

**Minutes of the Elgin South Area Forum Meeting held on
Tuesday 19th July 2011 at 7.00pm in the NEON Building**

Present

Aileen Marshall (Chair)
Steven Christie (Vicechair)
Christine Clerk

Mary Dow (Secretary)
Louise Ellerby (Treasurer)
Marilyn Kelly

In Attendance:

Cllr John Divers
PC Chris Harris (Grampian Police)

Alastair Kennedy (C&RBoECC)

Apologies:

PC Jamie Macmillan (Grampian Police)
Linda McKenzie

Rebecca Kail

Sandra Gracie, Strategy Development Officer, MCHSCP for duration of Item 2.

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| 1. | Aileen Marshall welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were noted. | |
| 2. | <p>Sandra Gracie gave a detailed presentation on Reshaping care for older people and the Change Fund.</p> <p>Members were given the opportunity to ask questions:-</p> <p>Q. Will the Change Fund money still be available after four years and if not how sustainable will the project be?</p> <p>A. £1.187m will continue for next four years. After that time we will need to look at performance measures and possibly shift budgets. We will monitor and look at savings, reduce hospital admissions and transfer savings into the community.</p> <p>Q. What are the projections on how many people born during the baby boom will need care compared to others?</p> <p>A. Government figures are for the whole of Scotland. At the moment 11% of population are in care homes and 89% of population are living quite well. Sandra Gracie to let Aileen Marshall know figures for Moray.</p> <p>Q. Who agreed on the figure given for Community Care Capacity Building - 3% £35,000?</p> <p>A. Head of Community Care. The Community Care Capacity Building Team discussed this at the Town Hall Event. Community Care set aside £35,000 for that and the Change Fund matched this amount giving £70,000 for Community Care Capacity Building. All heads were asked to put forward figures.</p> <p>Q. £15,000 is to go to Libraries. What does that achieve?</p> <p>A. This pays for a Library Information Officer who will work in libraries and take Libraries Older Peoples Strategy forward. The Library Information Officer will be able to advise older people on what's available in their area i.e. clubs etc. Building Information Centre.</p> <p>Q. At the moment retirement age is 65, although this will be increasing over the years– will the strategy phase in line with retirement age?</p> <p>A. 65 is when we receive our pension. The Assessment Team will be focusing on over 75 taken by pension age.</p> <p>Q. Emergency admissions in 75 age group, what evidence that the Community Capacity Building will improve this?</p> <p>A. By having more social activities, living healthier and having more</p> | |

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| | <p>independence. It takes years to build up evidence. Details of strategies can be found on the Government website. Statistics will be gathered and looked at in future. Can take five years before results are known.</p> <p>Q. Exercising e.g BALL groups, not enough in area. A. The voluntary sector will support on funding and developing own area and there will be one established. It gets older people out of house and socialising.</p> <p>Q. I attended a presentation in Glasgow on the Change Fund and it was said that by 2015 care would collapse if nothing was changed. Do you think this will change whole system enough? A. If right processes are in place around agreement, we know what we need to do i.e. shifting of money, the Institute of Public Care, Oxford Brookes University will facilitate the development of a commissioning group which will include four GP representatives. Acute beds are very expensive and we must educate GP's. We will have to report back to government on shifting care. We have to improve on hospital admissions – savings to be made around acute care.</p> <p>Q. What is happening in Telecare? A. A pilot is taking place at the moment. This enables people to take their own blood pressure, pulse etc. and this will be monitored by the GP.</p> <p>Q. It is extremely difficult to find a house with a Granny flat attached to allow family members to look after older relatives – maybe this should be looked at? A. Housing Needs assessment did make plans.</p> <p>Q. Anti-social behaviour – housing can have a bad effect on peoples' health and the Housing Allocation policy should be looked at. A. Allocation of sheltered housing should be looked at. I will make a point of looking into Housing coming on board.</p> <p>Q,. Social Care Partnership – how is it working together? A. Moray not picked out, there are two main concerns: Firstly, multiple admissions – this is now decreasing, and secondly delayed discharges – we are on top of this.</p> <p>Mary Dow agreed to write to Jill Stewart expressing the Forums concerns regarding the Allocation policy and the effects this could have on tenants health and well being.</p> <p>Q. What differences are there to present set-up? A. There are teams of Carers who now have a re-enablement attitude when a person is discharged from hospital and temporarily increased care is also put in place. Carers are now working extended hours and at weekends. Community Capacity Building is about enablement care, preventative measures and having one point of contact for older people. The Assessment team can help with information on clubs etc.</p> <p>Q. What about making use of the Handy Person Service – could do with incentives and will need funding? A. There is voluntary sector funding for handyperson services Time banking could be considered. There is a whole realm of things that the voluntary sector can help with.</p> <p>Aileen Marshall thanked Sandra Gracie for her interesting and informative presentation.</p> | MD |
| <p>3.</p> <p>3.1</p> | <p>Community Issues</p> <p>Community Care Change Programme – Alastair Kennedy advised that he has organised a joint presentation by Robin Paterson to take place on 8th August 2011 (venue to be confirmed). Four or possibly five members agreed to attend.</p> <p>Mary Dow to re-send documents to Louise Ellerby.</p> | <p>AK</p> <p>MD</p> |

