



Brighton & Hove
City Council

Older People's Council

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Older People's Council – Our Mission and Vision

We are elected to serve older people. We work to ensure that all older people in Brighton & Hove are treated with respect and dignity and have access to services, support and the opportunity to lead a fulfilling life. We are working to create a city where: the contribution of all older people is acknowledged and valued; the needs of older people are recognised and met ; and older people are involved in making decisions that affect their daily lives and the communities in which they live.

**Brighton & Hove's Older People's Council in association with
Age UK Brighton & Hove and Pensioner Action**



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BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

OLDER PEOPLE'S COUNCIL

10.15am 15 DECEMBER 2015

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MINUTES

Present: Mike Bojczuk (Chair), Penny Morley, Colin Vincent, Francis Tonks and Lynne Shields

Co-opted Members: Nick Goslett

Apologies: John Eyles; Councillor Barford

PART ONE

149 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

149.1 The Chair welcomed everyone; apologies had been received from John Eyles, who is unwell, and from Roisin from Age Concern.

150 MINUTES

150.1 Members agreed to make the changes that had been requested by Cllr Barford; otherwise the minutes were accepted as an accurate record.

150.2 Matters arising from the minutes - the Chair said that he had attended the latest Fairness Commission meeting, and had made links with the Youth Council. The Secretary said that she would contact Unison to talk about the Adult social care direction of travel proposals.

151 FAIRNESS COMMISSION UPDATE

151.1 Karen Amsden updated members on the progress of the Fairness Commission (FC) to date; there have been two public meetings so far, the first on Strengthening Communities, the second on Children and Young People.

151.2 Ms Amsden told the OPC that the commissioners were still seeking evidence for the remaining meetings, in particular the March 2016 meeting on Older People and Wellbeing would be of relevance. The committee discussed ways in which the OPC might be able to speak up for the views of the older people that they represent. Questions had been kept deliberately wide to allow for as much information as possible to come forward, but Ms Amsden suggested some more specific questions that OPC members might find helpful in their FC discussions.

- 151.3 The OPC heard that the Commissioners were keen to have more case studies and for contributors to make any suggestions for solutions in their submissions. The FC hoped that the OPC would be well placed to provide some of the case studies as they are able to provide the face to face expertise based on their work in the community.
- 151.4 The OPC heard that the independent commissioners would decide who the most useful public contributors would be; this would be determined in January when the commissioners were able to consider the evidence that had already been submitted and decide their priority areas for the March meeting. The commissioners will then invite five speakers to give evidence in public.
- 151.5 The key stages are: by January for the OPC to submit a short summary of evidence/ solutions to the commissioners and then in February to draw together the evidence in order for it to be considered for the March meeting.
- 151.6 OPC members agreed to have a separate meeting as soon as possible to discuss the way forward. The Secretary said that she would coordinate a group submission in early January.

152 BUDGET

- 152.1 The Chair summarised the Adult Social Care equality impact assessments and circulated them; there were a large number of service areas that older people used that would be affected including homecare, public toilets, community meals, bus passes, day centres and others.
- 152.2 Members agreed that they needed a coordinated communication campaign including a series of letters to the local press and radio stations. Could there be a petition on the website? Could there be coordinated work with the local National Pensioners' Convention group - a meeting is scheduled for January 2016
- 152.3 There was a discussion about how to use Facebook to reach more people too; Lynne Shields was keen to take this forward.
- 152.4 Members asked for a further meeting with Councillor Morgan in January – this will be arranged.

153 ADULT SOCIAL CARE

- 153.1 The OPC Secretary had written to the Director of Adult Social Care detailing the OPC's concerns and were awaiting a response.
- 153.2 Two OPC members had been to visit Tower House staff and residents recently. They were determined to carry on the fight against closure. 88 people use Tower House, with a mix of medical and social needs. It is the last day centre run by Brighton and Hove City Council; without it, the private sector will run all day centres locally.

153.3 Members agreed to write to the lead officer for Tower House asking that it was the first priority for any additional adult social care funding.

154 AGE FRIENDLY CITY

154.1 There was discussion about the role and future of AFC. Francis Tonks has recently become Chair of the AFC forum but it had a difficult future ahead. The main issue is the lack of administrative support for the forum.

154.2 The OPC discussed different options for sustaining the Forum - could AFC be absorbed into the OPC work? Members felt that this would not be sustainable so this was discounted.

The Chair suggested that the OPC might want to use any of their remaining resources this year to financially support the forum, perhaps to cover volunteer expenses. There was mixed support for this. The OPC has £600 - it was agreed that the Chair would talk to Age UK to progress discussions but nothing was confirmed at this stage.

155 HEDGECOCK FUND

155.1 The OPC had applied for and received a £550 grant to help communication and publicity, but there was concern over the wording on the acceptance form. There was a query about the funding of OPC past March 2016.

Members agreed that the grant should be accepted with thanks, with the additional wording 'in addition to the current support received'. This was done.

