

Northants 50+ Network - Minutes of Board Meeting

**Monday 23rd April 2012 from 2pm to 4pm
At the Weston Favell Parish Hall**

Present:

Brian Cully (Treasurer) – Chair (BC) Pam Tomalin –Secretary (PT) John Wevill (JW) Sandra Frampton (SF) Liz Percival (LP) Susan Hills NHS (SH) Cllr Eileen Higgins (EH)

Officers: Pam Wilton - Facilitator NCC

Visitors : Geraldine McMurdie (GM) NCC Pat Reed NCC LGSS (PR) Cllr Robin Brown (RB)

Minute Taker: Caroline Brennecke NCC

Item		Action
	<p>Welcome to all from the Treasurer who stood in as Chair person following the absence of the Vice Chairman TA</p> <p>Apologies: Tony Allen -Vice Chair, John Roberts - Chair, Jillian Powell – Age UK Northamptonshire, Mahmoud Jebli, Judy Sullivan - NCVA</p>	BC
1.	<p>NCC Consultation on Financial Appointees & Deputies (for people unable to manage their own finances) Geraldine McMurdie (Mental Capacity Implementation Officer) and Cllr Robin Brown (Cabinet Member)</p> <p>GM opened the meeting with her Consultation presentation by stating that the NCC want to address and meet obligations in a sustainable way to support people. Looking at the best options / reasons going forward to continue support. GM then went on to talk about and describe the legal terms of the Jargon Busting information leaflet (copies distributed to all present) the feedback received at the meeting is detailed below :-</p> <p>Lasting Power of Attorney – a legal document. You can appoint someone that you trust and make decisions on the persons behalf</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The cost per person is £120 and you must be registered with the Office of the Public Guardian, which can take up to 9 weeks. You do not need a solicitor in this case, unless the circumstances are complex. <p>Court of Protection - to protect the property & financial affairs of people who lack mental capacity to make specific decisions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCC LGSS are the team who look after this, PR was a representative present at the meeting. • Deputy services -Costs set by Court of Protection (GM) <p>Helping to help yourself – identify who could be your potential appointee/attorney</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCC receive a contribution to provide the service • An appointee is a discretionary service councils may provide • Bedford & Wrexham Councils do provide the deputy service • NCC asking for a contribution towards operational costs • Some people cannot afford to pay for services • The average cost per customer charged is £9.60. Some customers cannot be asked for contribution due to (Section) 117 Aftercare rules. Others may not 	ALL

have sufficient funds to pay a contribution.

- There are variables the figures are not set in stone.

Q Are the NCC asking people to choose options out of 1-3? (PT)

Yes. This applied to Appointee Service only.

A Deputyships have own charging policy and depends on personal circumstances, set by the court of Protection. The figures for funding may change.

Currently NCC Operational costs are £258k – for staffing / other costs per year.

(PR)

The charges are monitored (PR)

Q Are they means tested ? (PT)

A NCC are looking at peoples income, each customer finances are already assessed individually (PR)

Q How many Appointee/Deputy cases are there ?

A There are 130 deputyships – mostly in the community

Q Dementia is on the increase. How are we going to finance that ? (LP)

A The Generation of owner/occupier are in the ageing population now. It is likely that assets/property may need to be sold to release funds to pay for services. This will mean more customers may need deputy rather than Appointee service, if they have not made their own arrangements.(GM)

Q Other contracts have to be factored in, not ring fenced. What about the shortfall-no grant there. (LP & JW)

A We can either take the service away or part fund it (RB)

Q Cuts! more staff to deal with the increase in dementia cases, can the NCC sustain the service ? (LP)

A NCC is working towards a fairer and equitable service. If provided services for someone in care. Find a way to help with a fairer contribution. NCC is looking at services in the future. We could change the way we do things look at making the services more sustainable a lot of families not able or willing to provide care for families etc. (RB)

Going forward – fairer contribution more to join will lead to less funds to NCC.

25% minimum asset value and greater assets in the 50's & 60's, and future generations will not have asset value.(RB)

Q What about residential care? If anybody with need of care, will need their asset value

A Proposal - do you want the NCC to continue providing services ? not an option to continue as we are (RB)

Appointee role if stopped doing it we would leave families not caring for their loved ones. (GM)

Q What are the criteria for Appointee/Deputy service ?

A Customers are referred to Social Services, but they must meet the criteria (GM)

Q What is the first stop to receive the service? (PT)

A Customer must be receiving a service, ie care package or day services. Case worker assessments will identify need – if the person cannot deal with their own finances, a mental capacity assessment will also be required confirming this if they don't have the mental capacity.(GM)

Q Appointees – Relatives / friends can they do the job or cope many may struggle with the paperwork. Services must be provided to maintain (JW)

A There is a discretionary – duty of care to provide Appointees, some councils do not provide this at all, or they provide Appointees for residential care (GM)

