

ANDOVER & DISTRICT OLDER PEOPLE'S FORUM

Meeting of the Andover and District Older People's Forum at The Rendezvous Andover at 2.00pm on Thursday 26th July 2018

Present : Jenny Kay (Chair) Wendy Rayner (Acting Secretary) Hadyn Watkins, Fred North, Wendy North, Cllr Sandra Hawke, Rosemary Hamilton, Connie Morrel, Kathleen Gray, Wilson Carson, Barbara Long, George Potticary, Rosemarie Major, Peter Ponting, Margaret Ponting, Debs Blackery, Rosalyn Coleman, Peter Rayner, Brian Skinner, Luigi Gregori, Sue Holmes, Charlie Wheatle, Rachel Reid

In Attendance: L Rice, Keith Sutcliffe – TVBC Housing Manager

1. Apologies: Rachelle Bullock (Health Watch Hampshire), Len Gates, Mike & Judy Taylor, Mollie Antrobus, Marion Kerley, Brian Kay, Cllr Anderson, Rita Skinner.
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The last meeting was the AGM so the minutes will be presented next April at the next AGM. There was no General Meeting in April. However the Care Report by Rosemary Hamilton was subsequently circulated.
3. Matters Arising. The Chairman asked if there were any aspects outstanding from that meeting. There were none.
4. Housing -Session 1. The Chairman asked Peter Rayner to introduce the Housing Seminar as Vice President of National Pensioners' Convention.
Peter outlined the various areas which require some thought of alteration for future policy and are being debated within the structures of NPC of which this Forum is part. He handed out a paper which is attached to these minutes.
A discussion followed with some questions but it was proposed that the best way forward was to hear from our main Speaker, Keith Sutcliffe and then have a general discussion and full questions.
5. Housing Session 2 – Closer to Home. Keith Sutcliffe took the meeting through the various aspects of the Test Valley Housing situation and covered the policy in General and the Corporate Plan and how the local arrangements fitted in with the overall Strategy.

The Housing options for Older People was reviewed and the different aspects regarding Affordable Housing, Extra Care and Residential Care and other possibilities depending upon the circumstances and health of the people concerned.

The Housing Register and Affordable Housing and the relevant statistics were displayed and explanations given for the rationale of the chart.

Of special interest was the list of the different schemes for Social/Affordable Housing and the names of the providers and their locations.

Definition of Extra Care and the provision and how it was operated was of interest. Retirement Housing was listed, again with the location and providers, the facilities and Management presence and Careline service. Keith finished with listing and explaining what help and assistance existed from TVBC.

~~Keith's illustrated talk is attached.~~

A wide ranging discussion followed which covered many of the concerns; an explanation of Lifetime Homes and including the problems of down-sizing, the need for help navigating all the various steps needed, and the difficulties of Grant Applications generally.

Keith's presentation was much appreciated by the Group.

- Special Note. During the above presentations Refreshments were taken. These were extra special as Jenny and Brian had recently celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary and had brought some lovely cakes in for us to join their celebration. Many congratulations were given with our very best wishes.

6. Test Valley Corporate Plan: Louise Rice explained that Test Valley wanted to reach as many people as possible to obtain their view which could then be noted when producing the Corporate Plan covering 2019-2023. She had brought a printed questionnaire which the Group was invited to fill in there and then and return it to her or there were stamped addressed envelopes available if we wished to do it and return it by post later. Alternatively those with IT could find it on the TVBC Website and complete it there
7. AOB. The Chairman asked if we wished to have a further more in depth meeting on Housing. It was pointed out that our MP Kit Malthouse has been made Housing Minister and might answer some of our questions. I was agreed to not approach him at moment but revisit the idea at next meeting.

An information leaflet from YMCA regarding a “Knit and Natter” Group. Anyone interested in knitting (or nattering) can contact Jennifer Goodson Tel: 01264 310140 or email: Jennifer.goodson@ymca-fg.org.

Copies of two Patient surveys from Jane Gordon were circulated and members were asked if they would like to fill them in which they could do on line at www.westhampshireccg.nhs.uk or to jane.gordon5@nhs.net. Members were also asked if they wished to receive a printed copy they could leave their name and address. **NB** All current surveys are on www.westhampshireccg.nhs.uk/current. Liz Murray wanted a mention that Volunteers were required for their “I Can” therapy sessions at Salto Centre off Charlton Road Andover. Rosemary Hamilton attends their sessions and told the Group all about them, their charges, and how effective and enjoyable the sessions were. It was also mentioned new volunteers to help receive training.

Finally Terry Bishop would like Members to contact her at UNITY about any time they could make use of the 2 new community buses that they are applying for a Grant towards. It would make the case stronger if we can show there is a need. One member she would like to go to the I Can sessions but cannot get there. The Chairman said this was a good case that Terry would like to know about.

- 8 Date of next meeting. Thursday 25 October 2018. Agenda and Content to be agreed and circulated.