



**WOLVERHAMPTON OVER 50s FORUM**  
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**SPEAK AND BE HEARD**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2002**  
**AT 10 am AT THE BRITANNIA HOTEL**

**1. Apologies**

J. Russell E. Grizzle J. Hees B. Davies R. Davies C. Sammonds I. Sammonds  
R. Jones A. Bailey

**Present**

Attendance Register showed 23 members and Emma Palmer, Network Development Officer

**2. Speaker**

Catherine Lancaster Graham, Special Needs Coordinator, gave a talk about the services that she is responsible for. She gave a description of the Care Link Service, explaining its function, the Charges for the system and the process of applying for an alarm.

Catherine went on to talk about the other functions of the Care Link control centre explaining that CCTV is now monitored in the control room and they are looking at Auto page system to aid in the protection of lone workers.

Catherine went on to tell the group of her involvement with the sheltered housing schemes. There are 22 schemes, which are intended to allow people to live independently.

Catherine went on to talk about her wish to have more joint working and hopefully funding between Housing Health and Social Services, she talked about some of the plans that she was involved in such as Telecare and Fall detectors.

Catherine left leaflets, booklets and cards for contacting her with the group. Catherine answered questions from the committee members and discussion ensued on issues around communication and consultation. It was felt that across departments although there were improvements in the area of communication over the last 12 months there were still gaps in communication.

Specific issues in relation to consultation with older people and their specific housing schemes or properties were discussed.

### **3. Minutes of the last Meeting**

The minutes of the Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> June were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Jim Speakman and seconded by Marjorie Wedge.

### **4. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

### **5. Chairman's remarks**

The Chairman had nothing to report at this meeting

### **6. Treasurers Report**

Treasurer reported that the forum was £ 907.00 in credit with a commitment for Photocopying still to be deducted.

The treasurer pointed out that some people who are not eligible to join the forum, as they are not Wolverhampton residents still attend meetings but as they are not members they will not receive minutes or agendas for meetings.

### **7. Correspondence**

Roy had nothing to report in relation to correspondence this month.

### **8. Sub Committee Reports**

#### **8.1 Public Safety Sub committee**

Jim Speakman, Chairman of the Public Safety sub committee, reported back to the forum about the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2002. Copies of the notes from that meeting were given to all present at the meeting (**copies of the report are available from Emma Palmer on request Tel. 01902 555494**)

The date of the next meeting of the Sub committee was given as 5<sup>th</sup> November 2002. George Clark, a senior magistrate, will attend the meeting to discuss the issues raised at the last meeting about Alcohol and licensing Laws.

Discussion took place on issues around the 20 Mph speed restrictions, traffic calming measures and statistics produced and their validity.

A report was read out by Mr Macey, concerning traffic calming measures and the Emergency Services, **a copy of the report is attached as appendix 1**

Further discussion followed about the Council taking minority decisions about things like the traffic calming measures. One member pointed out that the statistics used were not a true reflection of what was going on.

Another member suggested we should hold a remembrance day for all people who were killed in traffic accidents every year as the number is around 3,000.

Another member pointed out that humps in the road were a complete waste of time as nobody went over them at the correct speed.

### 8.2 Health Sub Committee

Marjorie gave details of a meeting, which had been requested by Anne Bailey. The meeting is set for 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2002 10am in briefing room 1, 1<sup>st</sup> floor Civic Centre. It is hoped all members of the Health Sub committee can attend and any other interested parties. The discussion point will be a report on Information Review and a Action plan, copies of this report are available from Emma Palmer for Sub committee members to read prior to the meeting.

Marjorie went on to read out a report from the Patients Forum and requested that the press not disclose the content of the report at this time. ***Marjorie's report is attached as Appendix 2***

### 8.3 Housing Sub Committee

Mike Nichols Chairman of the Housing Sub group reported that the next meeting of the group was due to be on 25/09/02, however due to members not being able to attend on that day it has been cancelled. Mike went on to say that the committee was in desperate need of new members. He urged all Forum members again to consider being a part of the Sub committee.

Mike went on to describe some of the correspondence he has received including a Thank you letter from a couple who are over 75 years old, who had been assisted by the Housing Sub Committee.

Mike went on to answer questions from the Forum and it was indicated that there was a great deal of cooperation between the Housing Sub group and other Housing Organisations.

### 8.4 Loos Sub Committee

Nothing to report at this meeting

## 9. Any Other Business

A Member asked that the issue of speed humps be raised through the Public Safety sub committee.

Information was given to the Forum Members present about a Conference being held in Sandwell Conference Centre on Traffic issues / Roads from 9am – 12noon on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2002

Trevor Russell raised a concern over the falling number of members. The Chairman responded by saying a questionnaire had been sent to previous members about the reasons for not renewing their membership. Emma Palmer explained that a good response had been received so far from the questionnaire and she hoped to bring a summary of the results to the next Forum meeting for discussion. It was noted that Signpost and other publications publicise the Forum. This issue is to be discussed further at next meeting.

Documents made available to members at this meeting were:

Report from Charles and Ivy Sammonds on a WVSC Local Initiatives Workshops attended on July 15<sup>th</sup>

Wolverhampton Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy, Executive Summary Final Draft 22March 2002.

Letter from Rob Marris MP to Charles Sammonds regarding UK Pensions

Climate Change truths “the world of man made Global Warming Supporters is in a serious state”

**All of the above documents are available from Emma Palmer on request please telephone 01902 555494**

**10. Date of Next Meeting:**

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October 10am in Committee Room 3, Civic Centre.