groups contact info@selseyinfo.co.uk