

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Management Committee of the Swale Seniors Forum  
Held on Thursday, 21 September 2017 at 10am at Swale CVS.**

**Present:** Christine White (Chair), John Greenhill (Vice Chair), Eileen Holden, Dorothy Newlove, Victor Wise

**Apologies:** Julia Watling

1. **Welcome.** The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.
2. **Minutes of the last meeting.** The minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2017, having been circulated in advance, were amended, confirmed and signed by the Chair as a true record.
3. **Matters arising.** The Chair along with all members congratulated and thanked Zoe Deveson on her work in preparing and publishing the newsletter.

The signatories for cheques were now DN and JG.

The updating of the website is still being pursued by JW with Mr George.

The Mayor of Swale has attended the games club in a private capacity and had enjoyed the same. JG said that news of the club is spreading and there were ladies on the No9 bus who were attending the club in September for the first time.

Flyers for the Young At Heart sessions had been enclosed with the newsletter and sent to all members. Money had come from the National Lottery to sponsor the flyers and form advertising purposes. It was hoped and the proposal was to extend the session to Sheppey and Faversham venues.

So that the sessions could be maintained and to assist in the bidding process for funding for the session it was essential that participants were interviewed in order to obtain feedback of their views and value of the sessions. This exercise would be undertaken by CW and JG amongst others.

A tender was being assembled for a KCC grant to continue the work of the Forum and Young at Heart. The KCC meeting for that purpose had been deferred yet after and is now due to take place in January 2018. The Forum will receive its final grant under the present system during the course of 2018 (£1075)

4. **Chairman's report.** This had been covered under Matters arising. Little had changed with the finances since the last meeting. The Forum is quite frugal with expenditure.

DN reported that for the diabetic retinal eye screen test eye screening test people had to attend Sheppey Hospital rather than local venue.

JG said that he believed the matter has been raised a while ago and that the Paula Carr Trust had responded. It was agreed to ask JW to refer to the correspondence of that occasion and for the matter to be raised again at the next meeting as appropriate.

JG reported that there have again been instances of Chalkwell not following the route of buses outlined in their timetables. Two letters have now been sent to Chalkwell about the matter and responses were awaited.

JG said that he had written as previously agreed to the Secretary of State for Health in respect of the matter of waste of resources and medicines with the NHS. A response was awaited.

5. **Open Meeting.** It was agreed that Open Meetings would be held in December (Christmas Tea); March, 2018 (Speaker hopefully to be Amanda Green); May, 2018 (AGM – with an invitation to the outgoing Mayor and his wife to attend with the incoming Mayor); July, 2018 (Speaker the Ambulance Service or Trading Standards). All meetings would be held at Phoenix House on dates and times to be arranged by JG, subject to the availability of Phoenix House. The dates would be circulated to members at the earliest opportunity. After review, it was agreed that all Open Meetings be held in Sittingbourne and where possible at Phoenix House. This appeared to be reality that all members from Sheppey wouldn't travel to Faversham nor Faversham members to Sheppey. Swale is a bad geographical area and having regard to that and the ever increasing cost of the hire of venues elsewhere and that of refreshments provided by those venues that the provision of support by CVS it made financial and economic sense to remain in Sittingbourne. It would also ensure that DN was not left behind at an external venue when assiduously working in the kitchen.
6. **Any other business.** It was noted that there was an increase in the amount of moveable street furniture in the High Street and that obstruction and difficulties were being caused to the Public. Further to that at a recent market held in the High Street on a Saturday morning, alcohol was being sold/ supplied by the glass to the public and it was agreed that there was both an unwelcome and unwarranted development.

It was agreed that JG should write to SBC about these matters and seek information and clarification.

JG mentioned it might be appropriate for a number of the committee to take on the role of reporting any news about members including wedding anniversaries, milestone birthdays, illnesses and unfortunately deaths and for cards of good wishes/ sympathy be sent. The matter was discussed and accepted and DN very kindly agreed to assume that role. JG gave members information on the progress of Bernie Smith.

7. **Date of Next Meeting.** 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017, 10am, Swale CVS