

Northants 50+ Network Minutes of Board Meeting

**Held on 9th May 2011
At the Weston Favell Parish Hall**

Present:

Tony Allen (TN) Sandra Frampton (SF) Cllr. Eileen Higgins (EH) Susan Hills (SH)
John Roberts (JR) Pam Tomalin (Vice Chair) John Wevill (JW)

Officers:

John Ellerby (JE) Ben King-Minutes (BK) Sonja Noon (SN) Pam Wilton (PW)

Item		Action
1.	<p>Introductions & Apologies David Hinde, Jenny Howells, Liz Percival, Roger Rumsey</p>	
2.	<p>Speaker: John Ellerby. Transport and Highways (NCC) Queries and comments from Board members as follows:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will the concessionary pass be valid on the “Demand Responsive Service”? Yes. • Which areas are being considered for the “Demand Responsive Service”? Only deep rural areas such as the Welland Valley, Daventry District and South Northants. There are 6 schemes being considered, in addition to the one already operating in North-East Northants. • How were the uneconomical areas identified? By counting number of passengers on each subsidised service. For example, 4 passengers on a double-decker bus were considered as uneconomical. Concessionary pass holders were not counted differently to full fare paying passengers. • I am concerned that people in suburbs will lose out from the proposed scheme, as they are not in deep rural areas, which includes people living in supported accommodation. I am concerned that the alternative Northampton door-to-door service is too expensive for those in supported accommodation, especially where frequent journeys are made. John Ellerby commented that unfortunately there is no statutory requirement to provide transport for these clients, aged around 80 years of age. • The withdrawal and decimation of the rural bus service in Bozeat and Wollaston means that it is almost impossible for non-drivers to get to medical appointments at Kettering Hospital. • When will the new scheme start? It should have started in April, however Full Council did not approve the budget until end of February and time needs to be allowed to terminate contracts, and re-tender, and do a 	

	<p>consultation on the new scheme. The new scheme will start in September.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am concerned that newly developed areas will not have buses. <p>Developers may contribute money towards bus services as part of agreement of building new housing in an area.</p> <p>John Ellerby advised Board members to visit the “You Choose” website www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/youchoose to submit a formal response to the consultation. The deadline for responses is 27th May 2011. Tony Allen to upload link on the Northants 50+ Network.</p> <p>Sonja Noon to collate queries and comments arising at this Board meeting for Susan Hills to submit a response to the consultation on behalf of the Board.</p>	<p>TA</p> <p>SN SH</p>
3.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting, Matters Arising</p> <p>It was queried if all travel expenses should be paid out of the Board Account, and if in fact money should be taken out of the Events Account for travel expenses to do with activities. Agreed that all travel expenses are to come out of the Board Account.</p> <p>Tony Allen to add an insurance disclaimer onto Volunteer Expenses Claim forms.</p>	<p>TA</p>
4.	<p>Vice Chair’s report</p> <p>See 2 page report produced by Pam Tomalin.</p> <p>The Board agreed to support Northamptonshire Age UK to promote their Lifetime Prevention Project which is now focusing on South Northants and Daventry. They have asked Northants 50+ to promote the project, for instance via the Northants 50+ website. Also, they would like to have a stand at Northants 50+ forums and road shows.</p> <p>The Board only received £540 of the £900 requested in the original funding application to Northamptonshire Police completed by Pam Tomalin. Pam requires figures from David Hinde for completing a report on how the money has been spent, Pam Wilton to chase David for this information.</p> <p>Pam Tomalin is currently the only key holder for Weston Favell Parish Hall. Pam to find out if the Parish Hall can issue a second key, if not the Board agreed for a second key to be cut. Pam Wilton to be the second key holder. This is just in case Pam Tomalin is unable to attend a meeting for any reason.</p>	<p>TA PT</p> <p>PT</p> <p>PT</p>
5.	<p>Constitution revision</p> <p>See existing consultation document circulated, and 1 page report</p>	

