



**WOLVERHAMPTON OVER 50s FORUM**

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**SPEAK AND BE HEARD**

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON**  
**21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 2007, THE GATHERING SPACE**  
**WOLVERHAMPTON ART GALLERY**

**1. Apologies**

Mr & Mrs Gravestock, E Grizzel, Pat O'Dowd, Mrs B Nelson, Mr E Smith, Rose Powell

**Present:**

35 Members, Des Cohen

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**2. Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the AGM held on 15<sup>h</sup> February 2006 was read out by Brad Purshouse. They were agreed as a true record, proposed by Marjorie Wedge and seconded by Roy Girdler.

**3. Matters Arising**

Question was raised as to what had happened to proposed satellite groups and Brad said the Forum had attempted to set up three groups but none of them appear to be operational. Roy Girdler said that in Bilston they had met with "a wall of hostility" when using the word Wolverhampton, and it was decided to take a break for about 12 months. Brad said these problems would not apply to Penn and Whitmore Reans and Marjorie said that there would be more success with regard to Penn if it was held in a different venue.

**4. Chairman's Report**

Brad reported that he had had emails from Newcastle under Lyne saying they had based their constitution on ours and has set up a website based on our own. Brad said it was a compliment to Wolverhampton that they wanted to base their forum on our own. He said that we were having recognition from the majority of councillors and thanked everyone for all their hard work over the past year. It was also proposed to send Rose a bouquet to thank her for her hard work and wish her well.

**5. Treasurers report**

Dave reported that as 31 December 2006 there was £1,118.15 in the account. A donation was given to Compton Hospice in memory of Charles Sammonds and Roy Russell.

Comment was made West Midlands Police and the Press were regular members and it was suggested that the Chair should contact Clair Hustin of the Chronicle who were keen to get involved.

## 6. **Secretary's Report**

The secretary reported that he had copies of Forum to Forum which were available to members.

## 7. **Election of Management Committee**

Brad handed the meeting over to Des Cohen for election of the Chair and Brad Purshouse was elected unopposed. In response to questions about who were the group members it was confirmed that Dana Tooby, Adult Education was the Chair of the Adult Education sub committee and Brian Davies, was the Chair of Crime Reduction Panel sub committee.

Chair	-	Brad Purshouse
Vice Chair	-	Marjorie Wedge
Secretary	-	Roy Girdler
Treasurer	-	Dave Walker
Group	-	Dana Tooby
Group	-	Brian Davies
Group	-	
Individual	-	
Individual	-	

The present committee were elected unopposed.

## 8. **AOB**

In response to questions as to dates for sub committees, Brad said that an update of sub committee membership and meeting dates should be an agenda item for the next regular forum meeting.

David Plant reported that with the Council taking over parking, new enforcements may come into force and issues with residents parking is still a problem. Disabled parking also needs to be discussed.

Centro has taken over bus stops and it was said that some are wrong and if anyone sees them please let David Plant know.

Mention was also made of an erroneous report in the paper that the late Charles Sammonds was a member of the National Pensioners Convention. Roy said he had responded to it by letter but so far had not seen it printed.

Marjorie said a new cancer drug in early stages which is anti angiogenic has the effect of starving cancer cells.

## 9. **Date of next AGM February**

**Committee Room 3, Civic Centre**