

## Northants 50+ Network Board Meeting

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February from 2pm to 4pm  
Asda Distribution Centre, Gowerton Road, Brackmills, Northampton, NN4 7BW

**Present:** John Roberts –Chair (JR) Pam Tomalin –Secretary (PT) Brian Cully – Treasurer  
Tony Allen -Vice Chair (TA) Sandra Frampton (SF) Martyn White (MW) Ray Hutchins (RH)

**NCC Officers:** Stuart Whitsey

Item		Action
1.	<p><b>Apologies:</b> Judy Sullivan, Jillian Powell, John Wevill, Eileen Higgins, Susan Hills, Stephen Legg</p>	
2.	<p><b>Minutes of Previous Meeting 14.01.13</b></p> <p>MW drew attention to Page 3 Item six – paragraph 4: the word ‘<u>not</u>’ needed to be removed from the sentence.</p> <p>These were agreed to be a true record.</p> <p><b>Matters Arising:</b></p> <p>Item 4 – database section, TA: reported that after the meeting the demographic information breakdown was added to the application form. This was agreed by the Board.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Chair’s Report</b></p> <p>Charity Commission</p> <p>JR reported on correspondence with the Charity Commission culminating in suggestions for revising the wording of the Network’s aims. He added that, according to the constitution, this can only be approved by a General Meeting. No objections were raised to any of the suggestions, and it was decided to call an EGM in order that members would have the opportunity to vote on the recommended changes to the constitution.</p> <p>TA suggested that a letter of invitation to an EGM could be included in the forthcoming issue of the newsletter, together with e-mail communications to members, and that perhaps it could be the same date as one of the regular committee meetings.</p> <p>It was agreed to invite members to meet at the Derngate coffee morning on 8<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am; JR to draft the invitation, stating the purpose and what people would be required to vote on.</p> <p>SF suggested the Network could cover the cost of drinks for all attending, and this was agreed.</p> <p>Health Checks</p> <p>JR reported he was still waiting for clarification from the Public Health team at NCC on the health checks. SF added that she had had hers, but PT mentioned that she had received an email from Marion Rixon, stating after many requests to her surgery, she had still not had one. The response was that “they did not have the resources to do them or see people when they are well, and only see</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">JR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JR</p> <p style="text-align: center;">JR</p>



	<p>JR added that at the last meeting it had been suggested to ask RH if he would be willing to be membership secretary, to which he agreed. He was duly appointed.</p> <p>Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional Links</li> </ul> <p>Links have been added to the 50+ Website for NDDS (Door to Door Service) with a reciprocal basis on theirs.</p> <p>The 50+ Insurance company are now also on the website, for which they had paid.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online Application form</li> </ul> <p>Downloadable application alterations would incur a cost to the Board, and IHM have quoted £30 for this. All agreed this should be implemented a.s.a.p.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Newsletter</li> </ul> <p>Deadline for contributions to the next newsletter is 15<sup>th</sup> February with the aim to be edited and printed by the first week of March.</p>	<b>TA</b>
5.	<p><b>Treasurer's Report</b></p> <p>BC stated that the accounts remained static and nothing had changed from the last report.</p>	
6.	<p><b>DVD – Nottingham 50 Plus</b></p> <p>This was not available as PT had forgotten to bring it. To be viewed at the next meeting.</p>	<b>PT</b>
7.	<p><b>Richmond Village Roadshows</b></p> <p>JR reported that he had been contacted by PT to say she had experienced some difficulties in dealing with the representatives of TOF and who are partners with the Network in planning the roadshow. He had also spoken with Valerie Meade to obtain her viewpoint. which appeared to be one or two things that were not actually agreed on. He had explained that there was an agreement between Richmond Villages (RV) and Northants 50 Plus Network to organise two roadshows during 2013 on a similar basis as in 2012.</p> <p>There continued a discussion on the relationship of TOF and the Fifty Plus Network, and how VM and MR could be helped in their endeavours to continue with a South Northants over fifties group, of which they appeared to be the only committee members remaining.</p> <p>One suggestion was that VM and MR become 50+ Network activity co-ordinators for South Northants.</p> <p>TA added that the Fifty Plus Network could help them to help themselves because of the relationship with the SNVB and their mini bus which can be used to ferry visitors from the villages for the Towcester roadshow, which could give them a greater chance to attract members.</p> <p><b>Funding</b></p> <p>PT reported that Richmond Villages had withdrawn their offer to provide a fund for the Network to utilise to organise the Roadshows as they had last year, and</p>	

