

MINUTES

OLDER PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP

Date and Time of Meeting	16th April 2012 – 10am – 12 noon
Attendees	Alex McMin Louisa Blundell Raymond Brookfield Sheila Owen Louise Cropper Shelley Gregory Joanne McKnight Councillor May Blake
Apologies For Absence	Beverley Garrity Glenn Harrison Beth Blamires Margaret Park Beverley Page-Banks Richard Ford Marian Radford Kiran Banati

1.	Minutes of previous meeting		
	None	<u>Action</u>	<u>Time</u>
2.	Administration	AMcM /EB	
	<p>Alex provided an overview of the background to the former Older People's Partnership and an update on the position with regard to the provision of administration for the current Older People's Partnership (OPP)</p> <p>Elizabeth Blamires, Chair WL CVS had offered to arrange administrative support. This was to be provided by an apprentice at the CVS, however they were unable to attend this meeting. Alex to talk to Elizabeth.</p> <p>Alex advised that the West Lancashire Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) had allocated £1,600 to the OPP for 2012 – 13. Alex proposed this funded administration and travel expenses incurred by representatives of the partnership when attending, for example 50+ Assembly.</p> <p>Accounts for this funding would need to be maintained as part of the administration and two signatures (Chair and WLBC Officer) would be required to sign off expenses.</p> <p>A brief discussion was had about the meetings attended by members of the partnership, including the 50+ Assembly and Older People's Champion Network which Alex had recently represented the OPP at the last meeting.</p>	<p><u>Action</u></p> <p>AMcM</p> <p>CVS / ALL</p>	<u>Time</u>

5	Any other business	ALL	
<p>Sheila raised concerns about possible lack of local number for Age UK. She had rung one number, which seemed to be redirected to other areas in the County on different days of the week. She was concerned that if all enquiries about foot care services took the same number of calls that her enquiry did some older people may give up.</p> <p>(Foot care Services – West Lancashire provided by Age UK Lancashire contact 01695 586511 & Foot Care Services provided by Age Concern Central Lancashire contact 01772 270732.)</p> <p>Ray also expressed concerns that Council Members do not understand older people and spoke about one experience he had recently. Alex advised that he always found WLBC Members and Officers receptive to his views.</p> <p>A brief discussion was had about Age Action Alliance, an independent alliance of organizations, which has adopted a new approach to the problems of ageing focused on finding practical means to establish social justice for older people. Various government departments are part of this alliance. (www.ageactionalliance.org). 5050 Vision North West Forum on Ageing was also discussed and Louisa confirmed that this strategic partnership is still operational. (www.5050vision.com)</p> <p>Shelley asked whether the OPP were going to arrange an event on Older People’s Day in October this year. Nothing was planned at present.</p> <p>Skelmersdale Pensioners Forum organised their own events in 2011 and Ray and Sheila reported that it was a very successful. Alex asked about the outcomes from the activities arranged, had the activities carried on. Ray advised some had.</p> <p>Linked to the matter of loneliness and use of tablet computers by U3A, Joanne advised that children under 12 had been issued with laptop/tablet computers and she wondered if it would be possible for older people to be issued with a tablet computer with webcam to improve communication with friends and reduce isolation and loneliness. Some members thought that it was unlikely that funding would be available from government to do this.</p> <p>Alex advised that the Chair of the Commissioning Team for Central Lancashire was Dr Kane and that he proposed to write to Dr Kane to invite him to attend a meeting of the OPP to brief</p>			

members on the new commissioning arrangements.

Alex thanked Louisa and Steve for their continued support.

5.	Date and time of next meeting	ALL	
	. Meetings to be held in the Cabinet and Committee Room at West Lancashire Borough Council Offices, Ormskirk. 18 th July 2012 – 14.00pm - 16.00pm 11 th October 2012 – 10.00am – 12.00noon	<u>Action</u>	<u>Time</u>