

## **COUNCIL**

**26<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2019**

### **Dementia Champion Report**

December 2018 Pendle Dementia Action Alliance meeting at Walshaw House.

Paul Gauntlet stepped down as Chairman. Paul was a founder member of Pendle Dementia Action Alliance (PDAA) and has been one of the main reasons why it has been such a success. It was felt to be very important to elect a new chairperson who could carry on the good work. I worked closely with Paul when I was Mayor to promote PDAA as much as possible.

Fortunately, we feel the new people taking the lead will continue where Paul left off.

The new joint Chairs are Steve Wilson, Head of Pendle Vale and the Vice Chair is Tony Grundy from the Care Homes Sector.

A new Dementia drop-in at Age UK, Leeds Road, Nelson has started. It takes place on the last Wednesday in the month, 2.00pm-4.00pm and people with Dementia and/or their carers can drop in for advice or just for a chat and a brew. It is co-ordinated by Age UK and is funded by the CCG's Social Prescribing Grant.

Pendleside Hospice have drop-in sessions for people coping with Dementia and their carers. They also run a singing group every other Wednesday.

Funding has been accessed for a Pendle Memory Choir. 20 sessions will take place with the current funding. It is hoped it will continue after that. They are taking place each Monday at St John's Methodist Church in Colne. A fundraising day with tea, songs and music will take place at St John's on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

At the latest meeting of the Dementia group at Walshaw House, which I attended, it was decided to rename the organisation. The new name is Dementia Positive Pendle. It was felt that this reflected the positive work which is taking place in Pendle to combat the difficulties which people with Dementia and their carers face.

As this is my final report, I would like to thank Gill Dixon for her help and say that over the past few years much work has been done in Pendle to raise awareness of Dementia. It is a great credit to both the people involved in the past and present. I wish them well in the future.

Councillor David Whalley