

Disability and Carers Action Group Minutes

Wednesday 13th March 2024 @ 1.30am Trevett House

	<p>Those Present:</p> <p>Hedley Brown, Barrie Andrews, Terry Swinney, Keith Ducker, Edna Phillips, Angela Linsley, Emilia Harrington, Rose Mundy & Mike O'Connor. from SEH Graham Hart (Fire Manager)</p> <p>The attendance was very low. The notice advising residents about the meeting that went on the notice board was removed soon afterwards, so no residents knew about it happening. This is to be addressed by Resident Involvement Team going forward. * <i>Please see any other business.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">IMPORTANT: PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME, ADDRESS & EMAIL ON THE ATTENDANCE SHEET, SO WE CAN SPELL YOUR NAMES CORRECTLY & SEND TO THE CORRECT ADDRESS or EMAIL</p>	
		Action
1.	<p>Apologies for Absence:</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Elaine Turner, Peter Sommerfield, Sarah Hadden, Brenda Tilley & Chris Mc Phillips. Also, from Stuart Long (ATF) who got the date wrong & Laila Krich (Had prior meeting arranged)</p>	
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest:</p> <p>None</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes and Matters Arising from 12th July 2023:</p> <p>All agreed & Action from January. As 4 still awaiting – 6.2 this has been agreed – 5.1 Speakers invited – 7.1 KD has been informed that a Focus Group for Residents is to be set up very soon. He will let all know as we go along – 7.9 This was sorted.</p>	
4.	<p>Election of Chair, Vice-Chair & Minute Taker:</p> <p>Still to be completed but it has been agreed that we will wait until we have visited some sheltered places before doing this, as we hope to get other residents involved. KD to stand as chair & minute producer for now. But this needs sorting very soon.</p>	Awaiting Volunteers
5.	<p>KD introduced Graham Hart the Fire Manager from South Essex Homes:</p> <p>Graham gave a very interesting and informative presentation to those present. He gave far to much information than I can put here.</p>	

	<p>He took many questions and gave a full clear answer to every one of them.</p> <p>He said that he is willing to come to any of our meetings in the future and even to give a full Fire Prevention Presentation if we would like it. All the residents said that they would really like him to do that. KD will arrange with Laila a date for this to happen.</p>	
5.	<p>Items for Future Meetings:</p> <p>It's been suggested that last thing on the agenda should be who or what the residents would like at the next meeting</p>	
6.	<p>Speaker's members would like for future meetings:</p> <p>6.1 Guest's who have agreed to be invited are: Jan Morrison & Heather Smith – Breathe Easy Southend Sylvia Overton – Southend Carers Edna Deramchia & Chiquitta Bruce - Community Builders Stuart Long – T (Achieve, Thrive & Flourish) Graham Hart – SEH Fire Manager Bus Company Managers – still awaiting response</p>	
7.	<p>Any other Business:</p> <p>7.1 A letter is to be sent to the sheltered schemes to ask if they would like the Disability and Carers Group to come to their scheme. If so, what day and am or pm. With a prepaid envelope and tear off slip to be returned. We will then have to decide where we go from then. The next meeting is at the Civic Centre without any speaker so that we can sit down and discuss what we do from now going forward, how else we can get residents involved and what we can get involved in that will get us noticed and listened to within the city.</p> <p>7.2 At meetings the residents discuss Disability and Carers but some wish to discuss other things that have nothing to do with the reason we meet. That is fine, but we would like to have this part after the meeting closes. Then we can discuss anything else that residents wish to discuss, like repairs and such. That way we will not hold everybody up that do not wish to talk about other thing than the reason we are meeting.</p> <p>7.3 KD said that if you wish to speak to him in confidence privately, then please do so after the meeting ends. He is there as the Boards Resident Representative Champion and as such can be approached by anyone who wishes to speak to him after the main meeting ends.</p> <p>7.4 If you are having a problem that you cannot solve yourself or with the assistance of SEH officers and have gone through all the correct channels, we may be able to advise or help on your behalf.</p>	
8.0	<p>Information:</p>	
8.1	<p>KD said that the Federation website and Facebook pages are still there and updated as and when information arrives and should be</p>	

	<p>looked at regularly for up-to-date information, minutes of all the groups, contact details and links to SEH and other organisations. Federation website is: strf.uk Face Book is: strf – 2020 If you find anything that is wrong with either or think something need putting on, please let KD know.</p>	
9.	<p>Next meeting items:</p> <p>This meeting will be to discuss going forward with the group on how to make our selves more of use, rather than just a meeting for tea/coffee.</p> <p>At the Civic Centre 1st floor and look for the Disability & Carers notice on door. All are welcome to come along as the more attend the more we will learn is needed.</p>	

10.	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>10th April 2024 11am at Civic Centre</p>																					
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12.	<p>A very Important Reminder:</p> <p>Please provide me with an email address if you have one, as it cost a lot to send through the post. A copy of the agenda and minutes will be available at meetings, so no worry about printing.</p>																					
13.	<p>Meeting Agenda.</p> <p>13.1 At all meetings there is a set agenda but you can bring anything that has to do with disability or a carer to the meeting. 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 but not general things. After the meeting you will have time to bring to the attention anything that is not disability or carer related.</p>																					
14.	<p>Contact details:</p> <p>14.1 Keith Ducker on 01702 309064 or by email: kthjac@gmail.com If you require any information on the Disability & Carers Group.</p>																					