**Wirral Older People’s Parliament**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

**Friday 19th January 2018**

**Wallasey Town Hall**

**10.30-12.30**

**Apologies**: Pauline Sutton, Kath Ford, Celia Kennedy

**Present:**

Ray Johnston (chair)

Carl Leckey

Rose Leckey

Sandra Wall

John Turner

Terry Sullivan

Jack Cuffe

Winnie Cooke

Beryl Mitchell

Bernd Heerwagen

Jim Cadwallader

Audrey Moore

Julie Kay (admin)

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| Previous minutes agreed.  **Matters arising:**  Noted that Audrey Moore did send her apologies.  BH queried WC comment on how we are now approaching care. WC explained that govt using care as a business is the wrong approach. RL- wondered if it is because younger people making decisions in meetings don’t have the experience and empathy needed. Most members agreed with this.  Chair- younger people are not understanding that they will need care and pensions eventually.  WC- councils need to be health and well being focussed with a dedicated officer. Praised Andy Burnham and his involvement in issues.  Chair- people are never sure if food from food bank is going to the right people. Needs monitoring by council.  JK confirmed that there is a referral process in place for food banks and that is it stringent but there will always be people deviating from this.  Chair will email Phil Davis about attending forum sessions.  JC- we must remember that the people in food banks and services are volunteers and nothing to do with the council.  CL concerned that we are wasting time on this issue as we are here to support older people.  TS – wife works at New Brighton food bank and all information is documented and staff are centrally co-ordinated.  Members discussed live in care and hospital discharge services.  BM said that Arrowe Park have a system where people can have carers up to 6 times a day upon discharge.  Chair confirmed that Alzheimer’s Society reply had been read out to the HSC group.  Chair will email George Davis about Wirral Housing strategy. | |  |
| **WOPP report**  JK suggested to members that they need to consider closing the Hoylake office in the new financial year as it is costing a lot of money that could be used for other projects.  TS agreed it would be good to be able to do more.  JC- can we contact magenta about using any of their offices?  Chair agreed to make enquiries about office space.  JC- we can stop printing things as much.  JK – we print as little as possible now.  CL concerned about having to change phone numbers on plaques if we move office. | |  |
| **Health and social care report**  SW discussed loneliness.  SW writing to minister for loneliness with an idea to do something similar as to 5 years ago when WOPP did a collaboration with Hilbre High School. Also copy in our 4 MP’s. Could we film it and send it to TV networks?  Jim Cad- can I speak to Len McCormick about his television contacts?  Chair- we need to formulate the plan properly before doing that.  TS thinking that a post campaign would be more effective Loneliness Kills for example.  JK suggested that the campaign needs to be aimed at younger people to change behaviours.  WC- can we ask Paula Mcglynn from Magenta how they tackle loneliness?  BM- we should be encouraging people to help themselves.  Chair- the trouble is people want it brought to their door  WC mostly people just need a friend/ companion to do things with. | |  |
| **Crime and respect report**  Chair- the crime safety partnership has said that violent crime rates have gone up. Nasty comments on social media are being included in this now.- they should just be deleted and not waste police time. Crime across Wirral is more or less static. | |  |
| **Disability report**  CL attended Arrowe Park last week and excellent care was received.  The New Brighton toilets will now be fixed but the council has to find funds to do it.  CL also raised the awful situation of charities paying their CEO thousands of pounds salaries out of funds raised and the public not being aware of this. | |  |
| BH contacted council about the removal of grit bins. They have now been returned but they are empty and residents expected to fill them.  Jim Cad- council own the Tranmere Tunnels. Trying to get a second licence to go into the tunnels and get architectural funding.  **AOB**  Chair- will be organising a housing event later this year  Jim Cad attending a housing meeting in Chester.  RL- told members that we are nearing our 100th bench and would like a WOPP one in purple to commemorate our founders Jack and Ken. |  | |

**Next meeting Wallasey Town Hall. Friday 16th February 2018. 10.30-12.30**