



WOLVERHAMPTON OVER 50s FORUM
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Minutes of Over 50s Forum
Held on Wednesday 19th August 2009, 10am

Present: 28 members, Jean Fairclough (minutes), Rose Powell

Apologies: Roy Girdler, Jean Girdler, Eddie Grizzle, J Beecher

Chairperson: Brad Purshouse

Brad welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Speaker:

Earl Piggot Smith, Scrutiny Officer, introduced himself. He explained to the group Scrutiny process and assured them that they would be able to have representation on the Scrutiny Review Panel. He also stated that the Scrutiny Panel meet every 7 – 8 weeks, Health Panel meet at 2pm and Adults and Community meet at 6:30.

Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of last meeting were true record.

Matters Arising

There were discussions around the meals on wheels service, and there were mixed preferences on freshly cooked meals and frozen meals. Clarification is still needed on the situation; Rose will get back to the forum.

Chairs Remarks

Brad reported that he attended 3 meetings with All Cultures One Voice and Pensioners Convention which discussed travel passes and further cuts in older people services.

Treasurer's Report

Dave reported that the forum account balance is now standing at £1891.97.

Correspondence

Forum to forum booklets for June/July were distributed. It was also announced that Age Concern and Help the Aged are now one organisation and a new name is yet to be decided on.

The Forum was informed that a new NHS parking booklet regarding parking around the hospital has been published and Rose will try and to get copies for the next meeting.

There will be a presentation on 'Every Adult Matters consultation' at the meeting of the Over Fifties Forum on 16th September, which will be held at the Britannia Hotel, in The Victoria Suite (please take note of this, on your agenda also).

The Forum was informed about a new care home based at Bentley Court, Wednesfield, which is having an Open Day on Saturday 5th September, 11am to 4pm.

Housing Sub Committee Reports

Pat O'Dowd informed members that the meeting held on 24 July, which was attend by Councillor Heap proved to be helpful, the relocation of current retail market was discussed also the building of new accommodation by Wolverhampton Homes, they were informed that there were financial issues.

Pat however, stated that the meeting held on 4 August which was attended by Councillor Lesley Roberts was less fruitful. There were discussions around tenants parking caravans on the front of their property. They are in breach of their tenancy agreement as from April 2009 and other tenants have been asked to move theirs. It was felt that tenants were being discriminated against.

The next meeting will be held on Friday 18th September, 10:30am, Briefing Room 2, First Floor, Civic Centre.

Transport

Mr Rai mentioned charges for bus passes (special), wanted to know what doctors charged, said he was told they can charge anything from £180.00 but was able to get one for his son for £150.

He also said he was bitten by a dog in the park, needed stitches, reported this to the park rangers and police, was told that the same dog had bitten community officers in the past but no action was taken.

Any Other Business

HELP – A group made up of different organisations will be having a Belly Dancing Event on Thursday 3rd September, 10:30am – 3:00pm, Gloucester Street Community Centre, Gloucester Street, Whitmore Reans.

Rose informed that TESCO have been given the go ahead to build on the Raglan Street site, Chapel Ash.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING IS WEDNESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 10AM,
THE VICTORIA SUITE, BRITANNIA HOTEL, LICHFIELD STREET**

**Speakers: Andy Gudge, Independent Age
Santosh Kumari, Every Adults Matters Consultation**