

Working Group for Older People

Notes of Meeting – 27 January 2016 @ 2pm, Eastfield Inn

Present: Valerie Bishop [VB] (Chair)
Sue Boyd [SB]
Helen Furber [HF]
Gay Huggins [GH]
Wendy Hull [WH]
Mildred Miller [MM]
Glenise Morgan [GM]

Apologies: Audrey Indge [AI]
James Lynch [JL]
Andrew McGrath [AM]

**1. Introduction/
Welcome** VB welcomed everyone.

HF advised that apologies had been received from AI, JL and AM.

**2. Notes of last
meeting** The last meeting was on 23 October 2015. Points arising and not covered later in the agenda were:

a) Insurance: GM advised that Councillors are covered by Bristol City Council's insurance policy.

b) Future venues: It was agreed to meet at the Eastfield Inn in April and possibly afterwards. Going forwards other potential venues (subject to access, cost and availability) include Westbury-on-Trym Village Hall and the Methodist Church in North View. The possibility of using Stoke Bishop Village Hall was discounted as access may be difficult (in an upstairs room) for potential participants.

c) Over 55s activities leaflet: SB offered to take additional copies to Henleaze Library.

3. Library displays SB provided an update on activity she had undertaken on behalf of the group.

Westbury-on-Trym library is hosting a photographic display for two months until the end of February. SB has prepared a schedule of tasks to undertake when setting up future displays.

It was agreed to move the display (subject to agreement by Hayley Counsell who has overall responsibility for Henleaze and Westbury-on-Trym libraries) to Henleaze from March 2016. GM offered to speak with the relevant staff and to arrange for the display; WH offered to help her. It may also be possible to have the NP3 'pull up' banner and some NP3 plan leaflets in Henleaze Library.

SB will submit an expense claim for costs that she has incurred.

4. Christmas lunch After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the trip had been successful and was thoroughly enjoyed by the participants.

5. Potential grant funding

a) Funding sources: GM advised that she had been in contact with Sovereign Housing Association who had limited funds remaining to fund small community grants. It was agreed to consider submitting an application once the relevant paperwork had been received.

b) Bristol Ageing Better: Funds are available for new ventures through the 'Kick-Start' Fund (<http://bristolageingbetter.org.uk/open-applications/>). Groups can apply for up to £2,000 for a new activity that is likely to reduce isolation and loneliness for older people. Applications need to show how the activity is supported by and likely to be of interest to local older people (defined as being aged 50 and over), and how it is likely to continue beyond the kick-start funding. Activities should not duplicate those already happening locally.

It was agreed that potential projects for grant funding may include:

- A sensory garden. See Environment Group notes for further details about a potential opportunity at Stoke Lodge. MM also suggested considering having a sensory garden at land by Falldon Way.
- Garden group activities at The Eastfield Inn. A project manager would be required (Jan Connell has been in contact with the landlord – Graham Anderson).

To move matters forward it was agreed that one or more members of the group should try to visit Lucy Mitchell as she could be a useful source of information. She can be visited at the Bishopston Community Garden which is open to the public and should be available between 10am and 4pm on most Wednesdays.

6. Future activities A discussion took place about future activities during which many suggestions were made. Some activities were discounted due to access difficulties etc.

The suggestions included:

- A theatre visit (possibly closer to Christmas)
- Looking at the Disabled Go website (<http://www.disabledgo.com/>)
- Private film showings in Harbury Road
- Someone in Linden Road has a portable cinema (maximum capacity of 25)
- Speaking with Gordon Richardson in his capacity as Vice Chairman of the Bristol Disability Equality Forum
- Speaking with Alan Dyte
- Speaking with Rose Pope
- Glenside Museum
- Bristol Aquarium
- Bristol Zoo
- American Museum
- Fashion Museum, Bath
- Roman Baths
- Thornbury

- Clevedon
- Street
- Tyntesfield
- Hidcote Manor Garden
- Bradford-on-Avon
- Holburne Museum
- Oakham Treasures
- Lacock
- Dursley

It was agreed that the first action would be for GH to contact Bristol Zoo about a possible trip on 23 or 30 June.

It will be necessary to, as far as possible, vet the applicants so that those who need carers apply for places for them. WGOP volunteers should not be expected to take the place of carers.

A discussion took place about the number of WGOP volunteers (one per bus?) required on trips and whether or not they should pay for their food and drinks during the trips. No decision was made other than to consider this matter when preparing the budget for the next activity.

7. Any other business

SB advised that A5 size plastic leaflet holders could be purchased for £1.17 each plus VAT (minimum order size of ten). To this an overall carriage charge of £8.50 needs to be added.

It was agreed that AM should be asked if any plastic leaflet holders would be available when Brunel House excess stock is reviewed prior to the move in May.

8. Next meeting 2pm on Wednesday 13 April at the Eastfield Inn.