

SENIOR PERSON COUNCIL **NOTES OF MEETING HELD 7TH AUGUST 2007**

Present:

Clare	Bowen-Jones	(HDC)
Lesley	Ainslie	
John	Dean	
Scheu-Ching	Dean	
Carole	Duffy	
Clare	Ebelewicz	(HDC)
Dorothy	Harrison	
John	Hills	
Kirsty	Lindgren	(HDC)
Nina	Smith	
Bryan	Sunderland	
Nigel	Tinkler	(Age Concern)
Dulice	Lawson	
Dot	Davidson	
Margery	Hewitt	
Betty	Ogden	
Joan	Agate	
Douglas	Banks	

Apologies:

Joyce	Narborough
Frank	Bockling
Judith	Hollingdale

Notes:

1.	NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14TH MAY 2007	
	The notes of the meeting held on 14 th May were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.	
2.	MATTERS ARISING	
	<p><u>Creating A Buzz</u></p> <p>CE explained that three representatives of the Senior Persons Council had attended Creating a Buzz, a conference for older people, held in Crawley last month. The conference was hosted by Age Concern West Sussex and aimed to give older people the opportunity to talk about what it is like to be an older person.</p> <p>The following were highlighted as key issues;</p>	

- Accessible and affordable transport
- Visiting and cleaning services

C.Duffy commented that the conference was well received with some very good speakers including John Radford.

B.Sunderland commented that unfortunately the number of older people represented was small. He queried whether people knew what was available.

N.Tinkler felt that there was a huge amount of information but the problem was that people did not know where or how to find it.

Horsham Shopmobility Projects

The Senior Persons Council had made a number of recommendations to the Council regarding Horsham Shopmobility and the use of mobility scooters.

CE was pleased to report the Highway Code for mobility scooters uses had been produced. Copies were circulated.

Wheels Around, Shopmobility fayre and a mobility ramble, was being held in 21st August in response to the Senior Persons Council's second recommendation.

Life Is For Living 2007

N.Tinkler reminded the Senior Persons Council about Life Is For Living, which was on 13th September 2007 at Broadbridge Heath Leisure Centre.

J.Agate about help with transport from Billingshurst. N.Tinkler explained that if anyone could find a group of people from a similar area that required help with transport let he or C.Ebelewicz know and will try to arrange something.

Parking would not be a problem this year.

If anyone would be willing to volunteer at the event either by 'manning' the Senior Persons Council's stand or directing the general public, your help would be gratefully received.

Proposed Improvements to Horsham Town Hall

B.Sunderland reported that he had attended a meeting about improvements to Horsham Town Hall. The main question posed was whether the building should be used purely for community use or a combination of community use and commercial enterprise. Suggestions for suitable commercial uses were welcomed.

