



# Southampton Seniors Council

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## Minutes 18th January 2010

**Present:** Anver Jeevanjee (Chair), Lynn Day, Vilma Scott, Eddie Leach, Don Harper, JP Chopra, John Nixon, Joan Forrester, Mary Carnegie, Cllr Edwina Cooke, Pat Presland, Pat Allan, Roy Honeybone, and Tony Coldicott with Charlie Hislop, Jane Titcombe and Linda Templeton in attendance

**Apologies:** Yvonne Stacey and Sylvia Norton

### 1. Welcome

### 2. Constitution – Final Draft

The constitution was discussed and final amendments were made and agreed.

### 3. Return of Ballot Forms

It was agreed that the ballot for the Chair and two Vice Chairs be held at the AGM.

### 4. Survey – Update Pat Presland

Pat Presland reported that she is still gathering information for the survey and highlighted the need for funding. Pat expressed concern that reaching the right people to complete the survey might be difficult. It was also highlighted that selecting the right questions is something that the Seniors Council should seek some assistance with and it was suggested that a task group meet with Southampton Voluntary Services.

Charlie Hislop suggested that the task group also meet with the Later Years team who could assist in seeking funding and pointed out that the Council have people who have the required knowledge and experience in organising a survey. It was suggested however that it would be better if people could be assisted in completing the survey. Charlie also reported that the Council will be circulating a magazine to all those who have a city "Smart Card" and that this could be a good way to reach the right group of people. It was agreed that the survey would give the Seniors Council the evidence they need when negotiating with outside agencies and that the survey would also connect the Seniors Council with other groups and individuals. Pat pointed out that it would give the Seniors Council a clearer understanding of the priorities of seniors in Southampton.

### 5. AGM – Discussion

Arising from the discussion it was agreed:-

That the AGM be an open meeting

That the AGM should be advertised to draw in a wider group of people.

That the AGM should be held at the Above bar Church.

That the priorities of the Seniors Council should be a topic for discussion.

## 6. **Task Group – Update Jane Titcombe**

The issue of task groups will be discussed at a later meeting.

## 7. **Report Back from the Later Years Partnership**

Anver and Pat Presland gave a brief report on the Later Years Partnership meeting.

- The report on Community Transport was discussed and it was agreed that this is something that the Seniors Council could follow up on.
- It was also noted that the Seniors Council have been invited to draw up a list of 6-10 priorities for seniors' safety when travelling on buses. Anver stressed the importance of this opportunity and it was agreed that the Seniors Council would compile a list of what it wanted to see in a "Good Practice Code".
- Reporting on the Seniors Survey. Pat Presland informed the meeting that this initiative had been welcomed by the Partnership and offered assistance with this project.
- Anver reported that he had informed the Partnership that the Seniors Council would like to address the issue of age discrimination in health and care services and that Charlie Hislop and Cllr White had agreed to meet and discuss this issue.

## 8. **Minutes and matters arising**

Jane reported that the trustees of the 3rd Age Centre were being contacted regarding a hearing loop system as the RNID had informed her that the previously suggested system was not suitable.

The continuation of the Seniors Council Development post was discussed and Charlie agreed to look into how much funding is still available and help with who to approach for further funding. He pointed out it was for the Seniors Council to approach Age Concern regarding future funding and J P pointed out that as he and Edwina Cooke are trustees they could perhaps look into this for the Seniors Council. Anver offered to contact John Bayliss and asked for the contact details to be sent to him.

## 9. **Any Other business**

Anver agreed to attend the Admiral Nurses launch at St Mary's Stadium.

**Next meeting: The next meeting is the AGM on Monday, 22 February 2010. This meeting will be held at 10:30am at the Above Bar Church Southampton**

