

Southend Older People's Assembly



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The Active Voice of the Over 55's

Agenda – Public Meeting - Wednesday 7th June 2017 in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre Southend on Sea, at 1:30 pm (Registration 1:00 pm)

No	Item	Speaker	Time
1	Welcome, Introduction, Apologies & Declaration of Interests (All members having a vested interest in items on this agenda should declare their interest if relevant)	Chair/Secretary	5 minutes
2	Minutes Silence in Memory of Councillor Mike Assenheim		
3	Minutes & Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes 22nd March 2017 • Ratification of Annual Account 	Chair/Secretary	5 minutes
4	Correspondence	Chair/Secretary	5 minutes
5	Arriva Bus Services in Southend An update on Arriva's' current services and future plans.	Anthony Comber General Manager Southend Network	30 minutes
6	An Afternoon at The Cinema Memories of our local cinemas, iconic films and The White Bus story.	David Simpson The White Bus Cinema	30 minutes
7	Southend Hospital Accident and Emergency Department The latest news on the proposal to close or downgrade our Southend services.	Chris Gasper Success Regime Service User Group Representative	30 minutes
7	Question Time: Open forum for questions. Prior notice of subject is advantageous as it enables relevant information to be obtained before the meeting to inform the discussion.	An open forum for questions whether related to this agenda or not	Chair discretion on time.
8	Close of meeting	Chair	

All meetings of the OPA are held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, unless otherwise stated. Issues for prior notification and to be included at the meeting should reach the Secretary 14 days prior to the meeting.

**Minutes of Older People's Public Meeting
Wednesday 7th June 2017 – 1.30 pm**

Agenda	Item 1 Welcome, Introduction, Apologies and Declarations of Interest:								
1.1	Chairman Mike Grimwade welcomed those present at the meeting								
1.2	There were no declarations of interest								
1.3	Apologies were received from Lynda McLernon, Jude Raphael								
Agenda	Item 2 Minute's silence in Memory of Councillor Assenheim								
Agenda	Item 3 Minutes and Matters Arising								
3.1	Minutes of Meeting on 22nd March 2017 were approved, there were no matters arising.								
3(a)	FINANCE Ratification of Annual Account The final accounts were distributed showing <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Total income 2016/17</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2,510.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance b/f 2015/16</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£3,071.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenditure 2016/17</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1,770.53</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Account balance 31.03.17</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£3,811.36</td> </tr> </table> <p>The chairman said that the main expenditure has been to communicate and inform members. He gave thanks to Victoria Centre and Southend Borough Council for their support and reported that Roger Savage of Aresco media is very kindly designing and building a new OPA website. The OPA has been awarded a grant of £1,000 from JFS.</p> <p>The accounts were accepted and ratified by the members present.</p>	Total income 2016/17	£2,510.00	Balance b/f 2015/16	£3,071.89	Expenditure 2016/17	£1,770.53	Account balance 31.03.17	£3,811.36
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Agenda	Item 4 Correspondence								
4.1	There was no correspondence								
Agenda	Item 5 Arriva Bus Services in Southend								
5.1	Anthony Comber General Manager – Southend Network								
5.2	Anthony Comber said that he joined Arriva Southend on Sea in October 2016 and was aware that the company had “forgotten the passengers”.								
5.3	There have been lots of changes in management; £8.3 million has been spent on double decker buses. Communication with drivers and the general public is improving, Arriva put seven to eight messages a day on Facebook and Twitter, they are talking to SBC about digital boards.								
5.4	There are route changes in the pipeline The No. 1 will be registered as a frequent service with no timetable but will run Monday to Friday every ten minutes from 23rd July 2017 No 7 & 8 will have better aligned frequency and run every 15 minutes from Shoebury to Hockley No 9 will be realigned. No 29 – now has their own buses back. The 29 will be split and from 23rd July 2017 will no longer run along Sutton Road. This cause great consternation amongst the members since this will cut off a lot of residents in this area. AC was given a list of complaints about this service, the drivers and the proposed change. The chairman asked about the No. 5. This will not be brought back at present								

	although AC stated that he was not aware of the background to this being withdrawn and would look into this again..
5.5	AC said that he would like to publish details of the changes on the OPA website but is happy to communicate with members in any other way. He left cards with contact details. The chairman thanked Mr. Comber for his presentation and reminded members that there is a Bus Users Group which meets at Leigh Community Centre every 2 months on a Saturday at 10.am
Agenda	Item 6 An Afternoon at the Cinema – Memories of our local cinemas, iconic films and The White Bus Company
6.1	Paul Cotgrove of The White Bus Company related to members how he worked for a film production company and ten years ago set up Leigh Film Society which he named in memory of Lindsay Anderson. They organise two festivals per year the Southend on Sea Film Festival which has just taken place and the Horror Film Festival in January. They also hold monthly screening at the Palace Theatre and every Wednesday has a cinema screening in North Road (in the old Essex & Suffolk Waterworks building) which is a free event.
6.1	David Simpson – Cinemas Of Leigh. This was postponed due to problems with technology in the Council Chamber
Agenda	Item 7 Southend Hospital Accident and Emergency Department The latest news on the proposal to close or downgrade our Southend Services
7.1	Chris Gasper – Success Regime Services User Group Representative CG stressed that neither Basildon nor Southend is a Trauma Centre. Clare Pannicker is now in charge at Southend Hospital and will have a large say in the success regime solution. The case for yellow or orange will go to public consultation. The NHS is promoting “caring for yourself” Non Urgent cases must be provided with highly responsive personalised care outside of hospital and deliver care in, or as close to people’s homes with minimum disruption. Urgent cases should be treated in centres with best expertise and facilities in order to maximise survival and recovery. Ambulance services are in Southend, Rochford and Castle Point. 35% of call outs are treated at home and 65% taken to hospital. 75% of urgent cases are transported in 8 minutes. Longer journey times could be mitigated by ambulance staff carrying out an emergency clinical assessment and coagulate bleeding as necessary, carrying out treatment immediately, thus stabilising patients on the way to specialised emergency centre. Patients with chest pains in Southend - 29 were taken to Basildon and 1799 to Southend on Sea CG recommended that members read the House of Lords 2017 “The Long Term Sustainability of the NHS”
7.2	Questions:- AG If the Tories win how will it work with the “working hours directive” CG They will work overtime MG There are two major issues. Southend will have more difficulty

attracting consultants and the traffic situation.
CG What will be left at Southend? The hyper stroke consultant left 12 months ago.
Q Basildon staff are offered London weighting will this happen in Southend
CG Southend do/can pay London weighting
Comment from member – It is less effective for ambulances to be on the road for longer time per journey.

Agenda Item 8

8.1	<p>Chairman Mike Grimwade reminded all that the OPA is urgently seeking an administrator and secretarial support, magazine editor, event co-ordinator and liaison for our website . MG thanked Carole Roast for doing the minutes today. If a secretary cannot be found the OPA may be unable to continue. MG said that LMc is under a lot pressure as she is currently undertaking most of these tusks along with her role as Treasurer.</p>
8.2	<p>MG reminded members of the special events Future East at Saxon Hall on Tuesday 27th June 2017(booking forms available at today's meeting) and Active Age on Saturday 21st October 2017 in the Victoria Shopping Centre.</p>
	<p>Next Meeting: Wednesday 6th September 1.30 in Council Chamber.</p>