The District Council was exploring this and the Senior Persons Council had

<p>been invited to feed in comments.</p> <p>It was felt that a restaurant was not viable as there was limited kitchen space.</p> <p>N.Smith asked whether there would be improvements to the inside and outside of the building. B.Sunderland understood that there could be improvements to both but added that the Town Hall was listed so improvements to the outside would be limited.</p> <p>B.Ogden commented that it used to be used for markets.</p> <p>J.Hills suggested a civic use.</p> <p><u>Allotment Project – Update</u></p> <p>K.Lindgren reported that the idea for the project had not been forgotten, but unfortunately there had been no suitable allotments available this year.</p> <p>N.Tinkler asked if the produce could be used in cookery sessions.</p> <p>Senior Persons Council members were invited to pass any comments to C.Ebelewicz.</p> <p><u>Support for Older Persons to maintain Independence</u></p> <p>At the last meeting, N.Tinkler agreed to bring together a working group from those members interested in this area to consider support for older persons to remain independent.</p> <p>N.Tinkler reported that unfortunately he had not managed to do this but that he would arrange the first meeting once Age Concern was settled into its new building.</p> <p>B.Ogden and M.Hewitt asked to join this working group.</p> <p><u>Response From Transport Services Manager on Issues Raised.</u></p> <p>At its last meeting, the Senior Persons Councils raised three transport queries and C.Ebelewicz agreed to speak to the Council's Transport Services Manager on the Group's behalf.</p> <p>The Group asked whether it was possible to provide parking for mobility scooters in and around the town.</p> <p>The Transport Services Manager commented 'It is not clear whether this question is about the security of scooters or storage, if it is, then I am sure that we could consider providing limited secure storage for a fee in some of our car park facilities. If it is about providing specific parking bays around town for users of mobility scooters then sound reasons why this</p>	
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	<p>is felt necessary would have to be put forward before this would be considered. It is my understanding the reason that a mobility scooter is used is to enable the user to access shops and other the facilities and therefore they need to be able use it while they are in the shop or some case leave their scooter outside the shop/restaurant. To provide scooter parking bays is outside every facility would not be possible.’</p> <p>The Senior Persons Council also asked whether in view of the increasing number of mobility scooters, Horsham District Council had considered offering a breakdown recovery service for mobility scooters.</p> <p>The Transport Services Manager explained that ‘This is not something that we [the Council] would wish to consider for a number of reasons some of which are: This is not part of our core business, the many different types of scooter on the market and the necessity to hold stock of various different parts would both be costly and impractical. We have neither the resources nor space required to do this.</p> <p>The possible solution would be for us to put them in contact with the company we use for our own maintenance of our machines, this is something that we already do and the customer then deals with them direct.</p> <p>The Senior Persons Council as asked ‘Why is the Sussex County Card, which offers older people free travel on buses across East and West Sussex and Brighton and Hove, not accepted on the Park and Ride Bus?’</p> <p>The Transport Services Manager explained that ‘The park and ride buses that service this car park provide a shuttle service to and from the Hop Oast Park and Ride site. It is solely for the motorist who pay a reduced charge to <u>park</u> there to avail themselves of the use this shuttle bus facility The charge applies to the <u>Park</u> bit of the Park and Ride. In the case of Hop Oast the parking fee is paid off-bus, making the distinction even clearer.</p> <p>If for some reason somebody wanted to Park at Hop Oast and not Ride, they would still need to pay the fee.’</p>	
3.	PRESENTATION ON REFUSE AND RECYCLING	
	<p>The Council received a presentation from Clare Bowen-Jones, Waste Awareness and Education Officer for Horsham District Council. C.Bowen-Jones explained the services currently provided by the District Council, some key statistics regarding the cost of the service and amount of waste collected.</p> <p>J.Agate asked about recycling cardboard. C.Bowen-Jones explained that flat cardboard could be recycled, but not corrugated card due to its make-up.</p> <p>C.Bowen-Jones advised that it was not necessary to remove staples before recycling paper etc – the machine used extracts staples.</p>	

