

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**

**OLDER PEOPLE'S COUNCIL**

**10.00am 21 FEBRUARY 2012**

**ROOM 126, KING'S HOUSE**

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Hazelgrove (Chair)

**Also in attendance:** Bojczuk, Brown, Morley, Steer, Terry, Tonks, Vincent

**Other Members present:** Wakeling

**PART ONE**

**15. APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

15.1 John Eyles had given his apologies.

**16. NEW CO-OPTEE WELCOME**

16.1 Following a vote, Janet Wakeling was unanimously elected as co-optee.

16.2 The Chair Jack Hazelgrove welcomed both Janet Wakeling and Penny Morley as new co-optees, bringing the total membership of the OPC to its full complement of 11 Members.

16.3 The Members all introduced themselves, their wards and areas of special interest and expertise.

**17. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 17 JANUARY 2012 AND MATTERS ARISING**

17.1 It was noted that at minute 13.6 the Portslade Action Team was chaired by Trevor Alford. Councillor Penny Gilbey was Chair of the Portslade Forum.

17.2 Subject to this amendment the minutes were agreed.

**18. INDEPENDENT SECTOR CARE HOME CONTRACT**

18.1 Contracts Manager Ambrose Page of the Commissioning Support Unit (Adult Social Care) together with Anne Smith - Clinical Quality Manager and Lawrence Mullen (Brighton & Hove Clinical Commissioning Group NHS Sussex) gave a presentation and replied to questions on the new joint contracts for the City's care homes.

18.2 These will apply to all the City's private sector care homes and will be signed up by the Council, Primary Care Trust and the private sector providers. They are in two sections; terms and conditions and service specification. Nursing in care homes had a particular clinical approach that needed an agreed competency framework ensuring a consistent level of nursing. The framework was being drafted with nurses, carers, residents and GPs working together and safeguarding was an integral part. It is aimed at self-assessment rather than

formal monitoring and taking effect from 2013. It is being launched at a public event on 3 April at St Dunstan's. Invitations would be forwarded to OPC Members.

18.3 Funding issues in the private care sector were well known; the framework was to consolidate existing good practice and should not affect financial stability, nor nursing core competences. The Council is currently looking at how fees are paid equitably to providers.

18.4 Linked with the draft framework, a clinical quality review was also in progress in B&H, supported by the CQC, potentially to be applied in other local authorities. A draft leaflet would be circulated for comment. Further information was on the care homes website, being developed to include further information.

<http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/index.cfm?request=c1200094>

18.5 The Chair Jack Hazelgrove thanked the speakers.

## 19. THE MARTLETS HOSPICE

19.1 Fundraising Manager Robert Griffiths and Karen Taylor gave a presentation and answered questions on the Martlets Hospice; its structure, services provided, funding arrangements, and numbers of people supported; plus an example of dignity and respect for people who are dying.

19.2 The Martlets would be seeking funding via the new clinical commissioning groups and health and wellbeing board. Hospices typically provided very good support and had become good at fundraising without encroaching on each others' 'territory' and could be seen as victims of their own success in terms of available government funding. There were good links with Sussex Beacon. Fundraising was a continuous core activity but this was becoming more difficult.

19.3 Robert Griffiths said the OPC could help by acting as advocates for The Martlets, especially within the new commissioning system. Also the Hospice was very keen to have new volunteers to bring more expertise to the organisation. OPC Members would be very welcome to visit the Martlets.

19.4 The Chair Jack Hazelgrove thanked the speakers

## 20. COFFEE BREAK

## 21. CURRENT CONSULTATION TOPICS

21.1 Referring to a selection of topics for consultation on the Council's Portal

Public toilets: More would be known about funding for after Thursday Budget Council meeting. Peter Terry to lead on responding to the consultation

Waste Strategy; Mike Bojzcuk would lead on food waste: John Eyles would lead on garden waste collection and Jack Hazelgrove on assisted collections.

