

Disability and Carers Action Group

Wednesday 12th July 2023 @ 11am room 5 Civic Centre

Attendees:

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| Edna Phillips | EP | Barrie Andrews | BA |
| Hedley Brown | HD | Brian Cook | BC |
| Elaine Turner | ET | Sarah Lander | Sla (SEH) |
| Chris McPhillips | CM | Graham Hart | GH (SEH) |
| Keith Ducker | KD | Sue Richard | SR (SEH) |
| Brenda Tilly | BT | Stephen Turkci | ST |
| Terry Swinney | TS | Angela Linsley | AL |
| Sheila Ward | SW | Maureen Heath | MH |
| Paul Hartnell | PH | Naomi Myers | NM |
| Peter Somerville | PS | | |

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| 1 | <p>Welcomes and Introductions:</p> <p>KD Welcomed all attendees to the meeting and asked all to introduce themselves. He said that it was great to see so many here and hoped that they would continue to attend so that any disability or carer issues can be resolved by the group.</p> | |
| 2 | <p>Apologies:</p> <p>Paul Hartnell (PH), Brenda Tilley (BT), Kailasapathy Chinnaiyah (KC), Peter Sommerville (PS) & Terry Swinney (TS)</p> | |
| 3 | <p>Minutes & Matters Arising from last meeting.</p> <p>KD advised these had been amended and sent over to Sue Rickard. He also read out the amendments.</p> | |
| 4 | <p>Election of Chair, Vice Chair & Minute Taker:</p> <p>Still to be completed.</p> | |
| 5 | <p>Scooter Policy (Jan 23):</p> <p>Mobility Scooter Policy – Consultation</p> <p>Sla handed out the Mobility Scooter policy and explained this new policy was reviewed quickly due to a situation that recently happened, but she would like this group to go through this in more detail at today's meeting.</p> <p>Sla explained this policy is mainly for officers to use and not resident friendly but asked if a simple guide would be better to hand out to residents, everyone agreed.</p> <p>Suggestions:</p> <p>Section 1 -</p> <p>Page 3 – 1.3 – KD previously commented it was not clear, Sla went through this and has made changes – you cannot leave the scooter in a communal area.</p> <p>GH we are working to get more scooter facilities outside the buildings, but it does take time and money.</p> | |

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| | <p>Sla cannot keep scooters in communal areas, she stated every request made by residents for a mobility scooter, GH would come out to your property to check if there is space.</p> <p>Sla stated anything provided by NHS or medical professional will not come under this policy.</p> <p>Section 2 – Leaseholders should be included – SLA stated it now is.</p> <p>Section 3 – 3.2 – GH goes round regularly in high rise and sheltered to check health and safety – if there’s any issues he will know.</p> <p>KD stated you need to ask permission for a mobility scooter and then GH would come to visit. Ask your tenancy officer for a mobility scooter request form or ring the 0800 number for one to be sent.</p> <p>Section 4 - All Fine.</p> <p>Section 5 - Only charge between 8am and 8pm – GH we have done this as most fires start when people are most vulnerable or asleep – batteries can catch fire, so shouldn’t be charged overnight.</p> <p>GH stated if you stay up till 10pm you can charge but we must give a guide – KD asked instead of putting times, can you say not charge overnight.</p> <p>Add extension lead for scooters – unless advised and assessed by the fire safety officer it is ok to use. No extension leads in communal areas.</p> <p>KD asked to add about DVLA registration – Sla put on the leaflet.</p> <p>You do not need insurance but if using on the road you must inform DVLA.</p> <p>If you want to add insurance on the scooter you can do through the SEH contents insurance if you want to do this, call the 0800 and speak to Income Team.</p> <p>Section 6 – Application Process. Sla went through the application process.</p> <p>Section 7 7.1 – must have a PAT test to make sure all safe, residents to arrange – SEH can look into this and get someone to come to do this, but it will be chargeable.</p> <p>Resident stated the mobility shop do a service that would this cover this, Sla that would be a good if they do.</p> <p>Some residents might find it hard to get from scooter to their property, Sla if there are safety issues then Occupational Health will come and assess.</p> <p>Section 8 8.5 – e-scooters – happy with wording – policy does not relate to e-scooters but if in communal areas will remove.</p> <p>8.2 change to Council housing</p> | |
| 10 | <p>Any Other Business: No other business.</p> <p>Next Meeting:</p> | |
| 11 | <p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>The next meeting will be on 9th Aug in Room 7, first floor Civic Centre @ 11am.</p> | |
| 12 | <p>To be sent by: Hedley Brown, Sheila Ward, Paul Hartnell, Peter Somerville, Brian Cook, Stephen Turkci, Angela Linsley, Maureen Heath, Naomi Myers, Barrie Andrews (Large Print Please)</p> | |
| 13 | <p>At all meetings you can bring anything that concerns you as a disabled resident or carer of a disabled resident.</p> <p>We welcome any concerns or ideas you have & we will discuss anything that is of concern or worry to you as a disable resident or a carer of a disabled resident.</p> | |