



ENFIELD BOROUGH OVER 50s FORUM

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Minutes of the Meeting Held on Monday January 22nd 2007

Present: 70 members

Apologies: R.Beare

MM welcomed members to the first meeting of 2007

MM introduced Michael Rye as our guest speaker and thanked him for the assistance that the Council has given to the Forum such as the use of Salisbury House and the use of the Civic Centre for our Forum and committee meetings and also the appointment of the first lead officer for older people.

MR spoke first about the Enfield Leisure Centres Trust-which is important to older people. The Council has represented us on charging, opening hours and facilities. The process is now legal and will take some time to sort out. The new Edmonton facility will open in March 2007 which is good for Edmonton residents.

The Council has gone out to consultation on residential homes for older people to decide which is the best way forward, as independent living and support may be the best way forward.

Council tax-there will be a 3.5% increase. Profit is invested and the increase will be alongside inflation.

Olympics-MR supported the time limit and the capping for money.K.Livingstone now agrees but he is not sure about the Government.

There were a variety of questions put to MR such as:

Why can the Council sell off assets if they are owned by the people?

What exactly are the Council's reserves?

I have concerns about the possible closure of residential homes and withdrawal of respite carers.

There should be fairer charging for home car in line with other neighbouring boroughs.

Why have the councillors got such a big pay increase?

Discretions with council tax compared with Hillingdon

Repairs to Broomfield House-why not use some of the reserves to rectify this?

Why council tenants children are automatically allowed a one bedroom flat?

8.0 Chair comments:

MM promoted the raffle prizes as something worth having

There are a few tickets left for the Cheese and Wine Party on February 13th.

The Forum coffee mornings begin this Thursday at Salisbury House-all were invited to support this new initiative.

Vice Chair comments:

Roy Barrows reminded members of the day trip to Greenwich on February 22nd.

Development Officer report:

OG has tickets available for the celebration party.

OG promoted a local production of Oliver the musical.

Edmonton Forum meets this Friday at Forest Road Health Centre

Christmas markets trip to Germany and Holland has been booked and information will be coming out soon.

A trip is planned to Edinburgh in August to the Military Tattoo-details available soon.

11.0 AOB:

Don Smith said that the Safer Neighbourhoods from Palmers Green are meeting in the Fox Pub this Saturday.

Dial a ride have a panel meeting on Feb 14th in Reardon Court.

There is a council meeting this Wednesday re the leisure centres and Vantis costs.

Local libraries will publish the answer to this.

11.1 B.Frankel thanked Irene Richards for her support of the orchestra and promoted the next symphony orchestra evening on March 31st at the Bourne Methodist Church.

11.2 Peter Horsfall commented on the Australian test match and their hospitality.

11.3 There is a Save Chase Farm rally and march on March 3rd from the Enfield Town war memorial.

11.4 Alan Melhuish spoke of planning policies as a possible topic for discussion at a coffee morning-would he be prepared to lead a discussion on this?

11.5 Enfield Pensioners Action Group is looking for new members.

The date of the next Forum meeting in the Council Chamber **is Tuesday February 27th at 1pm.**

Agenda

- 1. Introductions and announcements**
- 2. Guest speakers**
- 3. Chair report**
- 4. Officer reports**
- 5. Raffle**
- 6. AOB**