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Subject: Re: CANCELLED: Wilson Wellbeing Steering Group meeting Wednesday 20 May 2020

Importance: High

Hi Everyone

It's a month since I was last in touch and I sincerely hope that you and your loved ones are keeping safe and well.

As last month, we WILL NOT BE HOLDING our next Wellbeing Steering Group meeting and so this Wednesday evening's meeting is CANCELLED.

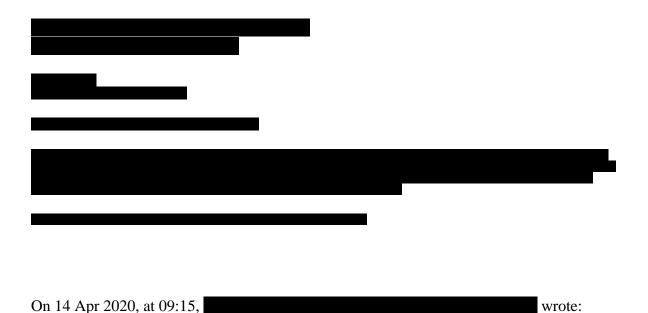
At this point in time, it is hard to say when we will be able to start to offer any in-person wellbeing services and activities at The Wilson. We will keep all things under regular review, in the context of the changing situation. The priority has to be to maintain the safety of everyone, balanced against risk, whilst recognising that wellbeing services and activities are so key to those who need support.

It is also vitally important that we don't unhelpfully duplicate anything that other groups and organisations are doing or planning, in and for the local community, as the wheels slowly start to turn again. We will need to remain mindful of that and think carefully about our strategy going forward and the positioning and role of Wilson Wellbeing, both to support the wider Covid19 strategy and beyond. I am doing some initial thinking about that and will share it more widely in due course.

It may be possible for us to hold a Steering Group meeting virtually via Zoom or with social-distancing in place as and when there is a need but for now, there is no immediate requirement. That said, please feel free to let us all know (by email) about anything particular that you feel is relevant to everyone in the Group or just to say hello! It would be great to keep the contact with each other going, even if it is only very occasionally, until we meet again properly.

In the meantime, I am sending my very best wishes to you, your loved ones and colleagues! I know that many of you have been continuing to support those in need in the community over the last weeks. I know that is much appreciated by everyone who benefits.

Take care.



Hi everyone

I truly hope that you and your loved ones are all managing to keep safe and well during these difficult times.

I know that many of you will be continuing to provide key support services to the community, either from your home environment or continuing to work as normally as possible to keep your services running. I know that whatever you are doing will be so appreciated by those you are looking after but also by the wider community and the statutory services.

It probably goes without saying that we won't be meeting tomorrow evening! At the moment, it is hard to say when we will be able to meet again in-person and how that might operate. We just need to wait and see. The development work that we have all been doing has had to slow right down at the moment, although there are some things that I can work on in the background for when we are able to move forward with our work again. I will talk to about priorities and keep in touch with you all.

I think the important thing is that we are able to get back up and running as quickly as possible when the time comes to be able to provide appropriate support to the local community and local organisations. The world of community support and business is likely to look very different in the future and so what we are able to offer at The Wilson Wellbeing space is likely to be even important - but we need to be able to offer support and services in a safe and appropriate way.

During this lock-down period, we have offered the Wellbeing Space as being available for any specific community use that it might be useful for (eg storage of items/coordination centre) but, at the moment, it isn't required. This will be kept under review.

So ... sending my very best wishes to you all and I will keep in touch with you to keep you informed of what is happening and when as things unfold.

Take care, stay home as far as you can and stay well!

On 16 Mar 2020, at 17:04,

Dear All

I hope that this finds you well.

As you know, we were due to meet this Wednesday 18 March for our next Wellbeing Steering Group meeting.

Having spoken to today, we agreed that, in view of the current Coronavirus issues and because there is no truly essential business on the agenda, it is better to cancel the meeting and aim to meet again in April.

I will send out (separately) the draft Minutes of the last full meeting (January) so that we can get those agreed by email and posted on the MVSC website for the public to see. I will also send out some outline notes from the February Communications discussion that took place, by way of an update for those who didn't make that meeting.

I hope that you will agree this is a sensible move in the current situation (plus I had already received apologies for Wednesday's meeting from some of you).

Please make sure that you have the next meeting in your diary: Wednesday 15 April. I appreciate that is in the Easter Holidays but hopefully many of you will be available.

I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS EMAIL, JUST SO I KNOW YOU HAVE RECEIVED THE MESSAGE ABOUT THIS WEEK'S MEETING.

Happy to answer any questions. Take care of yourselves.

