**Wirral Older People’s Parliament**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

**Friday 18th January 2019**

**10.30-12.30**

**Wallasey Town Hall**

**Apologies**: Winnie Cooke, Pauline Sutton, Kath Ford, Rose Leckey

**Present:**

Ray Johnston (chair)

Julie Kay (admin)

Celia Kennedy

Beryl Mitchell

Carl Leckey

Sandra Wall

John Turner

Jack Cuffe

Bernd Heerwagen

Terry Sullivan

Audrey Moore

Previous minutes agreed Chair to send an email to Bob Little concerning crime statistics.

**Matters arising**

CL- suffragette exhibition is up and running in New Brighton Heritage Centre.

£15 in £100 of parking charges is going back into Arrowe Park. Members discussed parking at Arrowe Park.

BM, SW and CK thanked members for flowers sent when unwell.

CL- disabled toilets in New Brighton at Marine Point have finally had their door fixed but is too heavy for a disabled person to open on their own. Arm support has been restored and the issue was that the wall was too soft for the arm to be safe.

CK- highlighted that WBC does have money to maintain things like the toilets as we are the second highest spending council in the country.

Chair- the echo paper says that the council are selling marine point has CL heard this?

CL- doesn’t understand how they can as WBC don’t actually own it.

BH- discussed his two reports available to members at the meeting. Pensions and giving foreign aid to the USA.

Chair- there will be cuts to pension credit if one of the couple ar under pension age and Rowlands pharmacy are stopping home deliveries unless people are completely housebound.

SW- there appears to be a lack of available medicines and pharmacies are having difficulty sourcing them.

Chair- housing committee will be setting a date for a meeting. Chair to speak to Wendy Cocks and take housing issues forward.

SW- Magenta Housing building are causing problems in West Kirby with a block that has been empty since 2011. Concerning about its deterioration.

Chair to email Justin Dahner to find out what is happening.

SW- letter sent to Gaynor Westray concerning re-instating the hospital meetings.

BM- went to hospital meeting on Monday and new consultants have been brought in to sort out each department and the first one is outpatients.

CK- NHS pay chaplains to work in the NHS and CK wrote to Arrowe Park Hospital to ask for information. No reply so has lodged a complaint with freedon of information.

CL- concerned about charities CEO and their huge incomes that people are donating money to fund.

Hopefully we can get involved in the Merseyside year of culture

Praised JK for finding a lovely new office and facilities available. Gave overview of the outcomes of our bench meeting. The new price 3550 per bench to cover costs.

JK explained that terms and conditions will be drawn up and agreed with the council including what will happen if OPP folds.

CL mentioned the accumulation of camper vans parked in New Brighton and WBC have put an overnight ban on them parking. Most have gone and a couple parking in the fort car park. They were apparently blocking the toilets. WBC could have put a proper scheme in place for them to pay and use facilities.

TS- there was a piece in the globe saying that residents had complained about the cmapers throwing rubbish over the embankment and in the sea although there was no evidence of this found.

BH- concerned about the terms affordable housing being used too much with no real meaning. What is affordable housing? Everyone has a different income.

CL- is still consulting on access to parks. Riverside park been completed, Thurstaston also. Also there is a new memorial garden in the park for people to buy stones.

There is a culture tank on 22nd Jan at Birkenhead Town Hall. JK and CL to attend.

JK to draw up terms and conditions and to seek advice form a solicitor on legal aspect of the benches.

**Next meeting Friday 15th February 2019 Wallasey Town Hall. 10.30-12.30**