



WOLVERHAMPTON OVER 50s FORUM

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SPEAK AND BE HEARD

Minutes of Over 50s Forum Wednesday
17 January 2007, Art Gallery

Apologies: J. Pursehouse, D. Gravestock, M Gravestock, Mr Singh Bal, Pat O'Dowd, Mr Rai

Present: 29 Members, Des Cohen

Item		Actions
1	Minutes of last months meeting were agreed, proposed by Arthur Evans seconded by Cynthia Peat.	
2	Matters Arising Still no news re flats in Graislely.	
3	Chairman's Remarks Latest edition of Speaking up for Our Age, Active Age and Forum to Forum distributed. Article in Report Age on adult education referred to Dana. Request from carers task group re grant for carers which has ceased. The forum was asked to lobby local MP on their behalf. Campaign for Senior Citizens Awareness Day to make people aware that senior citizens are active. Group went to London to lobby MPs. There followed a wide ranging discussion on how much older people contributed to the economy.	
4.	Treasurers Report Treasurer said at year end the Forum had £1,118.15 in its account with 77p interest, subscriptions are now due.	
5.	Correspondence Help the Aged had a mass lobby at parliament and asked people to go down and joint lobby for equal treatment for older people. RG listed some of the ageist remarks made by professionals such as doctors dismissing ailments as just old age and travel companies not giving travel insurance to over 70's. It was pointed out that although mass lobbying is a powerful way of getting message across to MP, the terms of reference for the Forum precludes them from lobbying as a group but individuals	

	were free to write in or sign petitions. Marjorie pointed out that also needed to make sure that the sentiments expressed in the leaflet were true.	
6.	<p>Sub Committee Reports Education</p> <p>Next meeting of sub group is 25/1/107 at 12 noon. There will be a consultation event in March to look at what older people want and give some opportunities for learning for older people. Please let Dana or Brad know if you would like to attend.</p>	
	<p>Environmental Sub Committee</p> <p>Wolverhampton was awarded a Best Toilets Award recently and Councillor Johnson praised the work of this sub committee in getting this award and in changing Council policy on public toilets. The Forum expressed their gratitude to the late Charles Sammonds for his work in this area.</p>	
	<p>Transport Sub Committee</p> <p>Traffic attendants become responsibility of City Council on 5 February 2007. A question was raised as to the recent fare increases and a suggestion was made to invite Cllr. Bateman to the Forum re the fare increases.</p>	
	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>The role of sub committees was discussed and it was agreed that the Transport sub committee would widen its remit to include all forms of transport.</p> <p>The Loo sub committee would be renamed the Environmental sub committee.</p> <p>Question raised as to whether gas indicators could still be obtained from Age Concern and it was said that they could be obtained from Keeneze catalogues.</p> <p>Barbara handed out a local neighbourhood questionnaire and requested the forum to complete.</p>	
	<p>Please note change of venue</p> <p>Venue: The Britannia Hotel Date of next meeting Wednesday 21 March 2007, 10 am. Speaker: Gary Mack – Commissioning Officer</p>	