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Re: Age-Friendly Communities work in Leeswood & Pontblyddyn

Dear colleagues,

My Ageing Well in Wales team regularly inform me on developments at all programme levels and I take a keen interest in developments at Local Authority and community level. I was delighted to hear of the innovative and pioneering work you are involved with to make Leeswood and Pontblyddyn age-friendly communities. Through the Ageing Well in Wales programme, I hope to share your experiences with other communities around Wales and to inspire others to follow in your footsteps.

The development of age-friendly communities is the overarching aim of Ageing Well in Wales. If we are to make Wales a good place to grow old for everyone, the development of age-friendly communities is essential.

An age-friendly community is one that meets the needs of all ages. It is a community where older people are recognised and valued, and where older people are provided with opportunities to engage with all aspects of community life in a way that suits them.

An age-friendly community recognises that the true experts in community planning are the members of that community themselves and works with them to co-produce community services and facilities. Age-friendly communities involve improving our local transport services, our housing, and our public spaces to make sure they benefit everyone, regardless of their age. Age-friendly communities also encourage intergenerational working and the exchange of skills, knowledge and experience between generations.

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I am grateful for the work already achieved in Leeswood and Pontblyddyn and congratulate you on your achievements to date. Your efforts contribute to the Strategic Action Plan, and the Flintshire Ageing Well Plan, and is a credit to what communities can achieve through dedication, commitment and passion.

I will highlight some of the good practice and achievements in my second Ageing Well in Wales Impact & Reach report, to be published in May 2018. Please feel free to use the *Age-Friendly Communities in Practice* logos and images developed by my team and COPA to promote your work, and please keep me informed of your progress going forward.

Thank you once again for your work and your significant contribution to the aims of Ageing Well in Wales.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Rochira". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.

Sarah Rochira
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Chair, Ageing Well in Wales