**Wirral Older People’s Parliament**

**Health and social Committee**

**Friday 11th May 2018**

**Hoylake Community Centre**

**10.30-12.30**

Apologies: Jack Cuffe, Pauline Sutton, Terry Sullivan

Present:

Beryl Mitchell

Brian Knight

Sandra Hughes

Winnie Cooke

Carl Leckey

Rose Leckey

Kath Ford

Ray Johnston

Trish Iddon

Sandra Wall

Julie Kay

nMatters Arising

RJ- there has been no acknowledgement or success in contacting MP’s to attend the housing event. General concern that MP’s no longer want to face the public unless under very controlled circumstances.

JK- has contacted a physio re boot camp sessions. Waiting on reply.

WC-raised concerned about older people being refused treatment after a certain age.

CL- was told this about his gallbladder treatment. No op due to ill health and age.

Jim Cad- concerned about obesity and people not being able to cook or manage their budget. The Mediterranean diet is the best, but it can be expensive.

CL- suggested that OPP put on cookery lessons and information.

Chair- contacted CCg about plans for care home residents to be told which GP they can see. TS attended the meeting. The plans are on hold as there is a national enquiry into bribing issues in care homes and allocated GP’s. There would be a regular sort of ward round at each care home once a week.

RJ- concerned that there is something seriously wrong CCG and they themselves need investigating on several fronts, this issue included.

Chair- there are 4/5 different health trusts on Wirral and each has got it’s own little powerhouse of managers etc, this is not good care for the Wirral.

Members discussed how we are feeling powerless to change the strategies happening now and also the poor financial management of the NHS and government departments.

WC- monies and funding need to be ringfenced when going into big organisations as it so easily gets swallowed up by other things.

BM commented that all money was in house and audited and easily traceable in the past and we have lost this now.

Members discussed euthanasia, Alder Hey recent case with Alfie Evans and general issues on corruption in the media, NHS and government organisation.

Chair asked what things we can influence and campaign about.

Jim Cad- would like to get local MP’s together to discuss these issues.

Chair- what can we do about loneliness?

RJ- the housing event will have Jane Green in attendance. What we want to know is what people think about loneliness and what can be done.

WC- explained that we need to be careful of what we mean by loneliness, isolation is different, and it is a very complex issue.

TIddon- what exactly is the housing event going to address and what ages?

RJ- adapting housing for all life stages so it’s relevant to all ages.

SW will be discussing isolation and loneliness at the housing event.

Chair- we need to do more with and for our neighbours.

JK mentioned the know your neighbour campaign. Do we want to re instate it?

Actions

Chair to consider isolation and loneliness.

Housing meeting will be on 15th May at Hoylake.

Next meeting is on 8th June 2018 at hoylake Community centre. 10.30-12.30