

WEST LANCASHIRE PARTNERSHIP BOARD FOR OLDER PEOPLE

MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 28th JANUARY 2011

COMMITTEE ROOM 2, WEST LANCS BOROUGH COUNCIL, ORMSKIRK

Present

Alex McMinn (Chair)	U3A
Cllr May Blake	West Lancs Borough Council
Cllr Ruth Pollock	West Lancs Borough Council
Cllr Carolyn Evans	Lancashire County Council
Louisa Blundell	West Lancs Borough Council
Margaret Park	U3A
Kiran Banati	Lancashire County Council
Mandy Naylor	Help Direct
Tracey Jardine	Lancashire County Council
Geraldine Moore	Age Concern
Glenn Harrison	NHS Central Lancashire

Alex welcomed everybody to the meeting and introductions were made.

All in attendance were handed a copy of a note by David Burnham, Head of Intelligence at Lancashire County Council.

Alex proposed other than approving the previous minutes, to suspend the agenda and focus the meeting on the content of the note from David Burnham

1. Apologies

Pat Roberts, Marion Radford, Ray Brookfield, Cllr Bob Pendleton

2. Minutes of Last Meeting

On page 3 under agenda item Future Activities, Bob is recorded as reporting that Age Concern have received from the Credit Union. No one else is aware of this and this has now been removed from the minutes.

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

Note from David Burnham

Alex gave everyone some time to read the note issued by David Burnham.

Alex explained that he was hoping Fred Mahoney would be in attendance as he had some inkling of this at the LCC 50+ forums he has attended.

The content of the note was discussed in some detail and it was considered how and if the Board can continue to move forward without the support of LCC including administrative support. It was stressed that it will take a huge effort to continue to move the WLOPPB forward officer support and administrative support of LCC. The idea of merging with another group such as the West Lancs Pensioners Forum was mentioned but this may be problematic due to the different priorities of each group.

Everyone did agree that no definite decision with regard to WLOPPB could be determined until after the meeting in East Cliff, Preston on 7th February. Alex agreed to attend this meeting.

Discussion took place with the Action Plan and it was the general consensus that this piece of work is not relevant anymore and all targets and work need to be revisited if we plan to continue with it. It would require a new board with time, energy and resources.

One positive line that is still waiting to be utilised are the twelve potentially new members who expressed their interest of involvement at Older Peoples Day. Some of whom have friends who may be interested in playing a role.

Conclusions / Actions

It is clear that LCC are withdrawing their contribution to Older Peoples Partnerships Board. Tracey explained she may be able to retain her role to some degree in a contributory role but this is uncertain at present.

Glenn explained that he felt it is essential that we assess what our interaction will or could be with the new Health and Wellbeing Board.

What is the reason West Lancs Pensioners Forum are receiving cash and we are not?

According to David Burnham's note, Commissioning Teams will meet local services / forums at least twice per year. It is important we find out how and who.

Alex confirmed he will be in attendance on 7th February.

Next meeting 14th March at 12pm at Digmoor Community Resource Centre