



Healthy Blaenavon Partnership

Thursday 6 July 5.30pm

Blaenavon Town Council Offices

Minutes

Attendees:

Cllr Nathan Matthews (Chair)	Mayor of Blaenavon Town Council
Aimi Morris	Operational Executive Officer, Torfaen Voluntary Alliance
Anna Britten	Head Teacher, Blaenavon VC Primary School
Ashleigh Taylor	The Hwb Torfaen
Emma Davies-McIntosh	Service Development Lead, Integrated Wellbeing Networks Torfaen, ABUHB
Emma Fish	Service Lead – Housing & Customer Experience, Bron Afon Community Housing
Greg Davies-Owens	Practice Manager, Blaenavon Medical Practice
Cllr Janet Jones	Blaenavon Elected Member, Torfaen CBC
Cllr John Hunt	Blaenavon Town Council
Katherine Mitchell	Community Capacity Builder Manager, Torfaen CBC
Inspector Lee Stachow	Gwent Police
Cllr Liam Cowles	Blaenavon Elected Member, Torfaen CBC
Cllr Nick Horler	Blaenavon Elected Member, Torfaen CBC
Sam Jones	Team Lead, North Torfaen Wellbeing Team

Apologies:

Alexis Williams, David Leech, Kevin Warren, Greg Davies-Owens, Hannah Lewis

Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

Terms of Reference

The terms of reference were agreed with some suggested additions to the membership list to include Abersychan School and Ysgol Bryn Onnen and reference to how the partnership would share and use data.

The question of how the administration, minute taking of the meetings would be supported was deferred to the next meeting.

Community Data Profile

What do we have access to and how will we use it?

Partnership members had previously shared lists of what data is available to them and in the right circumstances they would be able to share. None of the data would



contain Personal Identifying Information (PII). It was agreed that while an Information Sharing Protocol (ISP) is not a requirement no data would be shared without a clear purpose and a document outlining this purpose. We also need to identify the capacity to effectively use this information.

Cllr Hunt mentioned the lack of a list of those living with disabilities in Blaenavon and how this would limit our ability to respond in an emergency.

There was a discussion around opportunities to reach out to third sector organisations including sports clubs, etc, in relation to their membership numbers and levels of activity.

AT has some data available on young people including their presenting needs

JJ suggests that we access the food bank data.

Communications:

Informing the community about this partnership, its purpose and activity

It was agreed that the Healthy Blaenavon Partnership would be used to share information, minutes etc.

Printed information to be included in the Blaenavon Town Council newsletter. Other options include inserts into the folders used at community hubs (opening doors), Bron Afon retirement schemes, on the school website and as part of regular school communications.

There will also be an active campaign for people to share this information (and anything related to health and wellbeing) with their family, friends and neighbours (as part of the Torfaen Wellbeing Friends initiative)

What can the community help us with?

*Identify one issue that the community can support us to address;
Agree, as a partnership, to actions related to this.*

Discussion related to the ways in which the community supported each other during the pandemic including checking in on each other, doing shopping, collecting prescriptions and the COVID Street Ambassador Scheme.

Questions around levels of digital inclusion in the community

Needs to be a cross cutting theme and something that resonates with the community.



Some examples, families, neighbours working together, checking in on each other, being a good neighbour. Looking out for each other. Shopping, collecting prescriptions.

Intergenerational work – opportunity to bring those who are digitally excluded together with young people. Children helping grandparents,

What would be our outcomes?

Start small and generate confidence,

Blaenavon Primary School – fully equipped digital suite, examples of Silver Surfers groups, etc. Slots booked for older people.

COVID Street Ambassador learning from to inform a digital ambassador scheme.

Do we have any data on access to the internet?

Actions: Bron Afon would have some data on this.
EDM to share a Gwent wide report on digital inclusion.

Reminder that we need to use the data to inform our priorities.

Should we be asking people at the same time what they think priorities are... respect for each other, everyone checking in on each other, cross cutting, young, old, etc, appropriate mediums to launch the campaign. Feedback informs our approach.

All agreed this approach

Next steps: Create some communications materials

Action: Emma to initiate by gathering local stories

Date of next meeting

Proposed – 7 September 2023, 5.30pm