

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

OLDER PEOPLE'S COUNCIL

10.15am 20 SEPTEMBER 2016

CONFERENCE ROOM 2, JUBILEE LIBRARY, JUBILEE STREET, BRIGHTON

MINUTES

Present: Mike Bojczuk (Chair), Colin Vincent, Francis Tonks, John Eyles and Nick Goslett

Co-opted Members: Jack Hazelgrove (Older People's Council)

Others Present:

PART ONE

232 WELCOME TO THE AGM

- 232.1 The Chair thanked everyone for coming to the AGM and welcomed them to the meeting.
- 232.2 Attendees were asked to record their names. The following people attended the AGM: Peter Huntbach, Chris Martin, John Cook, Sally Watson, John D Moore, John Fitzgerald, Ken Childerhouse, Simon Casson, Diane Cook, Peter Lloyd, Sue Howley, Valerie Mainstone, Janet Sang, Steve Andrews and Martina Giegon.

233 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

- 233.1 Apologies were received from Lynne Shields.

234 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- 234.1 The draft minutes of the July 2016 OPC meeting were approved.

Matters Arising

- 234.2 The Chair of the Patcham CAT who was present in the audience, queried the reference in the minutes to the CAT. MB explained that there was no OPC representative for Patcham as no one has stood for election. It had been suggested that this gap could be filled by co-opting a representative from the LAT. The LAT Chair agreed to consider this.
- 234.3 Following a request from the audience it was agreed that the people attending the AGM should have their names recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

235 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- 235.1 Penny Morley proposed the election of Mike Bojczuk as Chair, Colin Vincent as Vice-Chair and Lynne Shields as Treasurer which was seconded by John Eyles and Francis Tonks. This was unanimously agreed.
- 235.2 Mike Bojczuk proposed election of Penny Morley as Secretary. This was seconded by Francis Tonks and unanimously agreed.
- 235.3 It was noted that, as LS was not able to attend the AGM, her consent was required before she was appointed as Treasurer.
- 235.4 **RESOLVED** – That Mike Bojczuk be confirmed as OPC Chair for the coming year; Colin Vincent as Vice-Chair; Penny Morley as Secretary; and, subject to her consent, Lynne Shields as Treasurer.

236 ANNUAL REPORT

- 236.1 MB introduced the 2015/16 OPC Annual Report.
- 236.2 It was suggested that further steps be taken to involve city MPs more in the work of the OPC. It was agreed that local MPs should be invited to an OPC meeting in the coming year.
- 236.3 There was discussion of key concerns about local health and care services, particularly the closure of a number of city GP practices in recent months and the problem this posed to older people forced to travel further to see a GP.
- 236.4 There was discussion of digital exclusion. Members agreed that this was an important issue and that the city council should be approached to see what research had been conducted locally and what measures were planned to digitally include older people.

237 SECRETARY'S UPDATE

SECRETARIAL REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2016

- **Annual Report** - During summer OPC members provided sections for the report and it was edited. Meet with Council officers for further discussions and report passed to design for production.
- **OPC Officers** met on the 9th August and discussed a range of issues including Fairness Commission, OPC Intergenerational Debate, Falls and Public Toilets.
- **Age Friendly Steering Group** - met on the 8th September and discussed Older People and Employment. Presentations and minutes will be circulated. Agreed that any BHCC programmes with partners should ensure that older people are included in support for employment programmes.
- **Age Friendly City Forum** - The next meeting will be on Monday 26th September at Age UK in Prestonville Road Brighton at 10.15. We will get an update about support from Age UK and discuss the future focus for the forum.

