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Disability and Carers Action Group Minutes

Wednesday 11th March 2026 11am @ Civic Centre

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| | <p>Those Present:</p> <p>Robert McAllister (RM) Chair, Hedley Brown (HB), Barrie Andrews (BA), Keith Ducker (KD) & Harry Few (HF).</p> | |
| | <p>Apologies: Terry Swinney, Angela Burrows, Edna Phillips & Janet Utton.</p> | |
| 1. | <p>RB welcomed all those present and run through the February minutes. All agreed that they were a true record.</p> | Actions |
| 2 | <p>Guest Speaker:</p> <p>KD informed all that the person from Suez sent an email Monday 18/3/26 to say that they could not attend. This made it too late to find a replacement.</p> | |
| 3. | <p>Any Other Business:</p> <p>The group spoke about the future and felt that we need to get more residents involved and in doing this it would be the best idea if we started to go about the city and held our meetings in different venues. Namely the sheltered and other places where there are rooms/lounges. KD to ask Sarah Gallagher if she can arrange asap.</p> <p>A general discussion was had on the ideas and problems some had generally with SEH contractors and SCC. (These cannot be minute as the mostly contained personal information)</p> | KD |
| 4. | <p>Items for Future Meetings:</p> <p>Departments or organisations who have agreed to attend: Occupation Therapy SCC (June 25 Speaker) Adults and Communities Lead - jSCC Community Builders</p> | |

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| | <p>Age Concern Achieve, Thrive & Flourish Breathe Easy Everyone Health SEH Fire Manager Send the Right Message (Tricia Cowdrey) Dial (from SAVS) (May 25 Speaker) Suez (They have been invited twice and both times let us down)</p> <p>If you know of anyone who would be willing to attend and give us a talk on their organisation or department that could help the disabled or carers in Southend, please let us know and we will contact them on your behalf.</p> | |
| 5. | <p>Date of the next meeting:</p> <p>8th April 2026 11am at the Civic Centre room 7</p> | |
| 6. | <p>PLEASE REMEMBER THIS IS A DISABILITY AND CARERS GROUP AND ALL MEETINGS HAVE A SET AGENDA, YOU CAN BRING ANYTHING THAT HAS TO DO WITH DISABILITY OR CARING 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 WITHIN THE CITY.</p> <p>ANY OTHER CONCERNS, COMPLAINTS OR HELP NOT RELATED TO THE MEETING SUBJECT, MUST BE AFTER THE MEETING. YOU WILL THEN HAVE TIME TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CORRECT PERSON, ANYTHING THAT IS NOT DISABILITY OR CARER RELATED.</p> | |
| 7. | <p>Future Meeting Dates and Venues:</p> <p>All meeting will be held at the Civic Centre on the 2nd Wednesday of the month until we know about where we are able to go.</p> | |

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