

Melksham Area Board, 13 November 2019

Report back on Special Meeting held on Tuesday 22 October 2019 at Melksham Assembly Hall at 2pm

“Age Friendly Melksham”

In Attendance: 45 people including representatives of Wiltshire Council, Melksham Area Board, Melksham Town Council, Melksham Without Parish Council, Forum 55 Seniors, Riverside Club, Melksham Community Transport, Melksham and Bradford on Avon Primary Care Network, Selwood Housing, Healthwatch Wiltshire, Centre for Sustainable Energy, Centre for Ageing Better, Wiltshire Times

Also present: Councillor David Halik, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care Transformation at Wiltshire Council.

1. Introduction - Councillor Jonathon Seed, Chairman Melksham Area Board

Melksham is a member of the UK Network of Age-Friendly Communities and was the first, and still one of the very few, market towns signed up to a framework for making towns and cities more age-friendly.

See publicity for the United Nations International Day of Older Persons 2019 here



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2. Keynote Address: “Age-Friendly Communities” - Nayyara Tabassum, Evidence Officer, Centre for Ageing Better



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3. “Warm and Safe Wiltshire” - Joe Pitt, Energy Adviser, Centre for Sustainable Energy



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4. Introduction to Group Discussions - Councillor Jon Hubbard

Facilitators at themed tables managed introductions; the discussion of issues; and the identification of priority actions.

- **Supported Living:** facilitated by Vicky Bodman and Laura Young, Wiltshire Council Housing



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- **Work and Financial Security:** facilitated by Nayyara Tabassum, Centre for Ageing Better



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- **Health and Wellbeing:** facilitated by Dr Jonathan Osborn, Giffords Surgery



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- **Combatting Social Isolation:** facilitated by Teresa Strange, Melksham Without Parish Clerk



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- **Accessibility and Transport:** facilitated by George Brown, Melksham Community Transport



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- **End of Life Care:** facilitated by Chris Guest, Majesticare (Blenheim House)



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6. Next Steps for the Forum - Councillor Martin Pain, Chairman Forum 55 Seniors

Forum 55 continues to run a varied programme of activities for its members. As well as working with the local authorities to shape and deliver the Age Friendly initiative, the Forum provides regular activities at the Riverside Cub and Forest Community Centre which includes seated sports, talks, trips and other friendship activities for older people. The Forum has recently secured the services of the lottery funded “Healthier Communities” project and the Community Health Trainer to deliver a programme of healthy lifestyle advice and physical exercise to its members.

7. Summary and Next Steps for the Age Friendly Melksham initiative – Councillor Jon Hubbard

The Age-Friendly Melksham Steering Group has established a collaborative process with Melksham stakeholders to ensure the voices of older people are meaningfully involved in plans to make Melksham a more age-friendly town. It has held consultative meetings and has begun to plan actions across a range of themes to deliver a society in which everyone enjoys later life. This work now needs to be taken to the next level, and with adequate resourcing, if it is to make an impact in our community and on the lives of older people as we hope.

A report back on this event and a bid for resources will be made to the Melksham Area Board on Wednesday 13 November, to be held at Bowerhill Village Hall at 7pm.



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