	<p>have now said they would like all the invoices to be sent to them to pay directly. TA suggested that there should be written confirmation from RV that they will meet all the costs and invoices forwarded to them via the Network for the two roadshows, as we do not want to be liable should RV not pay the invoices from the entertainers. PT agreed to organise this with RV.</p>	PT
8.	<p><b>Personalisation</b></p> <p>The NCC Personalisation event at the Doddridge centre was attended by 3 Board members (JR, TA, and PT) and SW, with about 25 members of the public. David Watts the Personalisation Project Manager outlined what it was, and what the County Council are trying to achieve. This was followed by group workshops, facilitated by NCC staff, to ascertain what people wanted from personalisation, and what they considered NCC should be doing.</p> <p>SW added that invitations had gone out to Fifty Plus members, but there had not been a very good response to this, so they had extended this to other contacts from their database of potentially interested individuals.</p>	
9.	<p><b>AGM June:</b> to begin planning</p> <p>Deferred</p>	
10.	<p><b>Business Plan Update</b> (continued from previous meeting)</p> <p>Deferred</p>	
11.	<p><b>Roles of Members</b> (continued from previous meeting)</p> <p>Deferred</p>	
12.	<p><b>Regional Round up</b></p> <p>SF reported that she and TA had visited King Richard Court at East Hunsbury, assisted living flats. They had spoken about the Network and had also taken along the Kurling which was much enjoyed. They appeared very keen for more involvement with the 50 Plus Network, Memberships forms were left with 15 or 20 who attended the first meeting. Possibly a small charge could be made if they want more Kurling events, but as they provide the refreshments, that would be all. Rushden was looking good as well.</p> <p>PT added that she was organising an event in June at the Beckworth Emporium, but it was open to all members, not for any particular area. She had produced a flyer which would be forwarded to TA for inclusion in the newsletter.</p> <p>JR said he had resigned from the DOF (Daventry Over Fifties Forum) Committee and he would ask if they would like to provide someone else to replace him as a link from Daventry.</p>	
13.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>JR had received an invitation to attend the NCC's latest consultations on prevention, early in March for various events taking place in a number of localities around the County, and it was up to each individual to book the event they wished to attend (if any)</p> <p>SW offered the suggestion for a Commissioning Manager to attend a Fifty Plus Board meeting. All agreed this was a much better idea.</p> <p>❖ South Northants Homes</p> <p>PT said she had received an application from South Northants Homes, who provide social housing throughout the South Northants area, to join the Board.</p>	

	<p>She added she had asked them to send information about their organisation, but as yet this had not been forthcoming. The Board suggested that they should be asked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why they want to join?</li> <li>• What benefit they could be to the Network?</li> <li>• What benefit they would get from the Network?</li> </ul> <p>TA asked if it was known what percentage of their tenants were in the over 50s range. PT replied that they are fully aware of the work of the Network so presumed it was quite high, but had not asked the question. PT agreed to feed back the questions to SNH. JR added that it was important to mention that if we obtained charity status their representative may be asked to become a trustee.</p> <p><b>Excel Media</b></p> <p>PT reported that Excell Media, who produce a minimum of 4,000 complimentary publications within the care industry for charitable organisations over a 2 year period, had been in contact to say they were almost ready for publication of the Northants Fifty Plus brochure. It will be distributed to Libraries, GPO Surgeries, Dentists, Care Homes, and any relevant locations for a publication of this kind.</p> <p>JSNA (Joint Strategic Needs Assessment)</p> <p>PT had received a request from JSNA to mention to the Board:</p> <p>The production of an executive summary for JSNA is planned for the end of March. One section will relate to the health and wellbeing priorities that have been identified for the financial year ahead – to this end the strategic group is asking key stakeholders to share their strategic priorities so that they may be considered at an extended meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> March. Short lists will then be created and go to the Executive Summary. As one of the items mentioned in the list of topics to be covered will be ‘Frail and Elderly’ it was felt this may be of interest to the Northants 50 Plus Network. Group members would be provided with further background information, such as the number of people affected by an issue, or the severity of harm caused by the issue. In order to meet the time scales it would be appreciated if the feedback could be provided to Inge Pye by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. PT to send out to the Board</p> <p><b>Village Network Roadshows SNVB</b></p> <p>As nobody else has shown an interest in attending the roadshows, PT said she was currently available to attend all of them. TA said that Eileen Higgins had asked for the dates and the venues, which she had been given, but he had heard nothing since, so would email them to her again. TA to provide PT with promotional materials.</p> <p>SW mentioned the services provided by Age UK which could be promoted via the newsletter.</p>	<p>PT</p> <p>PT</p> <p>PT</p> <p>TA</p>
14.	Date of next meeting – Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 2013 2 – 4pm	