- **Fairness Commission** - Meeting with Councillor Emma Daniel held on the 6th September to discuss the recommendations as they affect older people. We discussed our concern about non-digital forms of communication being available to older people and to target those most in need. They wanted OPC to identify three priorities out of the recommendations for implementation. There was a suggestion of a workshop with Possibility people re the Access recommendations. **Need to discuss**
- **Older People's Festival** - This year the Older People's Day on the 1st October has been extend to a two week festival with copies of the programme available on line at <http://impact-initiatives.org.uk/opf/> and in paper form. It runs from the 26th September to the 7th October. The OPC are involved in an intergenerational debate at Dorothy Stringer School on the 27th September at 4.15 pm. The topic is that "We believe that older and younger generations have far more in common than is often suggested in the media."
- **NHS Sub-contracting** - Correspondence between the Chair of the Parliamentary Health Committee & Jeremy Hunt & NHS England on the subject of liability & lines of accountability & monitoring relating to the commissioning of private health providers has been seen by OPC. They raise concerns about subcontracting and accountability which could be raised with HWBB and/or CCG?
- **Home Care Contract** - A new contract started on the 5th September for 5 years between BHCC & CCG. There are 10 main providers & 10 back up providers and Living Wage of £8.25 is to be paid. OPC to receive an update on contract at October meeting.
- **City Parks** - A consultation is open until the 28th October re the future of the parks and open spaces. The budget is to be cut by £600,000 to £3.4 million between now & 2020.
- **N H S D e m e n t i a A t l a s** - P l a c e d o n O P C w e b s i t e - [h t t p : / / o l d e r p e o p l e s c o u n c i l . o r g / p u b l i c h e a l t h . h t m l](http://olderpeoplescouncil.org/publichealth.html)
- **East Sussex Fire & Rescue** - Undertaking fee electric blanket testing on September 20th at Hove Town Hall, September 21st at Preston Circus Fire Station & 22nd at Reedman Fire Station. Appointments to be made call 08001777069.

Invitations

- **City Wide Connect** - The next hubs meetings are East on 22nd September in Dorset Gardens. North/Central 29th September at Brighthelm and West on 5th October at Ralli Hall Hove.
- **Fitness MOT for over 50s** - Organised by Active for Life at King Alfred on 29th September. Free but booking required - contact 01273-292724
- **Dementia Friendly Gardening** - project of Brighton & Hove Food Partnership with cookery & gardening activities for people with mild dementia. More information on 01273-431700 or helen@bhfood.org.uk
- **Age UK** - Petition to oppose the Government's proposals to pass on responsibility for paying Attendance Allowance to Councils.
- **Mayors Office** - Brighton Housing Trust dinner on the 8th October to fundraise. Tickets cost £50 a head. Contact Sara Peskett on 01273 326844
- **Hangleton & Knoll** - Annual 50+ event on Monday 3rd October from 1 to 4 pm at St Richards Community Centre, Egremont Road, Hove.

Newsletters

- **Healthwatch** - Press Release re CQC Inspection. Report on OPC website as hospital deemed inadequate. Also press release about Patient Transport failings and the Strategic & Transformation Plans calling for local discussions.
- **NPC** - Newsletter for September circulated. An NPC Transport Conference is being held on the 22nd September. A Parliamentary lobby on the 2nd November.
- **Community Works** - Regular newsletter. Details of members conference on the 13th October around themes of community cohesion and community safety.

- **British Heart Foundation** - Active ageing information for Older People's Day events.

238 MEMBERS' UPDATE

- 238.1 FT has attended meetings of the National Pensioners' Convention, the Pensioners' Association, Blue Plaque unveilings, Age UK, the Brighton University Research Group, and the Pavilion Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG) "Eat Well, Keep Well" event.
- 238.2 NG has been busy helping organise a health forum event, developing a joint PPG for the four surgeries covering Hangleton, with the local community garden, and organising coach trips.
- 238.3 JH is still recovering from his recent fall. He has nothing but praise for the treatment he has received from NHS staff, but nothing but contempt for the actions of Southern Water for are still refusing to admit liability for the trip hazard, although they have now repaired it. JH is seeking compensation for local NHS services rather than for himself.
- 238.4 CV has met with the Chair of Healthwatch to talk about Delayed Transfer of Care (i.e. delays in people being discharged from hospital beds). CV has also attended meetings of the South East National Pensioners Convention and Grey Matters meetings.
- 238.5 JE has recently been on holiday and has consequently not attended as many meetings as usual.
- 238.6 MB has worked in several of the 18 senior housing schemes visited so far as part of Digital Brighton & Hove inclusion project. MB has also attended the SEEFA meeting at Dept of Health to give evidence towards the forthcoming National Carers Strategy. MB has recently worked with Albion in the Community on a cancer awareness day. In addition, MB continues to update the OPC web pages.