	<p>Envelopes can be recycled as long as they are white, but office paper can't be. C.Bowen-Jones suggested shredding office paper and putting it into the compost.</p> <p>What about plastic e.g. yoghurt pots? C.Bowen-Jones explained that it depended on the grade of plastic and the number the appeared on the bottom,</p> <p>C.Bowen-Jones advised that there were five new sites across the District where you could recycle beverage cartons e.g. Tetra Paks. These were Library CP, Mill Lane, Billingshurst, Library Car Park, High Street, Henfield, Oak Tree Way, Horsham, Fletchers Croft Car Park, Church Street, Steyning and Library Car Park, North Street, Storrington.</p> <p>B.Sunderland suggested taking plastic bags back to the supermarkets. B.Ogden commented that in the older days, women used baskets for their shopping – we should go back to that.</p> <p>N.Smith felt that residents were very lucky when you start looking at some of the recycling schemes operated in different parts of the country.</p> <p>B.Ogden commented that there was no green waste bin at Sobell Court, meaning that all waste went into the same bin. C.Bowen-Jones agreed to look into this.</p> <p>C.Bowen-Jones explained that the Council would be rolling out a new recycling scheme in February 2009. This would see all recycling – paper, card, tins, cans, aerosols etc - being put into one wheeled bin instead of the separate baskets, as now. This new wheeled bin would be collected fortnightly, alternate weeks to the green waste bin.</p> <p>At present. 38% of all refuse was being recycled. By 2010, 40% of all refuse must be recycled hence the introduction of the new mixed dry recycling scheme.</p> <p>J.Dean commented that there were not enough bins at Terry's Croft in Henfield. They were always overflowing. C.Bowen-Jones agreed to look into this.</p> <p>B.Sunderland asked about the combustion of refuse. C.Bowen-Jones explained that the Council was not considering this at the moment.</p> <p>B.Ogden enquired whether it was possible to have a second green waste bin. C.Bowen-Jones explained it was not currently possible but that the District Council was collating a list of those interested in having a second green waste bin.</p> <p>J.Dean wondered whether the Council could negotiate a deal with local businesses for shredders.</p>	
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	<p>J.Agate explained that the nearest bottle bank in Billingshurst was way up the hill and many people cannot easily access it. There were not enough recycling banks close to village centres.</p> <p>D.Harrison asked about recycling used batteries and old CDs. C.Bowen-Jones explained that batteries should be taken to the amenity tips at either Billingshurst or Hop Oast. There was no facility for recycling CDs at present.</p> <p>D.Banks enquired about the procedure for clinical service. C.Bowen-Jones explained that the District Council did provide a service for clinical waste at not charge.</p> <p>N.T explained that there was a lack of recycling facilities at some of the properties owned by housing associations. C.Bowen-Jones agreed to explore.</p>	
4	PUBLIC CONVENIENCES – IS THIS AN ISSUE	
	<p>N.Tinkler commented that the lack of public conveniences was raised as an issue at Creating a Buzz, the older persons’ conference in Crawley and asked whether members thought this was an issue locally.</p> <p>It was commented that people did not go into Storrington for any length of time due to the lack to public conveniences. ‘Being caught short’ was uncomfortable and embarrassing.</p> <p>N.Smith explained that it was possible to use the toilets in the Village Surgery and Beeson House in Southwater when these facilities were open. These facilities, however, were not open during the evenings and at the weekend.</p> <p>B.Ogden commented that there were public conveniences in Henfield, but that they were pretty awful.</p> <p>N.Tinkler asked whether this was and issue the Senior Persons Council wanted to explore. The Senior Persons Council agreed it was.</p> <p>D.Banks suggested that the Senior Persons Council could conduct a survey or audit of public conveniences.</p> <p>C.Ebelewicz agreed to speak to the District Council’s Environmental Heath Department to find out what the District Council’s policy was and what existed across the District in terms of public conveniences.</p> <p>N.Tinkler to write to Parish Councils as Chief Officer of Age Concern to find out what provision they have in their parish and what they see as their responsibility.</p>	<p>CE</p> <p>NT</p>

5	POLLING STATION REVIEW	
	C.Ebelewicz explained that following the elections earlier this year, the District Council was conducting a polling station review. A questionnaire was circulated for members to complete and return for their polling station.	
6	INVITES	
	<p>C.Ebelewicz reported that the Senior Persons Council had been invited to the launch of the West Sussex Adult Services' Select Committee Task Force report titled Older People with Dementia at 10.30am on 9th August at Worthing Library.</p> <p>C.Ebelewicz advised the Senior Persons Council of an intergenerational housing consultation evening on 5th December 2007. More information would be circulated nearer the time.</p>	
7	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
	<p><u>Senior Persons Council Display Boards</u></p> <p>C.Ebelewicz explained that the Senior Persons Council had a stand at Life Is For Living this year and circulated a copy of the artwork that had been produced. Please send any comments to C.Ebelewicz.</p>	
9.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	
	C.Ebelewicz to confirm details.	

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Recycling and Refuse

7th August 2007

Clare Bowen-Jones, Waste Awareness and Education Officer

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Environmental Management, Waste & Cleansing

- What services the department provide
- Recycling – what can we recycle
- Facts and figures
- Contacts
- Questions

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Services

- **Kerbside Collections**
 - Recycling
 - Green Garden Waste
 - Residual Waste
- **‘Commercial’**
 - Trade Waste Collections
 - Cesspool Emptying
 - ‘Bulky’ Collections
- **Cleaner Greener**
 - Cleansing (E.g. Fly-Tipping, Sweeping & Litter picking)
 - Provision & Emptying of Litter & Dog Bins
- **Waste Awareness and Education**

