

Held at 12:00 in Coopers Hill, room 5

<p>Present: Bob Pennell (chair), Allan Emmett, Cliff Thompson, Tracey Hedgecox, Roberta Kay, Janet Thomas, Karen White, Jacqui Brown</p> <p>Apologies: Chris Cowap, Clair Harris, Adrienne Jones, Coral Mist, Cheryl Spence</p>		
1.	<p>Minutes and matters arising</p> <p>The minutes of 27<sup>th</sup> November were adopted as read.</p> <p>Bob reported that Care Day was held shortly after the last meeting and was as usual a very enjoyable and successful day for the guests. On a show of hands only about 12% of the 260 over 70s home owners present used the internet.</p> <p>Bob had spoken to most people queuing to enter and they would be interested in joining our older residents' network.</p> <p>Otherwise, there had not been much tangible progress on internet strategy or incorporation over the Christmas period.</p> <p>There were no other matters arising.</p>	
2	<p>Financial update</p> <p>The charity would make a healthy surplus this financial year, in addition to the Mayor's charity (2011) collection that was received in May 2012.</p> <p>2013-14 would not be as easy because payroll was now up to budget; the NHS have terminated the grant for toenail cutting; and BFC wish to reduce the Day Centre grant.</p>	
3	<p>CO report - progress and issues</p> <p>Tracey had provided a report which will be published with the minutes. Summary:</p> <p>50 Christmas hampers were distributed in partnership with the Food Bank.</p> <p>Winkfield Parish Council grant of £505 was used to purchase a tumble dryer and some mid 1900s pictures of Bracknell.</p> <p>The Town Council grant of £800 had been used to provide new activity tables for day Centre users.</p>	

	<p>Warfield Parish provided a grant (twice per year) of £150 towards the cost of operating the minibus</p> <p>The NHS grant for toenail cutting has been discontinued. The service will continue as self-funded from April 2013.</p> <p>The trustees had agreed to take on a Day Care apprentice starting around April.</p> <p>The Spring Walk was to take place on April 27<sup>th</sup> and the Mayor would cut the ribbon as usual.</p> <p>The Day Centre had closed for two days during the bad weather. There was now a waiting list for the service. Fidget aprons and other items had been acquired to comfort agitated or restless members. Two Christmas lunches had been held with a magic show and gifts from Santa provided by Age UK and John Lewis donations. Carol singing by choirs from Crown Wood and Harmanswater schools enchanted the clients and everyone else at the Day Centre.</p>	
4	<p>New Member</p> <p>The meeting welcomed Jacqui Brown as a charity member</p>	
5	<p>AOB</p> <p>The date for Open Day had not yet been set.</p> <p>There is a general shortage of gardeners and those available charge £12 to £14 per hour.</p> <p>It was felt that the recent reduction in social activities was reducing Age Concern's reputation in the community.</p>	
	<p>Next meeting: 12:30 on Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup></p>	

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