1. **Welcomes / Introductions / Apologies**

Apologies for absence were noted as listed above. Cllr Graves welcomed everyone and introductions were made.

2. **Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd December 2014**

The Minutes were agreed as an accurate record with the following points noted.

**Matters arising:**

- Glamis Hall is now up and functioning as an independent entity. It is initially delivering a lunch club 4 days per week from Monday – Friday. Currently approximately 20 – 30 people are attending.
- The Summary of Local Priorities and activities is currently being refreshed with obesity and dementia seen as significant issues. At the meeting scheduled on 21st April 2015, Kerrie Pearson,
Children’s Weight Management Lead, NHFT will be presenting the new “Alive N’Kicking” healthy lifestyle programme for children and young people.

- The Care Act 2014: Northamptonshire Carers are going to be the lead on carer assessments for support plans across the county. Carers will be funded up to £300 to promote their own health and well-being.

3. **Presentation: Rural Well-being Service**: Elaine O’Leary, Action with Communities in Rural England delivered a presentation outlining the new Rural Well-being Service which will be launched in East Northamptonshire on 25th March 2015.

   The aim of the new project is to tackle social issues of isolation and loneliness in older people, enabling them to feel more secure and cared for and to remain independent in their own homes for longer, while fostering the community spirit to provide this support.

   The project is a four year Big Lottery funded project with funds covering staffing, volunteer expenses, mobile unit hire etc. The project will commence in East Northamptonshire and covers the whole county with the exception of South Northamptonshire. Additional funding of £6k is still being sought to fund the referral system.

   A mobile unit will go out 2 days per week for 40 weeks per year to provide an advice and signposting service to help local people manage their health and finances, whilst also helping with issues such as loneliness and isolation.

   Ten volunteer ‘Good Neighbours’ will be recruited each year to be responsible for a cluster of villages, approx. 3-4 villages per cluster. These Good Neighbours will make visits, set up clubs and activities and liaise with appropriate agencies for referrals.

4. **Update: Police** *(There was a change to the agenda as Insp Valentine had to leave the meeting at 3.00pm).*

   Paul Valentine circulated a summary of violence statistics for the county and the Wellingborough area. Significantly for Wellingborough ‘domestic violence with injury’ has increased by 43.2%, year to date, from the previous year and ‘under 17 years violence with injury’ has increased by 110.3%, year to date. Town centre ‘violence without injury’ has increased by 111.3% on the previous year.

   Paul Valentine explained that some of the increase seen may be as a result of a change to the counting rules for such incidences. Schools and prisons were previously dealt with in-house but now such incidences at these establishments have to be included. However, even following extrapolation the levels still reflect an unacceptable increase.

   Work is already under way to reduce these levels with, for example, a reinvigoration of the town centre’s Pub Watch. All door staff are now to wear body cameras and increased dispersal powers have been put in
Discussion took place with questions asked –
Q. Are there any issues around drugs/alcohol affecting these figures? 
A. Yes, of the 159 domestic violence cases a good number are alcohol-related.

Early intervention is being encouraged across the Police Force with initiatives through PubWatch of 2 for 1 soft drinks promotions and the Street Pastors have just been given £1k of funding.

Rosemary Hadaway advised that The Phoenix Resource Centre is also working with the Police providing bottled water and snacks to issue.

Paul Valentine requested for Police updates to be a standing agenda item at future meetings. Agreed.

**Action:** Update from Police to be included as a standing item at future Forum meetings

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<td>BCW have issued a Member’s Briefing Note and responded to the NCC’s consultation on some elements of interpretation of The Care Act 2014.</td>
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<td>A letter has now been received with regard to the Disabled Facilities Grant (DFG) issue, confirming funding for the 2015/16 financial year. However, the issue still remains and is significant for post-2015/16 with 80 DFGs still in the pipeline. Whilst not all councils have, BCW has subsidised DFGs in the past.</td>
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<td>Vicki Jessop advised that at a recent Homelessness Forum discussion took place around the format of the Homelessness Forum and the way forward. Agreement had been reached to re-format the Homelessness Forum into the Wellingborough Housing Forum, incorporating both providers and commissioners such as housing associations to look at housing in Wellingborough, including housing grants, welfare reform, DFGs and support for people to live in their own homes. Vicki requested agreement for the newly formed Wellingborough Housing Forum to become a sub-group of the Wellingborough Health and Well-being Forum and for updates and reports to be standing items on the Health &amp; Well-being Forum’s agenda. Terms of Reference have been finalised.</td>
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<td>H&amp;W Forum Members agreed to the Wellingborough Housing Forum becoming a sub-group of the Health &amp; Well-being Forum with regular updates being provided.</td>
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<td><strong>Action:</strong> Vicki Jessop to provide regular updates and reports as appropriate at future Health and Well-being Forum meetings</td>
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Ruth Colby advised that w/c 2 February there were 180 patients in acute place.
hospital settings unable to come out as a result of step down care and/or potential home adaptations not available or in situ. Discussion took place with agreement reached to meet to scope potential of a task and finish group.

