

# **Southampton Seniors Council**

## **Minutes:**

### **Meeting 21st January 2007**

3<sup>rd</sup> Age Centre, 10.30am – 12.30pm

Present: Edna Long (Chair), Anver Jeevanjee, Carole Adams, Diane Pearce, Don Harper, Dottie Vickers, J.P.Chopra, Joan Forrester, Liz Bushnell, Lynn Day, Mary Carnegie, Pat Allan, Pat Presland, Peter Mattingley, Sandra Smith (Age Concern) Terry Holden- Brown, Vilma Scott, Yvonne Stacey with Charlie Hislop and Sarah Beale in attendance.

Apologies: John Nixon, Eddie Leach, Sue Fletcher, Jean Hanson-Vaux

## **1. Minutes and matters arising**

The minutes were agreed as a correct record. It noted to distinguish first names with an initial where necessary.

- a) Don reported that Southampton will be allowing free local bus travel from 9am-9.30am in addition to the national scheme in April. People with disabilities and their carers will also be able to travel for free. It was agreed that the seniors council should look to increase take up of the scheme among seniors where possible.
- b) It was reported that the Neighbourhood partnerships have been reprieved until May. It was agreed for Charlie to set up a meeting to make a submission to a review of the system.
- c) Edna reported a scheme in South West London of shops displaying window stickers to show people are welcome to use their toilets without pressure to buy anything.

It was agreed for Sandra, Edna, Mary C and Liz to form a task group to progress a similar initiative.

## **2. Discussion on falls and falls prevention**

The set of senior's expectations for a falls service were amended and prioritised.

It was agreed for Anver, Dottie, Edna, Joan, Liz, Mary C, Pat A and Terry to attend the falls seminar on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2008.

It was agreed for future agendas to state the need for correct conduct and courtesy at meetings.

It was agreed for the chair to sit at the end of the room in future meetings.

### **3. Presentation to Council Scrutiny Panel**

It was agreed for Charlie to draft a report on what the Council has done in terms of the Senior Citizens Charter, for presentation to a Council Scrutiny Panel in March.

It was agreed to put consideration of this report on the agenda for February, and prepare for discussion with the Council in March.

### **4. Billing for care services**

Concern was raised over In Control, particularly creating confusion among users.

It was agreed that letters need to be clear, and to follow up the discussion with Jane Brentor.

### **5. Activity sheet**

It was agreed to send the Ageism statement to the heads of all Later years partnership organisations.

It was agreed for Charlie to set up a further discussion with the Council regarding transport.

It was agreed for Pat A to join the publicity task group.

### **6. Any other business**

- a. Sarah agreed to look into getting name badges for seniors council members
- b. Mary reported back from the last LINKs meeting
- c. Sandra distributed a list of titles of free Age Concern information guides, available from the Age Concern office.
- d. Pat P agreed to contact Open Spaces for further information from their last meeting.
- e. Don highlighted the centenary of the Old Age Pension
- f. Terry, Pat P, Carole and Mary C volunteered to represent the Senior's council at BGOP (Better Government for Older People) meetings.

### **NEXT MEETING**

**18th February 2008, 3<sup>rd</sup> Age Centre**