



**Working Group for Older People (WGOP)
Notes on meeting held on 23rd October 2015**

Present: Val Bishop (Chairman), Gay Huggins (Treasurer & Secretary), Sue Boyd, Wendy Hull, Cllr Glenise Morgan and Helen Furber.

Also Attending: James Lynch (Bristol Old People Forum), Mrs Mildred Miller and Mrs Audrey Indge.

Apologies: Andrew McGrath.

Minutes of Meeting on 17th September 2015: Agreed.

Matters Arising:

1) Andrew McGrath had not organised the use of the libraries for displays during the Celebrating Age week, so they had not taken place. Sue hoped to do something in Westbury library in January or February, and perhaps this could be used in Henleaze too. Sue suggested we get some better photos done (depending on how much we were likely to use them) but no conclusion was reached.

2) **Insurance:** Andrew had thought that volunteers over the age of 75 were not covered by BCC insurance. James informed us that they are covered for Public Liability but at a reduced amount of compensation. Gay would renew our insurance, which was due on the 1st December, but would check with Venita at Lucas Fettes that this is the cheapest available.

3) **Activities Leaflet:** Sue had done a good poster to advertise our leaflet. It was agreed to investigate holders for the leaflets through BCC, and the internet. We could buy at least 10 if not available from BCC.

4) **Venue for AGM:** It was felt the Eastfield Inn was rather noisy and not private. However, it has now been advertised as this venue and Gay booked the conservatory. We would investigate using the community room at Studland Court, Maple Grange or Wildcroft Court for future meetings. Wendy mentioned the community room at the fire station on Southmead Road, but this was outside our NP3 area.

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Treasurer's Report: Present balance: £1,852.01. Gay produced a Balance Sheet. She had paid for the leaflets which had only cost £562.73 in total so the £500 from the St Monica Community Fund had covered most of it. She had sent them copies and a 'thank you' letter. She had also paid the deposit for the Walton Park Hotel. Gay and Wendy had agreed the price of the trip at £23pp to include a NW calendar. It was felt this should have been a committee decision and in future we would meet to work out a budget and not include the calendar – they could be offered for sale on the day. Gay and Wendy felt they had to make a

quick decision to get the posters and flyers out as soon as possible. Sue felt we should draw a line under this, and James thanked Wendy and Gay for getting the trip organised.

Christmas lunch: Posters, flyers and application forms were now available and distributed. Gay had arranged for it to be advertised in the Bristol Nine magazine at a discount rate which would reach most of BS9 early November. She had already received two application forms from Audrey Indge and her friend in St Monica's. It had been advertised in the Henleaze Society newsletter and she was being inundated with calls from people who were on our data base. They should get copies shortly via the Council of the flyers, application forms and our leaflet it is also being advertised in the WOTSOC newsletter due out early November.

NP3 Forums: Sue had written a draft report for the WoT Open Forum which she had circulated. It was agreed as fine and each Ward would adapt it for their reports. Val will prepare the WGOP Report for the December NP Forum.

Constitution: Helen had circulated a first draft of amendments and these were discussed. She would take on board all the comments made and produce a second draft for us to agree, and then this should be agreed at the AGM. It is necessary for 3 Ward Reps to take on the Offices of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer.

AGM – 11th November: Gay booked the conservatory for 11.15am – 1.15pm. The agenda was agreed.

Any Other Business: We ran out of time so no other business was raised.

Date of next meeting: A.G.M. on 11th November – 11.15am at Eastfield Inn. We need to book four dates through the year to put into the NP diary for Andrew. These would be open meetings.

The meeting closed at 4.15pm.