

Disability and Carers Action Group

Wednesday 09th August 2023 @ 11am Civic Centre Room 7.

	Present: Keith Ducker (KD), Hedley Brown (HB), Barrie Andrews(BA), Brian Cook (BC), Peter Sommerfield (PS), Terry Sweeny (TS). Edna Phillips (EP).	
		Action
1.	Apologies for Absence: Apologies for absence were received from Brenda Tilly	
2.	Declarations of Interest: None	
3.	Minutes and Matters Arising from 12th July 2023: All agreed	
4.	Election of Chair, Vice-Chair & Minute Taker: Still to be completed	
5.	Scooter Policy: This was agreed at last meeting and KD informed all that it was now completed with resident's changes done	
6.	Any Other Business: There was a talk on different things that were concerning those present. BC asked how people got to their phones before it rang off when you're in a wheelchair. It was explained that most have a cordless phone so they can carry the handset with them and replace it for charging. BC asked where he could get one. He was informed that there were lots of places that sell them on line and in shops like Argos. BC asked why the residents hand book was not send to every resident when it was updated. It was explained that it would cost too much for that to happen. BC wanted to know where he could get the latest copy. KD said to ring the 0800 number and ask if they would send one out for him or he could download it from the SEH website. BC asked whose responsibility it was for damaged windows TS said it was he's and he could claim from his insurance. BC said that he knew who had damaged the window and his mother had offered to get it replaced. TS said that he would be better off that way as he would have to pay excess going through his insurance.	

	<p>PS wanted to know if he could get a large key cordless phone. TS said that you can get them from most places that sell cordless phones. A general discussion was then had about different things but with the emphasis on what the group could concentrate on going forward. The group felt that they should be looking at how they could help disabled residents and carers and how to get the message out that we can signpost disabled and carers to the correct departments for help and guidance.</p>	
7	<p>Next meeting items:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sara Hadden will be attending to explain Community Connectors and how they can help. 2. Discuss where to hold future meetings. Maybe a good idea to hold them at different sheltered units and this would allow more residents to get involved. 3. Discuss the time of following meetings as some request 10am and some would like it as it is, 11am. 	
8.	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>13th September 2023 in room 7 of the Civic Centre at 11am</p>	
9.	<p>Minutes by post to: Others via email.</p> <p>Barrie Andrews (Large Print Please), Hedley Brown, Brian Cook, Peter Sommerfield and Edna Phillips.</p>	
10.	<p>At all meetings you can bring anything that has to do with disability or carering. We welcome any concerns or ideas you have and will discuss anything that is of concern or worry to you as a disabled resident or carer within the city</p>	