**Wirral Older People’s Parliament**

**Executive Committee meeting**

**Friday June 21st 2019**

**1030-1230**

**Bentinck Street**

**Apologies**: Ray Johnston, Terry Sullivan, Pauline Sutton

**Present:**

Jack Cuffe (Chair)

Carl Leckey

Rose Leckey

Sandra Wall

Antonia- Homeshare

Winnie Cooke

Bernd Heerwagen

Audrey Moore

Beryl Mitchell

Julie Kay (admin)

Jim Cadwallader

Ian Thomas

**Previous minutes of May 10th agreed**

Chair introduced guest speaker

Homeshare scheme- an older person with a spare room offers it to a younger person. Companionship, shopping, chat but not care. Younger people are finding it difficult to pay for their own accommodation as too expensive. It’s a CIC ( community interest company) not for profit.

BM- a younger person pays?

Antonia- £400 per month for bills etc.

SW- over the years we have had lodgers then family moved in, lots were students with no Wirral base.

WC- what money does the older person get? Their bills would go up.

Antonia- lots of things would be negotiated by the company as the young person will pay towards the bills.

BH- are DBS checks done?

Antonia- yes and safety checks of the house

WC- what about the 25% council tax reduction for single occupancy people will lose that

Antonia- not sure about that but will check it out

IT- it’s got a lot of merit as own parents are housebound and disabled. Btu a lot of questions will need asking.

Antonia- has a business plan and support.

SW- one way would be GP practices and health services where it can be promoted.

WC- if you contact DWP they can advise on benefits for single people

Members thought this was a good idea but problem need ironing out and putting the right people together.

Chair thanked Antonia.

**WOPP report**- available to members

**Equality and diversity**- Garrick and Julie are discussing setting up a lunch club at Bentinck Street

**Disability report**

CL- concerned about the indifference of shop owners with people with dissbilties. The Disability awareness Campaign is going well. United Utilities have given permission for Captain Hook to go on the Rotunda in New Brighton. Mersey ferries are very disabled friendly and received a certificate from Captain Hook.

WC- brought up an issue at Home Bargain in Moreton for disabled and parking and access. Rose to go and investigate.

CL- toilet door at Wallasey Town Hall is on the wrong way, Carl has reported it along with the microphones for hearing impairment.

Health and Social Care Report

We need to gather questions for Margaret Greenwood.

National Issues report- available to members

Jim Cad- Tranmere Tunnels, Steve Rotherham has asked for an in depth report of the tunnels and Cammell Laird are on board.

**Next meeting Friday 19th July 2019. Wallasey Town Hall, 1030-1230**