	<p>produced by John Roberts.</p> <p>The Board agreed to remove the 2 year limit for Board members to be Officers. The Board members may stand for re-election if they wish to do so. This avoids losing skill and expertise that cannot always be replaced.</p>	JR
6.	<p>AGM</p> <p>Sonja Noon to invite Councillor David Mackintosh to speak on the Big Society at the AGM</p> <p>A potential board member Kate Brady spoke with Pam T and has sent a Board membership application form a 50+ membership form, a skills audit form and nomination for Board application with an invite to the AGM.</p> <p>Nomination forms for the AGM need to be submitted by 13th June. The AGM is on 20th June.</p> <p>Pam W to order cakes from Chefs in Training to have with tea/Coffee at the break.</p>	<p>SN</p> <p>PT</p> <p>All</p>
7.	<p>Support 4U Project</p> <p>(Sonja Noon) There is a website called "Support4U" which has been commissioned by Northamptonshire County Council to be a directory of information, services, organisations and activities to support Adults in Northamptonshire. Organisations can upload their details for free. The website link is http://support4u.northamptonshire.gov.uk. Tony Allen to upload link on the Northants 50+ Network.</p> <p>Sonja has met with the Centre of Independent Living (CIL) who is looking for a group of over 50s to test the website. All agreed for Sonja to submit a proposal to the CIL for the Northants 50+ Network to assist with the testing.</p>	<p>TA</p> <p>SN</p>
8.	<p>Facilitator's Report</p> <p>See 2 page report produced by Pam Wilton.</p> <p>All agreed for Pam Wilton to purchase £25 worth of additional vouchers for the Website prize draw and it was agreed to do the draw at the AGM on 20th June. Pam W to organise and buy the raffle tickets.</p> <p>See A4 size leaflet handed out by Pam Wilton, regarding a public engagement event being run by the BBC at the Derngate Theatre on Tuesday 14th June.</p> <p>All agreed for Pam Wilton to be refunded £35 for Herb Centre visit expenses incurred by her in writing additional cheque for 7 more</p>	<p>PW</p> <p>PW</p>

	attendees on the tour.	
9.	<p>Other Members' reports</p> <p><u>Website Report</u> See 2 page report produced by Tony Allen.</p> <p>Tony distributed various specimen name badges. Overall the Board preferred the cheapest option with the company, Nordis Signs, at a cost of £89.80 for 20 (inclusive of VAT).</p> <p>Tony is still investigating printing options for the newsletter. Sonja Noon to ask Ken Ridley to post a colour copy version of the last newsletter to Tony, for him to use in exploring colour printing options. All agreed that the A4 version of the newsletter is preferred.</p> <p>Tony appealed for information from Officers and the various forums, to upload on to the website.</p> <p><u>Daventry Older Peoples Forum</u> (John Roberts) On Tuesday 13th September they have an event in Moulton and would like to know if the Northants 50+ could run it jointly. All agreed to this.</p> <p><u>Good Companions (Northampton area)</u> (Sandra Frampton) The forum has made a profit at recent events, and therefore is asking if it can keep the curling kit borrowed from the Northants 50+ Network and buy a new one for the Northants 50+ Network. All agreed to let the Northampton area keep the borrowed kit, and if needed in the future take up the offer of them purchasing a new one.</p>	<p>TA</p> <p>SN</p> <p>TA</p> <p>All</p> <p>JR</p> <p>SF</p>
11.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p><u>South Northants Older Peoples Forum</u> (Pam Tomalin) This had stopped running some time, however there has been interest in reactivating it. Pam Tomalin is to meet with someone from the Daventry Older Peoples Forum on 10th May to work together on restarting the South Northants forum.</p> <p><u>Northamptonshire Community Foundation Grant</u> (Pam Wilton) Application has been submitted to cover for 2 editions of the newsletter, and a road show in Corby. Roger will hear back after 22nd May, and report back to the Board.</p> <p><u>Miscellaneous</u> Tony Allen suggested that a new banner stand, with the new Northants 50+ network logo, is purchased for use at events. All agreed.</p>	<p>PT</p> <p>RR</p> <p>TA</p>

Date of next meeting: Monday 20th June 2011 (AGM)
Weston Favell Parish Hall, NN3 3EP. 2 – 4pm.