239 OLDER PEOPLE'S FESTIVAL

240 DIGITAL BRIGHTON FESTIVAL

241 SUSTAINABILITY & TRANSFORMATION PLAN (STP)

- 241.1 This item was presented by Brian Doughty, Acting Director of Adult Social Care (ASC), Brighton & Hove City Council; and by John Child, Chief Operating Officer, Brighton & Hove Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG).
- 241.2 JC explained that Sustainability & Transformation Plans (STP) have been introduced as part of NHS Planning Guidance to implement the NHS Five Year Forward Vision. Local NHS bodies and councils are mandated to work together to develop STPs at a sub-regional 'footprint' level. To date, a local STP footprint has been agreed (Sussex and East Surrey), a diagnostic process has been undertaken, and co-working arrangements have been developed.
- 241.3 The STP footprint has been further split into three localities. Brighton & Hove CCG area is grouped together with High Weald Lewes Havens, Horsham & Mid Sussex, Crawley,

and East Surrey CCG areas. (There are also West and East Sussex localities.) This grouping reflects the catchments of Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals Trust (BSUH) and Surrey & Sussex Healthcare Trust (SASH) for the acute hospitals at Brighton, Hayward's Heath and Redhill. A place-based plan is being developed for this locality. This is not a wholly new piece of work: it builds on existing local integration plans and recognises significant commonalities across the area – e.g. everyone has similar workforce problems.

- 241.4 STP governance is a complex issue and this is now starting to be addressed. Local authorities are fully engaged with this process – for example, Health & Wellbeing Board Chairs have begun meeting jointly to look at this and other issues.
- 241.5 Integration is about reducing barriers and minimising overlaps between health and social care. This may well entail pooling funding and staff in the longer term. This is not a very short term project, although full plans for integration must be in place by 2020. BD stressed that it was important to recognise that we are not starting from scratch: there is a long history of integrated NHS and social care working in Brighton & Hove.
- 241.6 In response to a question about public engagement/consultation, JC stated that STP plans would go through the normal public consultation and engagement processes of STP member organisations once there are clear decisions on which to consult. There is currently no set date by which detailed plans must be ready for public consultation: although there are the October 2016 dates for submission.
- 241.7 In response to a question on action to tackle delayed transfers of care (DToC), BD told members that DToC was a local priority and much good work is taking place, such as the Discharge to Assess and Hospital at Home initiatives. There is no issue with timeliness of social workers assessments, all of which are up to date. However, there are significant issues with the lack of local care home places and home care availability. Commissioners have attempted to support the local care home market, and things have recently stabilised, but this will remain a major risk going forward. JC clarified that work on DToC was formerly overseen by the multi-partner System Resilience Group (SRG). The Department of Health has recently required that SRGs be re-badged as A&E Delivery Boards, with a particular focus on improving hospital A&E services.
- 241.8 BD explained that social care commissioners contract manage care providers, the great bulk of whom are and have long been independent sector organisations. The whole sector is regulated and inspected by the Care Quality Commission (CQC). JC added that clinicians also have a duty to feedback any concerns they may have about the environment that their clients live in.
- 241.9 In answer to a query about whether it was realistic to expect STP areas to clear provider deficits of hundreds of millions of pounds by 2020, JC replied that STP areas are charged with developing credible plans to address deficits; these plans will not necessarily lead to zero deficits by 2020. STPs are required to work within the current NHS and care funding envelopes and local authorities and NHS organisations have no influence on the level of Government funding they receive. If people feel strongly that funding should be increased, then this is something to lobby local MPs about.

241.10 JC told members that the STP is not just about reducing deficits: it must also improve quality and support social care. A framework for measuring quality improvements will be developed. This will draw on contract key performance indicators (kpi), but will focus more on achieving better outcomes for people than on hitting process targets. BD added that annual user surveys are likely to be integral to measuring quality.

241.11 In response to a question about NHS capital investments, JC told members that there is very significant current capital investment in city services, particularly in terms of the '3Ts' development of the Royal Sussex County Hospital. There is also a commitment to re-invest proceeds from the sale of city NHS estates into Brighton & Hove services. The position on additional NHS capital funding to implement STP plans is not currently clear.

241.12 The Chair thanked JC and BD for their contributions. Both speakers stressed that they would be happy to come back to the OPC to talk about Brighton & Hove integrated care plans.

242 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

242.1 There was no other business.

The meeting concluded at Time Not Specified

Signed

Chair

Dated this

day of