



## Meeting of NP3’s Working Group for Older People Wednesday 5 October 2016 at Henleaze Library

**Present:**

Valerie Bishop (VB) [Chair]	Graham Donald (GD)	Helen Furber (HF)
Geoff Gollop (GG)	Gay Huggins (GH)	Mike Huggins (MH)
Andrew McGrath (AM)	John Moore (JM)	Peter Robottom (PR)

**Apologies:**

Audrey Indge	James Lynch	Glenise Morgan
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- 1 **Welcome** VB welcomed everyone to the meeting – especially JM who was attending his first meeting.
- 2 **Apologies** As above.
- 3 **Notes of last meeting** Approved.
- 4 **Over 55s booklet** The majority of the meeting was used to discuss a proposed third edition of the booklet.

**i) LinkAge:** AM confirmed that, following the last meeting, he contacted LinkAge to ask if they could provide support on the same basis as for the earlier editions. No reply had been received.

JM advised that LinkAge’s Chief Executive had resigned and offered to follow up AM’s enquiry; it was agreed that JM should do so.

The format/number of pages of a new edition will be determined by the outcome of any discussions with LinkAge; using their design team probably means that there will be a prescribed format to the booklet.

**ii) Communications Group:** It was agreed that the booklet should, subject to funding, be produced with support from NP3’s Communications Group.

**iii) Funding:** JM advised that he (through Home Instead Bristol North) will consider sponsoring the booklet.

**iv) Timing:** The aim is to have a new edition by 31 March 2017.

**5 Future activities**

It was agreed that the group needs to try and reach more people and to have more regular events. Examples are given below re the Senior Film Club and activity at St Mary's.

A discussion then took place about the possibility of arranging a Christmas tea. However, it was decided that there is insufficient time and there may be adverse weather conditions. It was agreed that we should still consider a 'tea and cake' event but the date will be dependent on the availability of a suitable venue and resources to help run the event. Agreed actions are:

i) GH will speak with someone at St Monica's to ask if there is an opportunity to use St Monica's as a venue/ if a joint 'tea and cakes' with St Monica's residents might be of interest.

ii) VB (after GH has spoken with St Monica's) will contact RedMaids' High School and/or Badminton School to ask if pupils can help with the proposed event and, if yes, what time of year would be most appropriate.

iii) HF will, if appropriate, contact the Newman Hall about availability/ charges.

GD and GG advised that they would be prepared to sit on a sub group to set an event up.

**6 Senior Film Club**

JM confirmed that the monthly Senior Film Club that started at St Peter's Church in May, hosted by his business (Home Instead Bristol North), has proved to be popular.

**7 St Mary's Stoke Bishop**

PR provided details of some events for older people that are being arranged at St Mary's. Details are attached.

**8 Database**

It is accepted that the WGOP list of names/ addresses needs to be enhanced – specially to add more lonely/ isolated people.

Ideas discussed included contacting the roving library service, meals on wheels providers and local health professionals to ask them to leave the over 55s booklet/ other information with people they believe could benefit from more social interaction.

**9 Insurance**

After a discussion, it was agreed that GH should contact Lucas Fettes & Partners to renew the WGOP's insurance policy which expires on 30 November 2016.

**10 Next meeting**

10am on Wednesday 11 January 2017 at Henleaze Library.

HF/ 14 October 2016