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Yorkshire & Humber Forum on Ageing

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Future Years Forum

Monday 21st October 2013

Royal York Hotel, York, Station Road, York, YO24 1AA

Present: Shelagh Marshall (Chair), John Welham (Vice Chair), Mary Laurensen (Vice Chair), Danny Brown, Lynda Brown, George Wood, Hilary Thompson, Richard Palmer, Paul Russell, Sue Mann, Mashud Haque, Kath McDaid, David Jeffells, Jean Walker, Sue Lister, Patrick Mulligan, Andrea Smith, Pauline Mewis, Sue Henry, Audrey Cooke, Russell Taylor (DWP), Trudi Wright, Seamus Breen, Janet Duke, Dawn Austwick, Jenny Cooper, Stephanie Furness, Anthony Gray, Sarah Maynard, John Yates, Carol McGrath, Robert Crossland, Iren Mace, Katie Smith, Micky Johnson, Angela Hamilton, Justin Russell (DWP)

Apologies: Jean McAndrew, Mary Robinson, Neil Martin, Peter Meer

1. Welcome by the Chair

The Chair welcomed everyone to the Annual General Meeting and accepted apologies from those listed above.

2. Minutes of the AGM, September 2012

The minutes of the meeting were accepted as a correct record.

3. Annual Report

The Chair reported on the work of Future Years over the last 12 months, highlighting the following key areas:

Loneliness and Isolation remained the top of our priorities and the Chair of Future Years, who also chairs the AAA Working Group, has

been involved in gathering examples of good practice on how we can identify those in our communities who could be suffering from the effects of loneliness and isolation,

Energy Efficiency Training Workshops: with funding secured by the DWP we arranged to train older people to be Energy Efficiency champions and cascade their learning to other older people. The training was provided by the National Energy Action (NEA). Workshops were organised at Hull, York, Sheffield, Barnsley and Leeds in winter 2012.

Dementia - Future Years individual members have joined the Campaign for 1m Dementia Friends and the Y& H Dementia Action Alliance.

4. National Update

Russell Taylor from the DWP's Ageing Society and State Pension Directorate gave a national update. He pointed out Future Years work is in line with national strategy. He noted that Jeremy Hunt, Secretary of State for Health has highlighted the issue of loneliness and isolation, describing them as the 'forgotten million'.

Russell described the report from the House of Lords Committee on the ageing society which warns that the Government and our society are woefully underprepared for ageing. The report covers a broad range of policy areas, and an analysis of the potential impact of an ageing population on public services.

Russell explained that the Government will be responding to the report. It was agreed to put a link to the report on the Future Years Website.

Action: JV

In his update, Russell called for groups and individuals to take a more active role in the Age Action Alliance. He described the Alliance which includes 470 organisations such as Microsoft, Boots, the Casserole Club. He explained the working groups within the Alliance such as the Money Matters Group or the Digital Inclusion group and encouraged people to speak to Joanne or Shelagh if they wished to be involved.

5. Financial Report

Joanne presented the finance report which shows Future Years had an income of £16,000 and spent £14,804. She noted that Future Years has reserves of £26,270 which is prudent given the uncertain nature of funding at the current time.

6. Nominations to the Future Years Forum Committee

Nominations to the Future Years Committee were accepted from Richard Palmer from Kirklees and Danny Brown from Hull. Both nominations were accepted without the need for elections.

7. Date of the next AGM

The next AGM will be held in October 2014, exact date to be agreed.