**Action: Scoping meeting to be arranged.** *(Post meeting note: Meeting arranged for 23rd February)*

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**NCC Public Health:** Stephen Marks advised the Forum that he has now been confirmed as the Public Health representative for Wellingborough’s Health and Well-being Forum.

Stephen advised that currently there are a couple of consultations ‘live’ on the NCC website, one around Sexual Health and the other Demography Needs Assessment.

Discussion then took place around the recently published NCC Cabinet papers on the future direction of community well-being and the recommendations to Cabinet to set up a Well-being Community Organisation, as set out in the draft NCC Plan. See link below.

[https://cmis.northamptonshire.gov.uk/cmis5live/MeetingsCalendar/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/2395/Committee/399/Default.aspx](https://cmis.northamptonshire.gov.uk/cmis5live/MeetingsCalendar/tabid/73/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/410/Meeting/2395/Committee/399/Default.aspx)

NCC’s draft Council Plan 2015/16 to 2019/20 sets out the intention to evolve into a “Next Generation Council”, stating that the current model of local government no longer works either financially or in its ability to meet the rapidly changing needs and requirements of people and communities. The “Next Generation Council” model will result in a small retained NCC organisation which will then source outcomes through various newly formed bodies. These may include mutual, Community Interest Companies, social enterprises, public:public, public:private or private businesses, which will have ‘spun out’ from direct Council control. The model proposes separate accountable organisations, varying in structure and governance, which will be commissioned to deliver the outcomes demanded.

The draft Council Plan sets out the potential for the Well-being Community Organisation to be a Community Interest Company. The papers to Cabinet (see link above) seeks recommendation to confer the Director of Public Health and Well-being, Director of Adult Social Services and respective Portfolio Holders the necessary delegated powers to develop and implement an operating “Well-being Community Organisation” model. In the context of the Council Plan, officers have begun discussions regarding the potential to establish a joint venture with Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (NHFT) and...
As part of this discussion, Jo Savage, Wellingborough Homes, stated that following meetings there appeared to be clear high level aspirations however there was little or no detail as to how this proposed model would work at lower levels and that stated timescales (April 2015) are over optimistic. Jo Savage advised that Wellingborough Homes would need to think carefully if they are going to continue and support the proposed Community Interest Company. Support Wellingborough partners will also need to decide how they will proceed as there is huge concern and uncertainty.

**Nene CCG:** Louise Tarplee advised that following the discontinuation of the Community Well-being tender Support Wellingborough made the decision to withdraw from the Collaborative Care Team project with Nene CCG, Age UK will now be working with Nene CCG on delivery of a similar integrated social care model. The project is due to go live at the end of February.

The Care Home scheme, which enhances the GP practice service to care homes in order to prevent hospital admissions, is continuing and is currently being evaluated.

The GP Federation in the north of the county is now becoming established and covers 17 practices in Corby, Kettering and Wellingborough.

The GPs have voted for joint commissioning with NHS England for some GP services historically managed by NHS England. This enables GP Federations to work more closely and achieve economies of scale on commissioning.

Financial challenges continue. Nene CCG if compared to other CCGs has historically been slightly under funded. This has now been acknowledged with the announcement of additional funding of £18.4m to bring it more in line with a fairer share of resource.

Dr Ellis, Louise Tarplee and Ruth Colby have met a few times with Victoria Phillipson, BCW Policy and Regeneration Manager to discuss incorporating strategic health requirements within the new Town Plan being developed.

It was advised that Tom Dodds, Senior Locality Manager with Nene CCG who had attended some of the Forum meetings in the past is due to retire at the end of February. The Chair, on behalf of all Forum members requested that thanks and best wishes be conveyed to Tom.

**Action:** Ruth Colby to convey thanks and best wishes to Tom Dodds on behalf of the Forum.
**HealthWatch:** Apologies had been received from Jo Spenceley however update information on activities had been provided by Jo and circulated to members ahead of the Forum meeting.

7. **Any other business:**  
The Chair suggested that there should be representation on the Forum for older people as the Older Persons Advisory Group is no longer active. The Chair invited Graham Ridge to consider acting as the older person representative.  

**Action:** Graham Ridge to consider and feedback decision at the next meeting in April.

Also, the Forum should consider the possibility of an event for older people being planned.

Ruth Colby advised that colleague from Nene CCG had just returned from 3 months working in Sierra Leone on the ebola crisis.

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