**22. THE COUNCIL'S FORWARD PLAN**

22.1 OPC was interested in more information on : Libraries Plan, Community Meals, LTP.

22.2 Equalities Plan – Francis Tonks intended to go to 15 March Cabinet (MvB to forward the papers)

**23. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS, THE CHAIR, SECRETARY AND TREASURER**

23.1 Recent correspondence at item 25 was noted.

23.2 Mike Bojczuk (MB) reported here would be a second meeting for any interested OPC member on palliative care (15 March 2-4 in Kings House) with Catherine Evans, University researcher. Catherine is setting up a user group re: better quality of life and improved standards of care. A Job Description and further information would be circulated to all.

23.3 MB will attend a one-day session on the European Year of Active Ageing 2012 on 6 March in Europe House, London. Am session on Telehealth from Manchester City Council (an 'Age-Friendly City') and pm session on Active Ageing from Age UK. Tickets are available. Mike to take OPC leaflets. CV also interested to attend.

23.4 MB is working on publicity materials – can borrow 'roll-ups' for March public OPC meeting plus free A2 posters and leaflets to put around Jubilee Library.

23.5 MB has updated the OPC website with a campaign to make B&H an age-friendly city, based on WHO information. MB to e-mail to all with a website link

23.6 MB is producing a draft flier for March OPC meeting, to be distributed in The Pensioner magazine.

23.7 MB is contacting Youth Council re intergenerational initiatives (MvB to try to arrange)

23.8 Francis Tonks: Jim Baker is no longer at Age Concern. Kat Pearce is taking over as interim. A launch of joint Age UK and Age Concern with the Mayor is tomorrow, 22 Feb. FT Is meeting new Chair of Age UK with Sue Howley today.

23.9 Perter Terry: Attended a meeting on public toilets but disappointing turn-out. Would like to continue to work closely with Link on this. Kemp Town Carnival on 9<sup>th</sup> June; a fund-raising launch party is being held on Friday 24 Feb. at the Concorde.

23.10 Harry Steer: 'Grey Matters' broadcasting company – 4 broadcasts per month on older peoples matters. Jim Baker was a director and OPC would like to continue to maintain the connection with Age UK. He will speak to Kat Pearce today. (MB can parcel Grey Matters into a podcast on OPC website)

23.11 Penny Morley: would like to work locally with Francis eg any follow-up on the Level consultation. Asks if there are contact lists of older people and how to communicate better with older people. (28,000 older people are registered to vote, though there are 46,000 residents over 60 years old)

23.12 Colin Vincent: has been to Link steering groups including eg Care Quality Commission presentation on how complaints are monitored and gathering intelligence on care homes. Also on Locality and Transformation programme – setting up short-term rehabilitation for hospital leavers, to start in 2013. Could be a topic for a future OPC meeting. Planning permission has been granted for 99-room care home at corner of Carden Road/London Road. Re-emphasises that OPC should have a co-optee on each committee.

23.12 Val Brown: suggests raising again the idea of Older Peoples' Day with Leader at 3 April meeting.

23.13 JW would like to work locally with Val and interested in being co-opted on Planning Committee

23.14 OPC would like a stall at People's Day. But old screen large and unwieldy.

23.15 Head of Scrutiny Tom Hook asks for any outstanding expenses to be notified as soon as possible. It may be possible to buy more publicity material.

**24. LETTER TO THE PRESS**

24.1 Two potential subjects for letters to the press – Age-friendly City (Mike Bojzcuk) and (after Budget Council) Care issues (Colin Vincent)

**25. OPC WORK PROGRAMME AND UPDATE**

25.1 OPC would like a major campaign on Age-Friendly City; Letter to the press and Petition.

25.2 For public OPC meeting on 20 March: Don't need to have minutes at start of the agenda; may be better to have substantive items at the start.

25.3 To make Transport a theme for 17 April OPC meeting; suggestions for people to invite.

25.4 Parking potential theme for May OPC meeting.

**26. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

26.1 There was none.

The meeting concluded at 11.30am

Signed

Chair

Dated this

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