

NOTES OF MEETING OF THE SENIOR PERSONS' COUNCIL
3RD MAY 2006

Present:

Veronica James – Horsham District Age Concern
Shelley Denman – Horsham District Council
Clare Ebelewicz – Horsham District Council

Frank Bockling	Eva Matshy
Connie Lucien	Bryan Sunderland
Peggy Weeks	Jane Hobbs
John Dean	Dorothea Cotton
Sheuching Dean	Enid McGurk
John Curtis	Margery Hewitt
Carol Stokes	Ann Smith
Carole Duffy	Jim Cox
Julie Stone	Nina Smith

Apologies: Mr Smith, Mr and Mrs Cottis, Miss Agate, Miss Lawson, Mrs Ellis, Mr A Smith, Betty Whittome, Mr Dakakni, Mr Hills, Mrs Lesley Ainslie

Although not able to stay for the whole meeting, Cllr Mrs Vivien Lyth, briefly addressed the group and thanked everyone for taking the time to attend.

1. NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 18TH JANUARY 2006

The notes of the meeting held on 18th January 2006 were agreed.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM NOTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Shelley reported that she had sent another copy of Mr Hills' letter about public conveniences to Cllr Nye but was not sure whether or not a response had been received.

3. PRESENTATION ON THE DENTAL SERVICE

Following a request at the last meeting, Cherie Young and Katie Rose had been invited to give a presentation on the new changes to dentistry that had come into force from 1st April and affected all NHS patients. A copy of the presentation and information leaflet are attached to these notes.

4. SHOPMOBILITY SCHEME

At the last meeting concern had been expressed regarding the speed / driving ability of some of scooter users. Clare had fed this back to the shopmobility scheme manager and she was very keen to work with a

small group of Senior Persons' Council reps to design a leaflet that could be given out to scooter users.

Carol Stokes, John Curtis and Nina Smith were interested in helping design a leaflet for scooter users. **Clare to organise a meeting with Shopmobility scheme manager**

5. INTERGENERATIONAL PROJECTS

Shelley advised the group that following the success of the dinner that had been held last year which had brought together members of this group and the youth council, a similar event was being planned for this year. It would be held on 11th October after the Horsham Life is for Living event.

Another idea that had been put forward was to hold a 'community swapshop' with the aim of getting older people and younger people to think about the skills they could share eg younger people teaching older people how to text or use the internet, older people teaching younger people cooking, budgeting, carpentry, mechanics. It was hoped that longer term projects / partnerships would be set up as a result of the event. The group thought that this would be a good project and something which should be pursued.

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Hospital Transport Service

N.Smith said she had noticed that the Horsham hospital service had been reduced. C.Ebelewicz reported that the Council had established a working group to look at hospital transport to look at whether or not there were sufficient services available and, if so, whether they were advertised well enough.

Copies of the revised hospital transport timetable would be circulated with the notes. Shelley to action.

Bogus Callers

Veronica advised the group that there were bogus callers operating in the District posing as people from the gas board. Everyone was reminded to double check the ID of callers.

Excursions Club

Veronica reported that the Council had launched a new Excursions Club.

Copies of the Excursion Club programme to be circulated with the notes.

Transport Strategy

Clare advised the group that the Council had produced a transport strategy which set out what it was planning to do in terms of developing community transport over the next three years. The strategy was currently out for external consultation and members of the group were invited to take a copy of the draft and feedback any comments to Clare.

Village Transport Link

Clare reported that the leaflet for the 'Village Transport Link' was being redesigned as comments had been made that it was not easy to understand. The group was asked to take copies of the leaflet and feedback their comments to Clare.

Item for agenda of next meeting

It was asked whether Council Tax could be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next meeting should be held on **20th September 2006 at 12.00pm**. The venue would be confirmed nearer the time.