



# Southampton Seniors Council

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## MINUTES 16th February 2009

10am -12.45 pm

**Present:** Anver Jeevanjee (chair), Carole Adams, Diane Pearce, Dottie Vickers, Don Harper, Eddie Leach, Cllr. Edwina Cooke, J P Chopra, Jean Hanson-Vaux, John Nixon, Liz Bushnell, Lynn Day, Mary Carnegie, Pat Presland, Peter Mattingley, Sandra Davidson, Terry Holden-Brown, Vilma Scott and Yvonne Stacey with Charlie Hislop, Tracy Arrowsmith and Linda Templeton in attendance.

**Apologies:** Joan Forester

### 1. Minutes and matters arising

- a) Pat Presland pointed out that the agreement to select a new vice chair was missing from the minutes. With this amendment the minutes were agreed as a correct record.
- b) John reported that discussions concerning the legal action regarding the care homes is ongoing
- c) Charlie reported that fewer people may be able to attend the Stockport conference.
- d) Anver commented on the report circulated with the minutes – “Communication with Older People in the Design of Major Housing Adaptations” highlighting the need for assessors to be qualified and also the inadequacy of the financial allowance. There was some discussion over the quality of the assessors dealing with seniors. Charlie suggested that this could be seen as a matter of “Customer Care” and Charlie agreed to draft a note for discussion next time.

### 2. Reports

- a) Your Voice Advocacy Group – Charlie reported that he and Joan had attended the first meeting of the steering group to set up the independent charity.
- b) Individual Budgets Group – Eddie gave a full report on the meeting that he and Vilma attended. He highlighted the work that Caroline Tomlinson – In Control is doing. It was agreed to invite her to come and speak at a future meeting. Finally Eddie highlighted two web sites he had found to be very helpful, [www.in-control.org.uk](http://www.in-control.org.uk) and [www.shop4support.com](http://www.shop4support.com) Charlie referred to the Southampton City Council’s report on Individual Budgets and explained how important it is to be sure the system meets seniors needs
- c) Housing strategy meeting – John reported back on the Older persons Housing Strategy meeting.

### 3. Art Therapy for People of Later Years – Stella Joel

Stella gave a presentation on art as a form of therapy. A discussion followed. Anver thanked her for attending the meeting.

### 4. Tony Rose – Southern Electric and Kirsten Killander – Winter Fuel Poverty Initiative

Tony Rose gave a presentation on fuel and the way that we use it. Anver thanked Tony for coming to talk to everyone.

