**Wirral Older People’s Parliament**

**10-12 Bentinck Street**

**Birkenhead**

**CH41 4DY**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

**Friday 17th July 2020**

**2-4pm**

**Zoom**

**Apologies:** Bernd Heerwagen, Ray Johnston

**Present**:

Graham Mountfield

Pat Mountfield

Terry Sullivan

Rose Leckey

Carl Leckey

Sandra Wall

Winnie Cooke

Julie Kay (Chair /admin)

Previous minutes agreed

**Matters arising:**

Cubbins Chemist in New Brighton. Door access very difficult for disabled members due to o automatic door. Chair and CL have contacted them directly and received no reply.

TS- suggested contacting who regulates chemists. Chair to find out.

WC- concerned that medicines reviews are not happening and when they do they are a the chemist and not private. Communication to patients is non existent and needs a lot of improvement.

SW- could we have a Wirral GP to future meeting? Chair to follow up.

WC- where have all the full surgeries of people gone? Concerned they are not being treated at all.

SW- the timewasters are a significant part of them. Persistent appointments not happening. GP daughter says that phone assessment is very effective most of the time. Also variation of procedures around Wirral with different practices.

RL- can we clarify the ID situation for people to register for internet access. JK to follow up.

GM- concerned about transport to get to appointments and clinics. Information available to customers is poor and not always up to date. Older people are waiting at bus stops for ages in some cases. Could bus companies develop an easily used app to tell people if buses are full or running late? Chair to contact Mersey travel to find out.

WC- could a postcard or concertina card be produced for those not on internet be produced to tell people what services are no longer running? Its difficult to navigate what services we do and don’t have. Are one stop shops re-opening? Older people need to know.

TS- covid needs to be gone before recovery can start properly. We don’t want to go back to the economy just serving the super wealthy.

Chair- how do we do that?

WC- it’s not going away and we have to adapt to how it is now. One single information number needs to be publicised for older people. It needs to be in post offices, billboards, local shops , globe.

WC- there was a double page in The Globe on how to wear masks. Very useful. We need an older people’s champion at the council. Chair to chase this up.

Chair- we need positive role models and perceptions

RL- we have to stop going on about the old only being frail and weak

TS-not just older people having difficulties. Wife’s church has a parishioner with learning difficulties and no carers. Now phoning wife every day for support. Changes need to work for us not just the service providers.

Chair- Sefton Older People’s forum say the same thing about perception of older people.

WC- we are patronised and invisible.

Chair- explained Halton Mid Mersey age uk campaign #DoYouSeeMe and perception of older people.

**Disability report**

Cubbins chemist

**HSC report**

Councils have less money and wondered if unemployed could do all of the maintenance jobs like grass verges, good for physical and mental health. SW to draft a letter.

RL- probably have to make it a voluntary opportunity rather than a requirement.

TS- not requirement but an option for credit and skills.

**AOB**

RL- some bench jokes are on and anyone who wants one can get in touch with Julie.

GM- will have a joke on their bench.

**Next meeting Friday 21st August 2-4pm. zoom**