



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

3rd September 2012

Present: Shelagh Marshall, John Welham, Neil Martin, Kath McDaid, George Wood, Mary Laurenson, Mashud Hague, Paul Russell, Joanne Volpe

Apologies: Robert Crossland, Mary Robinson, Peter Meer, Gordon Westell, Pam James, Wendy Cocks, Jean Walker, Linda Tester, Russell Taylor, Dr Oliver Corrado, Jean Wormwell, Jane Tanser

1. Welcome by the Chair

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and accepted apologies from those listed above.

2. Membership

It was noted that there is no election of members this year.

3. Nomination of Chair

There was one nomination, of Shelagh Marshall, as Chair of the forum. This was accepted by all present.

4. Nomination of Vice Chair and UKAFA Substitute

Shelagh explained how she had become the UKAFA representative for the region and stood down from the post this year, adding that she would remain involved through the Chairs Reference meetings.

John Welham and Mary Laurenson were nominated as Vice Chairs and were voted to both positions. John was voted to the position of UKAFA representative and Mary to remain as the UKAFA substitute.

The two functions of the Vice Chairs: internal and external affairs to be decided by the Vice Chairs themselves.

Action: JW / ML

5. Minutes of the last meeting

Shelagh proposed the minutes of the last meeting are a correct record. Neil pointed out that he is recorded as in attendance but giving apologies. He was in attendance, therefore with this correction they were accepted as a correct record.

6. Finance Report

Joanne explained that Age Concern Support Service accounts are not audited until the end of November, therefore she would bring a financial report to the next forum meeting, and bring the audited accounts when ready.

7. Chair's Report

The Chair tabled her report. She thanked Danny Brown for his contribution to Future Years and wished him luck in his new role.

She explained that the Forum's new system of working is in place with the Operational Group having met once, and the first task and finish group established.

Shelagh suggested that the next challenge is how to manage the interest in Future Years to ensure the voice of all older people is heard. We need to create a wider link for our work, which is part of the workplan.

Shelagh reported on the Age Action Alliance which had reviewed its first year's work. The Steering Group is to be disbanded and replaced with a Partnership Group. This Group would meet 3 times a year. 50% of the membership would be older people themselves. Chairs of the English Forums on Ageing would be invited to nominate from their group to sit on the Partnership.

Shelagh reviewed her work as chair of Future Years, the cold calling campaign, working with Memory Bank; attendance and speaking at the pensioners' parliament; the issue of direct payments and the fact that many older people do not want them, which was mentioned in the consultation on the rural statement. Shelagh agreed to send George Wood a copy of the consultation on the rural statement.

8. National Update

Russell was unable to attend the meeting to update the meeting, but the forum discussed the slide presentation in his absence.

9. Presentation by Yorkshire Ambulance

Apologies were received from Karl Potz.

10. Any Other Business

- **The Later Life newsletter** was pointed out as a useful source of information, which is sent out to members via the Friday email. The current issue mentions the Ageing Well Legacy and the NEF measuring wellbeing tool.
- **The new 111 number:** a discussion was held around the new 111 number and the lack of awareness of it. John agreed to ask at UKAFA if there is a national plan for promoting the new number. It was added that 101 is the non-emergency policy number. It was noted that Future Years should be emailing the 50+ forums with this type of information.
- **Expenses for Age Action Alliance groups** – Shelagh confirmed that any members invited to groups associated with the Age Action Alliance or UKAFA.
- **The Campaign to End Loneliness toolkit** was promoted and it was suggested that it would be helpful to know if any of the Health and Wellbeing Boards are using it. It was suggested this would be a useful discussion thread on the Knowledge Hub.
- **Age UK representation:** it was suggested that it would be useful to know if Age UK are represented on any of the other forums on ageing across the country.
- **NEA Conference** – Kath promoted the NEA conference in September 2012.

11. Date of the next meeting

The next AGM will be held on 2nd September 2013.