

MINUTES

OLDER PEOPLE'S PARTNERSHIP

Date and Time of Meeting	11th October 2012 – 10am-12pm
Attendees	Kiran Banati KB Councillor May Blake MB Elizabeth Blamires EB Kirstie Dwan KD Shelly Gregory SG Linda Ianson LI Steve Jones SJ Alex McMinn AMcM Mandy Naylor MN Margaret Park MP Marian Radford MR Carol Sharples CS Amy Witherup AW
Apologies For Absence	Beverley Page-Banks BP Beverley Garrity BG Glenn Harrison GH

1.	Apologies		
	Beverley Page-Banks, Beverley Garrity and Glenn Harrison	<u>Action</u>	<u>Time</u>
2.	Minutes of the last meeting	AMcM /EB	
	<p>AMcM informed the group of the developments from the last meeting with Simon Frampton; GH has confirmed that Simon intends to come to future OPP meetings on a regular basis and has asked for future dates to confirm with him. AMcM also stated that loneliness, a key topic for the OPP meetings, is also an item on the CCG agenda Simon Frampton attends.</p> <p>AMcM also raised the issue of the two members from WLPF leaving the last meeting and the letter of complaint he received.</p> <p>EB added that she informed the Chief Officer, Greg Mitten, at WLCVS. As the WLPF are members of the CVS, Greg has suggested that he would help the WLPF to develop a campaign group to deal with their concerns.</p>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Time</u>
		AMcM to keep WLPF informed of debates and information from OPP meetings.	
3.	Mandy Naylor – Befriending Links with the Loneliness Project	AMcM	
	<p>MN began with a background to the work she had been carrying out with Help Direct and Lancashire County Council and how it had linked well with the work AMcM was doing on loneliness in older people.</p> <p>MN gave a thorough talk on her research and her focus on befriending services. She circulated a table that included clients, their needs and if there was a service for what they</p>	<u>Action</u>	<u>Time</u>

	<p>wanted. She stated that she found various differences throughout Lancaster, Chorley and West Lancashire and this could be seen through the colour coding of the table. MN stated that the table changes on a regular basis and she went onto discuss the findings; West Lancashire has a low number of services available and has a reduction in debt advice due to the closure of CAB. MN found there was a lack of services for people who needed someone to take them to appointments and provide support, people who wanted company in the home and confidence building sessions. However, on a positive note the Employment Support Gateway has opened at West Lancashire College which will hopefully help decrease the unemployment figures.</p> <p>The group were then asked if they had any questions. MP asked if MN could see the 'light at the end of the tunnel' and if she's actually going to get any results out of her work? MN stated that she is currently putting together a report for LCC who will then take to higher authorities to see what they could do.</p> <p>EB asked what the time limit was for the piece of work. MN stated that it is likely that the report will be finished for November and it'll probably be January when it will move onto the next stage.</p>	<p>MN to circulate the table and group to email MN with any feedback regarding the table</p> <p>MN to report back after she has had meeting with LCC</p>	
4	Developments and forthcoming events	AMcMinn	
	<p>AMcM spoke to the group regarding the 'Ageing Well Programme' that has been set up by the DWP which focuses on looking for a strong leader, a strategic approach, engaging with older people and giving more support to Councils to incorporate the programme into their district.</p> <p>AMcM also discussed 'Age Friendly Manchester' and the 'Ageing Well Contract' courtesy of Age UK. He went onto discuss in more detail the setting up of 'Ageing Well Groups' which aim to get people involved in cognitive, social and physical activities; 25-40% of dementia cases are a result of cardiovascular problems so by promoting a healthy physical and mental health it is likely that a lot of illnesses can be prevented. AMcM mentioned the Aerobics Light Programme that had been introduced to Ormskirk and is now on the third cohort, which is aimed at 70-75 year olds who have done little exercise.</p> <p>AMcM notified the group that there were two guest speakers coming up over the next few months and passed round some leaflets. These are both open events and anyone can attend.</p> <p>KB updated the group on the work she had recently been doing reviewing homecare and domiciliary services. She asked the group to fill out a questionnaire that was mainly focused on older people's needs and pass onto groups they're working with to fill in. The deadline is 26th October.</p>	<p><u>Action</u></p>	<p><u>Time</u></p>

MB spoke about issues the Health Champions are currently addressing, the two main ones being housing and grandparents.

SG briefly mentioned a competition for year 5s and 6s in schools around Parbold and Wrightington. The children will be asked to create a poem about helping an older or vulnerable person to test their fire alarm for 'Test it Tuesday'. On the back of the entry form, the children will be asked to write one referral of an older person that would benefit from the Fire Station's help.

MR stated that this was her first OPP meeting and she found it really informative and appropriate as many of their carers are of an older age. She said she will be taking the information back to her workplace, sharing it and referring on.

EB wanted to highlight the success of Simon Frampton's 'Skylarks Choir' that was mentioned in the last meeting. There have been 45-50 people attending the choir and they're getting ready for a public performance at Brookside in October.

ALL

5	Any other business	ALL	
<p>AMcM ended the meeting pointing out that the future of OPP has a cloud over it as the future of the LSP is uncertain. He believed that today's session provided lots of good debates and information surrounding Old People. He asked the group if they thought the meetings were beneficial to email him their thoughts and comments.</p> <p>AMcM asked SJ to book a room for the next OPP meeting.</p>		ALL	SJ
5.	Date and time of next meeting	ALL	
<p>Meetings to be held in the Cabinet and Committee Room at West Lancashire Borough Council Offices, Ormskirk.</p> <p>Thursday 10th January 2013, 10-12pm</p>		<u>Action</u>	<u>Time</u>