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This morning's discussions

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Hi All

I promised to do a brief note of our discussion re February Town & Parish Forum.

We agreed that as per previous discussions the focus should be on

- What's going on at NSC, and how Parishes contact the right person, and
- The role of Town and Parish Councils in Health & Wellbeing – in particular addressing Loneliness and Social Isolation#

We identified w/c 4th February (presumably 7.30 at Castlewood) as the right time for this, with first preference to Thursday.

Senior NSC personnel are key, we need John Wilkinson there as previously agreed, but as the new Chief Exec will be in post, and apparently has a strong interest in this agenda (including her role in supporting Community Transport when she was in Gloucestershire), it would be really good if we can get her there.

Jeremy will use his mystic powers to contact Sheila Smith, whose support as Head of Adult Social Care is important, and hopefully the new Chief Exec.

Geoff will contact John Wilkinson to update him on our intentions and confirm his support and involvement.

We will need to flesh out the Loneliness and Isolation session, which should be the bulk of the meeting to allow full participation. Maybe a presentation on Community Connect, with which I am involved through our Village Agent service. Some brief presentations which will I hope encourage Councillors to think how they can get involved in practical activity to address the loneliness and isolation issue – after all, most of us (not you Joanna) are of an age to think of it as an investment.....

Geoff can't make the December ALCA meeting but we will feed back our intentions in the hope of getting wider support for and engagement with this agenda.