	<p>Q There are 2 levels of access help people have to go through – (LP)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People must go through Social Services (LP) • People can still not get help from Social Services- too busy to help/ not enough staff (LP) • The NCC are not helping the elderly with dementia especially if the older person refuses offers of help NCC cannot do anything (LP) <p>A There may sometimes be an element of risk when assessing need – but NCC try to manage risk. Adult Safeguarding services are also an option.</p> <p>Q Why is a shortfall, if payments to providers are being frozen/ reduced?</p> <p>A Still ongoing demand, as demonstrated by demographics graph earlier in the presentation. Also grants from central government have been cut / reduced.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By having a sustainable service delivered by Finance Officers who have the right skills/knowledge it frees up operational staff like Social Workers and Care Managers who do the work they are best trained to do. <p>GM handed out feedback forms to all present at the meeting. Comments may also be emailed to acc@northamptonshire.gov.uk or via the website www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/appointees-deputies-service</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting 05.03.12</p> <p>Contents were agreed by all and signed off with no comments</p>	BC/ALL
3.	<p>Chair’s Report</p> <p>In the absence of the Chair, copies of his report were distributed to all This covered :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A meeting took place between 50+ Network officers and NCC re transferring assets, data and know-how from NCC to the Board. There is a willingness from NCC officers to do as much as possible to help the Network during transition. • Workshop on 16th April enabled the Board to decide that the aims of the 50+ Network are still worth pursuing. • Visit to McCarthy & Stone on 16th March by PW and JR who were shown a typical apartment and addressed the needs of older people. The firm (a leading national builder of specialised accommodation for retirement) • NCC and the firm to explore working together for mutual benefit. ie organise events and activities, help people to explore options for housing in retirement. • In return McCarthy & Stone could : - • Sponsor the newsletter / 50+ events • Help with the venue for 50+ board meetings • Promote 50+ Network membership to residents • McCarthy & Stone are currently thinking about how to respond • Richmond Villages (a competitor of McCarthy & Stone) are working with us on 3 Road shows during 2012 (reported elsewhere in the agenda) • Farewell to Pam Wilton in her role as facilitator. Pam will continue her involvement in the 50+ Network in some capacity as she chooses. <p>Thank you for all that you have done for the Network, and for your help and wise advice to me as Chairman, and enjoy your retirement</p>	JR
4.	<p>Vice Chair’s Report</p> <p>In the absence of the Vice Chair, copies were distributed to all</p> <p>Website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TA reported that a meeting took place with the NCC on 26th March, transferring the 50+ Members database. 	TA

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50+ insurance are yet to confirm that a unique page has been set up for our members on their website. Pending a banner logo and Uniform Resource Locator (URL) <p>Sponsorship / Funding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with Bev Freeman, Outreach & Development Manager for the Insulin Dependent Diabetes Trust, re awareness to all over 50's of Type 2 Diabetes. The IDDT may help with sponsorship, and possibly printing the Newsletter in house. Bev is seeking approval. The Chronicle & Echo will become a weekly paper at the end of April, which may open opportunities to promote the 50+ Network. TA to investigate. <p>Pam Wilton</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TA would like to thank Pam for all her fantastic work and achievements over the years. Pam is the 'corner stone' of the 50+ Network, and has done so much for so many. I wish Pam all the best for her well-deserved retirement. 	
5.	<p>Treasurers Report</p> <p>Brian Cully had circulated his report and copies were also handed out which showed that both the Board and Events accounts still have a healthy balance for the time being.</p>	BC
6.	<p>Facilitator's Report</p> <p>Road shows in Partnership with Richmond Village as the Sponsor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning meetings have been held at Richmond Village who have sponsored Burton Latimer and Brigstock Roadshows. Burton Latimer Town Mayor to open the Burton Latimer Road show, and all stands booked now. <p>Support from NCC when PW retires 27th April</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Caroline Brennecke to support the 50+ Members Admin until 1st June. Email address cbrennecke@northamptonshire.gov.uk Still awaiting for decision for admin assistance in the absence of PW Board to provide a list of requirements We have 10 volunteers to help at the Burton Latimer Roadshow: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 volunteers from Richmond Village 6 Volunteers from the 50+ Network PT, PW, JW, TA and Mr & Mrs Garlick 	PW
7.	<p>Roadshows sponsored by Richmond Villages</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Burton Latimer Roadshow is taking place on Thursday 26th April at 1pm 	PW/PT
8.	<p>Planning of AGM in June</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members need to be notified of AGM in newsletter 14 or more days prior to date –check constitution (14 or 21 days) for nominations to Board etc. PW PW and BC have suggested that we all have a think of ideas how attract more members to the AGM. Supply tea and cakes, partake in a games afternoon and raffle EH offered to bake cakes and it was suggested that all the Board members provide homemade cakes and a raffle prize. The AGM will take place on Monday 25th June at Weston Favell Parish Hall 	ALL
9.	<p>Regional Round Up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Late Life Matters event at Wellingborough was cancelled due to the lift out of order. Extra Time going ahead (SF) Write to all clubs to advertise if they have spare seats on their trips etc. How do we identify these clubs – radio Northampton ? (SF) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advertising other clubs events so people get out and socialise ie libraries(SF) 	
10.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Who will be co-ordinating the AGM now PW has retired?(BC)</p> <p>NCC (Sonja Noon) needs to know what 50+Board want from the list sent to them (PW)</p> <p>Database – consultation about the admin support (SF)</p> <p>SN to find out position on supporting PW role (PW)</p> <p>Following presentation of retirement card and gift earlier to PW, a final farewell and thank you for all she has done was said.</p>	ALL
11.	<p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>Monday 28th May 2012 - Weston Favell Parish Hall, NN3 3EP</p>	