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Service Support

- **Customer Care**
- **Transport & Maintenance**
- **Administrative Support**

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The Acorn Scheme

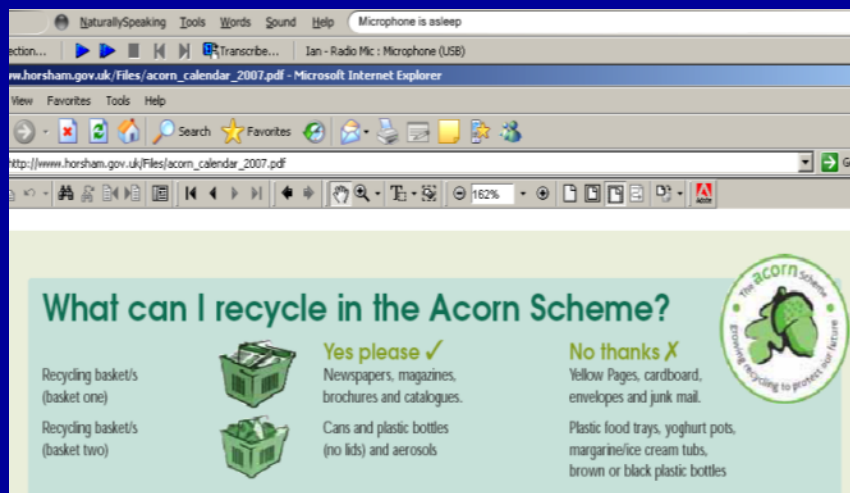


Key features

- Weekly collection of residual waste
 - usually from a 140 ltr bin
 - Larger bin in special circumstances
- Weekly collection of dry recycling
 - Newspapers with magazines one week ...
 - Cans with plastic bottles alternate week
- Alternate weekly collection of green garden waste with non-corrugated card
- Assisted collections offered for elderly and/or infirm

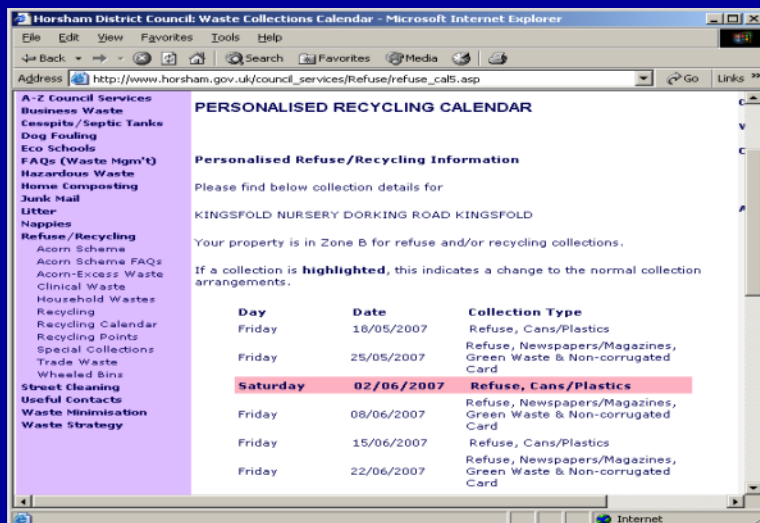
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Collection Calendar & Zones



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Horsham District

Covers 530 km²
54,998 Dwellings
Approx 125,800 residents

We Collect

- Refuse every week
- Dry recycling every week
(alternate material)
- Green/Card every other week

Empty

- Glass
(from 65 community recycling points)
 - Nearly 900 litter bins
 - Nearly 200 Dog bins
- And sweep & litter pick daily

Green Waste	12,000 T
Paper	5,000 T
Glass	1,850 T
Can & Plastic	1,000 T
Other Recycling	150 T
Residual Waste	32,000 T
Trade	4,150 T
Litter, Dog, Fly etc	1,500 T

Recycling & Refuse	£4.3 M
Cleansing	£1.2 M
Other	£0.4 M
Income	(£2.2 M)

Net Expenditure £3.7 M

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Costs of Services

Recycling & Refuse
Collection £43 per property per year
 or
 83p per week

Cleansing £8 per person per year

Other £2.80 per person per year

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Who to contact

Operational Issues

- Missed collections
- Full litter bins
- Full dog bins
- Full glass bins
- Litter
- Fly tipping

Tel (01403) 733144

E-mail hopoast.depot@horsham.gov.uk

Customer care issues

Chris Moon

Ongoing service issues

WMCO (area officer)

Abandoned vehicles

Tel – (01403) 733144
web – www.horsham.gov

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Any Questions?

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