156 SECRETARY'S UPDATE

- **Self-funding knowledge exchange**- report from the research workshop that OPC members attended re self-funding of care. Key issues & useful summary provided and circulated.
- **Faith in the Community** - attended event on 18th November. Significant support is being provided to older people across the city by faith groups, 28 faith groups run activities for older people, including lunch clubs, cafes, food banks etc.
- **Budget** - presentation by James Hengeveld at November public meeting circulated to OPC members. OPC Chair summarised & circulated Equality Impact Assessments on range of areas where older people impacted. After OPC officers meeting on 6th Dec, a letter was sent to Ex Director of Adult Services expressing concerns about budget impacts & seeking further info. The proposed change to bus passes has raised concerns. It will impact on 45,339 people including 5,829 disabled people. Bus pass would not be eligible to use until after 9.30 and not between 11.00 pm & 3.59 am claiming to save between £40,000 to £160,000. No recognition that eligibility already risen to 62+ and moving each year to 65 by 2020. **Item on Agenda**
- **NPC - local Brighton** meeting on 23rd November attended by OPC members on Housing with speakers from BHCC and Age UK. OPC Vice-Chair attended Transport

meeting & summary from national meeting circulated re issues impacting on older people re travel across the country.

- **Local Action Team (LATs)** London Road - attended meetings on 24th November & 2nd December. Newsletter circulated locally. Local police present and review of LATs across the City underway & funding uncertain going forward.
- **Fairness Commission - OPC** members attended the Communities session on 26th November in Moulescoomb. Clear that community groups needed premises & community worker support to succeed. **Item on Agenda**
- **Chair of HWBB** - note of meeting with OPC officers drafted & sent outlining our concerns about direction of travel paper & impact of cuts. Agenda for next **HWBB** circulated taking place today at 4.00.
- **Age Friendly City Forum** - meeting held on 30th November. Police Commissioner Elders Group rep discussed issues of concern relating to scams, computer & phone and report out in Spring. Future of forum discussed given no current admin support from Age UK although room available. Raised support for this with CCG as claimed last year by BHCC that Forum was a CCG gateway group. Next meeting set for Monday 11th Jan at Age UK at 10.30. **Discuss**
- **Age Friendly City Steering Group** - met on December 3rd - minutes circulated. Brief paper on Community & Engagement presented to steering committee - by OPC members which highlighted needs for input from older people and Brighton University presentation on similar theme. We can put forward what we are looking for with regards to framework for next 12 months. Also asked whether older people & sexual health or older people & mental health a priority. **Discuss**
- **The Argus** - Letter sent to the Argus re our public November meeting. Response sent by Chair & Secretary and published on the 27th November.
- **Community Short Term Service** - OPC contacted by CCG Commissioning Manager re lay representation on procurement. Officers met with him on 9th December. Need to consider our approach. **Discuss**
- **Tower House** - Colin & myself went to Tower House on 14th December and met staff & clients and will update meeting. **Report under ASC on agenda**
- **City Wide Connect** - will be featuring on mental health & falls next year. Meetings set for East Hub Wed 2nd March, North/Central Hub 9th March & West Hub 16th March.
- **OPC Business Cards** - Chair liaised and thanks to Kath for organising.
- **Age UK** - Chair circulated campaign about winter deaths - 40,800 last year in England & Wales. Petition circulated.
- **Healthwatch** - Press release re Ambulance service undertaking for more patient involvement subsequent to the public outcry re dispatch of ambulances in local pilot.

Invitations

- **Brighton oral history project** -workshops digital intergenerational project 16th December 10.00 to 2.00 St Johns Hove.
- **Take Part** - Planning event for activity festival from 18th June to 3rd July next year.
- **Grace Eyre** - Carol concert 8th December- part of Mayor's charity.
- **Connecting our City** - Know my Neighbour campaign - Christmas cards - contact amy@onechurchbrighton.org
- **Active 2015** - Dance at Brighton Centre on 6th December drop in session. Details of contact names for areas circulated for Table tennis, Healthwalks etc
- **Symposium on Adult Education for our City** - Sat January 23rd at 10.30

Friends Centre, Isetta Square, need to apply by 21st December

Newsletters

- Age Action Alliance
- Later Life Newsletter
- Queenspark Books - now ebooks

157 MEMBERS' UPDATE

157.1 Penny Morley - nothing more to add

Colin Vincent - nothing more to add

Nick Goslett- has been busy with Hangelton and Knoll events

Francis Tonks- Pensioners' Association meeting; AFC Forum; Jubilee Library Mayors reception

Mike Bojczuk - FC meetings; AFC Forum; homeless night shelter; updating facebook page; work with Albion in the Community

Lynne Shields- nothing more to add

158 OPC WORK PROGRAMME AND ACTION POINTS

- January 19th - need someone from Adult Social Care, perhaps Jane Macdonald. To focus on monitoring care provided
- February - public meeting - Fairness Commission based on themes; could Bill Randall speak?
- March - would like to hear from Mike Randall, CCG member for PPG groups

159 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The meeting concluded at 1pm

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of

