

November was taken up with preparations for the Changing Landscapes: The Journey Ahead event at the end of the month – planning the programme, phone calls, discussing and preparing presentations, etc.

1 November

A group of board members met with Trish Haines, Chief Executive of Worcestershire County Council and Richard Harling, Director of Adult Services and Health. We discussed the background to the spending cuts being introduced and the Council's willingness to discuss the detail, although the total amount of savings required was unchanged. Trish agreed to attend our event at the end of the month and she was sure that Adrian Hardman, the Leader of the Council, would also.

4 November

Voices Board Meeting

7 November

Meet with Lorna and Sarah Fishbourne of Impact Consultancy, regarding links to the business sector.

11 November

Demonstration of 'Slivers of Time' (an on-line 'booking' mechanism which allows clients to arrange support.) The demonstration followed on from a briefing made to the County Council and was informative but there are still some issues to be sorted out including volunteer expenses and other chargeable costs for example before it would be a 'one stop' shop.

12 November

Shenstone Group planning meeting.

14 November

Meet with Lorna and attend Community First AGM.

27 November

Worcestershire Voices Changing Landscapes event. This was very successful –over 130 attended including many who had not attended any networking events previously and it was forward looking.

28 November

WCC VCS Consultation event in Council Chamber