



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Future years Forum

Thursday 6th October 2016

The Lateral, City Walk, Leeds LS11 9AT

Present: Sheila Marshall (Chair), George Wood (Vice Chair), John Welham (Vice Chair), Geoff Ashton, Alan Stewart, Mashud Huque, Neil Martin, Cllr David Jeffels, Mary Laurenson, Paul Russell, Emma Sanderson (for Ant Hanlon)

In attendance: Julia Edmunds (Secretariat)

Apologies: Barry Bottomley, Cllr Helen Grant, Helen Cocks, Judith King, Diana Al-Saadi, Hilary Thompson, Alison Iliff, Cllr Danny Brown

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<p>1. Welcome Shelagh Marshall welcomed everyone , accepted apologies from those listed above and made introductions. She noted the gap left by Joanne Volpe and introduced Julia Edmunds who will pick up the role for a minimum of 3 months and up to 12 months.</p>		
<p>2. Minutes of the AGM October 2015 The minutes were accepted as a true record; proposed by George Wood and seconded by Geoff Ashton</p>		
<p>3. Annual Report Shelagh talked through the highlights of the last year and an update on current work; John Welham and George also contributed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The move to combining committee meetings with quarterly open meetings has increased attendance by older people • Work on Loneliness through workshops around the region has encouraged older people to think about how they can influence policy makers. This was funded by Awards for All. • Funding from Aged Veterans Fund is also funding workshops identifying issues pertinent to older veterans • In December 2015 the Government ceased funding 		

<p>for older people’s forums although did agree to an additional 6 months to allow some forward planning. Future Years have reserves for 12 months delivery. Having consulted older people’s forums across the region, the overwhelming message was for the work to continue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shelagh met the Big Lottery who indicated they may be prepared to consider an application for funding. • We have contributed £1000 to the English Ageing Network to enable them to set up a national consultation forum to consult on Government policy; funding supported travel to meetings, publicity, and may be able to secure core funding for forums. They will have a launch in December. • John sits on the Safe Warm Homes group. Shelagh is a member of the Smart meter advisory group and reported back about the roll out of smart meters –a possible future event. • John is on the Transport Working Group and secured commitment from Professor Roger Mackett to chair the conference in December on transport. Secured a donation of £500 from Blacks to support this. • Shelagh is on the Digital Working group, attended 2 workshops re the concerns about digital exclusion and older people. Evidence suggests the best approach is training to small groups. <p>A question was asked about the Motorised Scooter issue (the lack of regulation).</p> <p>Thanks were proposed and recorded to Shelagh, John and George for their sterling work; confirmed the sustainability of Future Years and the focus.</p>	<p>JW to follow up</p>	
<p>4. Financial Report</p> <p>Noted that we have lost the Future Years grant of approx £13k pa, our core grant. Currently we have no income and our annual expenditure is £8-£9k. The carry forward figure is £15k. There is scope for sponsorship for conferences but we need to find creative ways to secure income.</p> <p>Alan Stewart proposed accepting the report.</p>		
<p>5. Nominations</p> <p>All members present agreed to be reappointed. The Operational Group will look at where there is a lack of representation e.g. from South Yorkshire and East Yorkshire and also commission work to get the contact list up to date and increase circulation to all older peoples forums. The first meeting of the Executive group will elect the vice Chairs.</p>	<p>Operational Working Group</p>	
<p>6. Presentation on the Missing Millions by Shelagh Marshall</p>		

<p>Following the 5th anniversary of the Campaign of Loneliness, Shelagh was one of many recruited and trained Ambassadors and has been raising awareness around loneliness. The Publication, Missing Millions, focussed on how to identify lonely individuals using data to produce a 'heat map'. She gave examples of asset based community approaches like setting up a rural transport service in Kettlewell. Working with GPs, pharmacies, the Fire and Rescue Service (people who are trusted) and using schemes like social prescribing to address loneliness can help.</p>		
<p>7. AOB Mary Laurensen gave an update on her 2 scholarship students undertaking research: one is working with people living in caravans and the other around older volunteers at a hospice shop</p>		
<p>The meeting closed at 12.35 and was followed by lunch.</p>		