

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

OLDER PEOPLE'S COUNCIL

10.15am 19 FEBRUARY 2013

ROOM 126, KING'S HOUSE

MINUTES

Present: Jack Hazelgrove (Chair)

Also in attendance: Francis Tonks (Vice-Chair), Mike Bojczuk, Val Brown, Marion Couldery, Penny Morley, Colin Vincent, Janet Wakeling

Other Members present: Councillor Geoffrey Bowden

PART ONE

107. PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

The Chair, Jack Hazelgrove, welcomed council members and attendees to the meeting.

Apologies: Kat Pearce, Age UK

Peter Terry has resigned from the OPC due to ill-health.

108. MINUTES

The minutes of 22 January 2013 were agreed.

Matters arising:

Does the OPC get any oversight of the continuity of care proposals? Colin Vincent will raise it at the Adult Care & Health Committee.

The CVSF represent all community and voluntary groups including older people's groups, have they been invited to speak to the OPC? The Secretary said that they had been invited to attend Age Friendly City steering group meetings. It was agreed to invite CVSF to a meeting, once their reorganisation had bedded in.

Update on filming- it had not been possible to contact any of the filmers to date but the Secretary has an email contact address so will try and make contact that way.

Is there going to be a report on sports facilities etc for the over 60s, it was mentioned that this would come to the Economic Development and Culture committee? Cllr Bowden said that the Culture Strategy was being refreshed, and the OPC would be used as a consultee, particularly in the context of Age Friendly Cities.

Roles on other committees- the OPC would like an official voice on the Planning Committee. Cllr Bowden offered to take this up on the OPC's behalf.

Peter Terry was the OPC's representative on transport matters so it would be useful to find a replacement who had an interest in this.

109. PUBLIC QUESTIONS, PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS

There were none.

110. MEMBERS' ROUND UP

Francis Tonks- has been attending a number of training events on behalf of LINK.

For People's Day (June 15) the OPC and other pensioner groups have been offered a room at the Brighthelm Centre for free, which is welcomed. However it would still be best to have a street stall too to gain more attention.

Mike Bojczuk – the website has been updated following comments at the last meeting; attended the Age Friendly City Steering Group (see later); has made contact with people who organised last year's Active Aging event and got some free resources for OPC including T-shirts.

Marion Couderrey – still working on the Helpdesk at Age UK for one day per week, the biggest worry for people is the change in benefits. (Cllr Bowden said that he had a briefing paper on Universal Credits and would circulate it to OPC members)

Val Brown – has had a query about installing a loading bay parking space outside Walter May House, the council has said that there is no funding for road markings. Cllr Bowden said that he would take it up with the Chair of the Transport Committee on the OPC's behalf

Sue Howley, Pensioner Action- the PCT's funding ends in June, Pensioner Action has asked for funding from the CCG but not heard back. The main asset is the Pensioner Magazine, they are aiming to make it self-financing. Age UK has already agreed to submit regular copy. (Cllr Bowden asked whether Public Health could be approached to help support the magazine, if it were used to promote the public health messages?)

Penny Morley – Active Aging is still ongoing, the council's final budget has not been approved but would like to see more provision for over 60s.

Colin Vincent – Attended the CVSF budget presentation and a number of other meetings. Has been invited to sit on the City Account Steering Group.

Janet Wakeling- Updated the OPC on a number of planning applications which may be of concern to the OPC.

Jack Hazelgrove- The Brighton Festival will have a Speakers Corner slot; the OPC has volunteered to speak for 20 minutes, who would like to speak? Francis Tonks and Mike Bojczuk agreed to speak. This will be discussed again next time.

Would like someone to take over the OPC slot in the Pensioner Magazine, including updating people about public OPC meetings. Mike said that he would take it on.

111. AGE FRIENDLY CITY UPDATE

The Steering Group met on 4th February. The responses written on the AFC forum were discussed. It was agreed to incorporate the University Wellbeing project findings, and to get more factual data from council officers. Mike to contact WHO for more information and examples of other cities' baseline documents. The target for producing the action plan was February 2014. It is hoped to have an activity on People's Day.

There will be Age Friendly City representation at People's Day

112. LETTERS TO THE PRESS

There were none

There was a request to try and include details of public meetings in any letters to the press to increase awareness. There was also a discussion about publicising the meetings by leaflets etc, it was agreed that the members would produce this themselves.

113. OPC WORK PROGRAMME AND UPDATE

- March – Paula Murray, (Commissioner for Culture) & Jane McDonald (ASC)
- April – Nick Hibberd, (Head of City Regeneration)
- May – Age Friendly City group discussion (MB & Annie Alexander)
- June – Health issues and changes (Michelle Pooley/Peter Wilkinson)

114. FUTURE OPC MEMBER TASKS

Peter Terry was Treasurer, next committee meeting should discuss who would like to take on the role. Members noted the funds in the private OPC account as well as funds to be spent or committed by the end of the financial year.

115. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting concluded at 1pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

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