

**Thurrock**

**Speak Up For Your Age**

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**Minutes of the meeting held on**

**24th July 2018, at the Beehive, Grays**

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| **Present:**  Gerry Calder – Co-Chair – TOFF/Future East  Les Billingham – Co-Chair – Thurrock Council  Ian Evans – Thurrock Coalition  Karen Haltham – Thurrock Coalition (minutes)  Eve Dymond – TOFF (B.U.G.)  John Guest - TOFF  Joyce Guest - TOFF  Chris Reid – TOFF  Robert Lyth - TOFF  Babs Ford – TOFF  Alf Ford – TOFF  Pam Finn - TOFF  **Apologies:**  Natalie Bettany – Age UK Essex  Olga Benson - TOFF | | |  | | --- | | **Key:**  TOFF – Thurrock Over Fifties Forum  BUG – Bus Users Group  U3A – University of the 3rd Age  Cariads – Carers Information & Advice Service  SCOOT – Stanford-le-Hope Older Peoples Club  FE – Future East (The Regional Forum on Ageing)  EOPPG – Essex Older Peoples Partnership Board  EPUT – Essex Partnership University Trust  TAA - Thurrock Asian Association  TDN – Thurrock Diversity Network  CAB – Citizens Advice Bureau  ACT – Age Concern Thurrock  HWT – Healthwatch Thurrock  HWWB – Health & Wellbeing Board  NEA - National Energy Action  ECO - Energy Company Obligation | | |
| **Item No.** | **Subject** | | **By** |
| **1**. | **Welcome & Introductions**  Gerry thanked everyone for attending the meeting today. Introductions were made. | |  |
| **2.** | **Minutes of Last Meeting**  The minutes of the last meeting held on Tuesday 24th April 2018 were read and agreed as a true record.  Proposed by: Babs Ford  Seconded by: Chris Reid | |  |
| **3**. | **Minutes of Previous Meeting**  The minutes were read and agreed as a true record:  Passed by: Babs Ford  Seconded by: Chris Reid  Matters Arising  Item 4 – Updates – the Conference is now booked for Wednesday 3rd October 2018 at the Civic Hall, Blackshots Lane, Grays 10 am – 4 pm  Thurrock Coalition are happy to subsidise travel to and from meetings as long as journey starts and finishes within Thurrock, 45p per mile can be claimed.  Gerry brought up queries with CCG regarding queues at GP surgery for blood tests and tried to get Sustainable Pan for Transport to attend this meeting but they have had recent change of staff.  Ian suggested Les and Gerry write to STP re how changes of services are affecting older people. Ian happy to draft the letter. **ACTION**: **Ian to draft letter.**  No confirmation of Older People’ Charter.  Les believes re blood tests can now been done at the Community Hubs, Les to confirm. **ACTION: Les to confirm if blood test service available at community Hubs**  Information on Community Hubs to be circulated with the minutes. **ACTION Karen to circulate with the minutes. https://www.thurrockcommunityhubs.org.uk/default.aspx**  Change of name to Thurrock – Speak up for your Age.  Week of Action:   * Conference – Older People have a voice. * To be invited: * STP/CCG re plans and priorities for older people * Crime and Safety District Commander – Community Safety   The issue was raised regarding the diminishing numbers attending these meetings, the following issues were raised:   * People are now having to work until they are 60-70 years old * Eve – People in 60s are now looking after grandchildren as parents are now having to work. This is a great group to get voice heard, maybe child care facilities for grandchildren could be an option to encourage people to attend meetings. * Maybe the meeting in July could be held earlier in the month and not in school holidays when grandparents are looking after their school age grandchildren. * Car-share – 4 people in a car. * Evening meetings - TDPB is now held 6 – 8 pm and is better attended * Older people form a 5th of the population and have a voice. | | Ian Evans  Les Billingham  Karen Haltham |
| **4.** | **Updates:**  **TOFF**:  Numbers attending have reduced:  2007 – 50 – 55 people attending meetings  2018 – 35 – 40 people attending meetings  Mainly due to people passing away!   * Newsletter from 1986 – same issues as today – hard fight to make changes. * Downturn in Council Housing * TOFF – good volunteers/lunches * Karen has contacted AgeUK to enquire if one of their Ambassadors would be happy to attend the Conference as a keynote speaker, they have asked if we are happy to pay expenses, to which we replied Thurrock Coalition is happy to pay reasonable out of pocket expenses, we have not received a reply as yet.   **Thurrock Council:**  Home-Care Contracts, issues nationally over the past 3 years – contracts have been handed back to Thurrock Council. April 2018 – 3 companies – 2 have now been taken over – last one is struggling to recruit locally – have offered positions to out to university students, not on own but will work with other members of staff on a ‘double handed’ service. Have worked out risk – Les confident have done enough to cover the next 5/6 weeks. All to keep an eye on older people especially in this hot weather.  CQC inspection in-house – outcome not received as yet – normally report is given after 3 weeks. Service Users have been visited this time  Looking to build a state of art residential home for older people, Business case is being drawn up. Council/Grants/Health etc. Back to Cabinet in December – Proposal included HAPI Housing – the scheme would also include:   * Care Home * Interim Care * Health Facilities * Dentist * Diagnostic facilities – potential for dialysis   Will be speaking to people of South Ockendon.  **Thurrock Coalition:**  **Consultation and Engagement Events:**   * Informing the Preparing for Adult Hood Strategy * Informing the Mental Health Peer Review * Training Delivery: Equality Law in Practice; Changing Perceptions of Disability (Social Model) Training; General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Training and Practical Application. * Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA) Champions Project: Grand total now 307 and the support provided by Thurrock Centre for Independent Living (TCIL) has now saved Thurrock residents approximately £240,000. If anyone is interested in completing an LPA should contact TCIL on 01375 389864 or via www.tcil.org.uk   **Coming Up:**   * Co-producing the new Thurrock Direct Payments Policy (July) – facilitating the Direct Payments Engagement Group. * Preparing for Adulthood Steering Group (July) * Thurrock Diversity Network – Looking at: Environment & Highways – Accessing the Household Waste and Recycling Centre. | |  |
| **5.** | **Comfort Break** | |  |
| **6.** | **The Thurrock Local Account Priorities for Social Care**  Les presented the Adult Social Care in Thurrock: Local Account to those present. **ACTION: Karen to circulate a copy of the presentation along with the minutes.**  There are 3 workshops to be held at the Beehive on:  Thursday 16th August 2018 – am  Tuesday 21st August 2018 – am and pm  Please contact Ian to reserve a place.  It was suggested it may be good to have an evening workshop. | | Karen Haltham |
| **7.** | **Any Other Business**  None.  **The October meeting will form part of the Week of Action for Older People in Thurrock 2018 – exact dates to be confirmed** | |  |