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| <p>3.2</p> | <p>Elgin High School Improvements – Mary Dow advised that a letter had been sent to thank the MSP's for visiting Elgin High School.and asking to be kept up to date on any progress.</p> <p>Aileen Marshall advised that Andy Simpson, Headteacher of Elgin High School has offered to come and speak to the Forum and appreciates our support.</p> <p>Steven Christie stated that the Tenant's Forum would be writing to the Elgin High School Parent Council offering their support.</p> | |
| <p>3.3</p> | <p>Proposed Road Traffic Orders New Elgin – Aileen Marshall read out the response from Kevin Price. Should any member require a copy, please inform Aileen Marshall.</p> | |
| <p>3.4</p> | <p>Asda Steps – On-going.</p> | |
| <p>3.5</p> | <p>RAF Lossiemouth - Aileen Marshall advised that she welcomed the decision by Liam Fox to keep RAF Lossie open. She congratulated the Task Force and the people of Moray.</p> | |
| <p>4.</p> | <p>Forum Issues</p> | |
| <p>4.1</p> | <p>Future Speakers – Mary Dow advised that Jill Stewart, Head of Housing and Property was able to attend the meeting on 20th September 2011.</p> <p>Aileen Marshall advised that the October meeting will be a business meeting and the AGM will be held in November 2011. Members to think about who they would like to invite to the January meeting.</p> | <p>ALL</p> |
| <p>4.2</p> | <p>e-mails – Aileen Marshall advised that there had been a problem with group e-mails and should any member be aware of a problem to let her know.</p> | <p>ALL</p> |
| <p>5.</p> | <p>Any Other Competent Business</p> | |
| <p>5.1</p> | <p>Northern Scot Article – Aileen Marshall reported that Sarah Rollo was working on the article. A meeting had been arranged for 1st August 2011 at 10.00am at Aileen Marshall's house to discuss the ESAF details. All members welcome.</p> | <p>ALL</p> |
| <p>5.2</p> | <p>Steven Christie advised that two meetings had taken place to discuss Grant Lodge and a draft Constitution had been circulated.</p> | |
| <p>5.3</p> | <p>Alastair Kennedy advised that he had attended a meeting regarding the proposed changes to parking in North Street.</p> | |
| <p>6.</p> | <p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Moray Drug and Alcohol Funding Opportunity – circulated 13th July 2011. - Moray Transport Seminar Minute – circulated 28th June and 15th July 2011. - Flower Forum letter – circulated 23rd June 2011. | |
| <p>7.</p> | <p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Tuesday 16th August 2011 at 7.00pm in NEON Building.</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.05pm.</p> | |