**Wirral Older People’s Parliament**

**10-12 Bentinck Street**

**Birkenhead**

**CH41 4DY**

**Health and Social Care Committee**

**Friday 10th January 2020**

**1030-1230**

**Bentinck Street**

**Apologies**: Trish Iddon, Winnie Cooke

**Present:**

Jack Cuffe (JC)

Rose Leckey

Carl Leckey

Bernd Heerwagen

Garrick Prayogg

Sandra Wall (Chair)

Julie Kay (admin)

Sandy Cameron

Brian Knight

Jim Cadwallader

Ray Johnston

Previous minutes agreed

**Matters arising**

Chair- re-iterated that it is important to keep all you documents in one place such as will and house deeds so that family can find them easily. And that all beneficiaries know.

JC- people used to put wills with the solicitor and bank but they risk loss or fire, better to keep them safe at home.

Chair- could we produce a leaflet , bullet points on keeping documents safe?

Jim Cad- is concerned about the vending machines full of rubbish food at Arrowe Park

Chair- we will write to Arrowe Park to share our concerns. Chair will draft a letter.

Jim Cad has read that there are plans to scrap parking charges at Arrowe Park,

RJ- cancer patients don’t pay anyway at Clatterbridge

JC- people were originally park at the hospital and getting the bus to work when it was free.

SC- would be good to get clarification on the parking restrictions at the hospitals.

Jim Cad- is there someone at the council or DWP that can come and talk to us about benefits?

JC- what would be the reason for them to come?

Members decided it was not something that OPP could do.

CL- can we get a speaker from SAAFA or veterans association?

JK to compile list of signposting groups and contacts to send out to members

GP- ask us wirral, involve ageukwirral all have services but are not very reliable

BH- concerned about the lack of understanding of working with disabled people BH volunteers at Dale Farm. Update on personal issue of death insurance, pursued it and has now made a deal with the company. But it has taken a lot of time.

Jim Cad- any update on young carers and GP’s?

RJ- letters are sent out to people and patients and but nothing seems to be chased up by surgeries.

GP- young carers how are they supported through school and council?

TS-carol Jones at WBC should know, JK to contact.

GP- contact Wired for a speaker JK to do this

TS- asking wife to come in and talk about getting the best care for family member.

SC- persistence is key

TS- you also need to know what to persist with and ask the right questions.

Jim Cad- what about falls prevention service where is the info. Gave an example of issue

JK- fire service have link with GP’s and Medequip are providing the falls service.

SC- we need to publicise the Housing Manifesto in the globe and the echo.

Chair- invite Mick Whitley to meeting

GP- 500million? Been awarde to Birkenhead for regeneration we need to check with Mick Whitley if this agenda is still in place.

Concerns were raised about planning permissions given for new housing in Wirral poor decisions and making a quick profit.

Jim Cad- why do we have so many unclaimed benefits for older people on Wirral?

RJ- this has always happened and people don’t know what they are entitled to. We just have to keep putting info out there to reach as many people as possible.

Next Month is a sever Frailty workshop session with David Hammond form CCG

AOB- none

**Next meeting: Friday 14th February 2020, Bentinck Street.**