

ENFIELD BOROUGH OVER 50S FORUM

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting
Held on 29th May 2018 at the Civic Centre, Silver Street, Enfield

Attended by: 46 members.

Apologies: Monty Meth, Talat Shaikh

1. The Minutes of the meeting of 30th May 2017 were accepted as an accurate record.

2 Annual Report and Accounts

The Annual Report and the Accounts were presented to the meeting and, were both adopted by the members present. The following points were raised:

2.1 It has been a busy year for the office due to the database being changed.

2.1.1 A question was taken from the floor regarding the cost of the database. This was necessary because the free access database previously used was no longer supported. Software and a licence for the new database had to be purchased. The database was installed by John Dennis, a volunteer at no cost to the Forum.

2.2. This year we were able to claim back £9,000 through gift aid. This is facilitated by a team of volunteers in the office who scan and store the records.

2.3. £50,000 has been held in reserve in the event of the Forum needing to close down.

2.4. Dugdale Advice Surgery is going well.

2.5. Newsletter is now in its 16th year. It has been produced every 2 months since 2002 and costs about £30,000 per year to produce. Volunteers from the office stick on the envelopes, address and postage labels - saving the Forum about £5,000 per year in reduced postage.

2.5.1. A question was taken from the floor regarding whether we should produce the newsletter on a quarterly basis, but it was felt that the Forum excels in communication and the newsletter is an important part of communicating to our members and especially in gaining the message of "prevention" out to our members.

2.5.2. Our eNews supplements the newsletter and is sent out two or three times a month to those members who have an email account.

2.6. The Health Team continues to be ably led by Vivien Giladi.

2.7. The Social Committee is another team of volunteers who have organised some excellent events.

2.8. We have held a full meetings programme - see page 10 of the annual report for a list of topics.

2.9. Income and expenditure remain under control and on target for the budget set for the year for has remained fairly steady.

2.10 We have saved on printing and postage because of the work of the office volunteers enabling us to use a cheaper postal rate.

2.11 Operational reserves now stand at around £35,000.

3. Nominations to the Executive Committee:

The following were nominated and unanimously elected to the Executive Committee:

Chair - Christine Whetstone; Secretary - Tony Watts; Vice Chairs - Peter Smith & John Ball; Treasurer - Champak Mistry;
Social Committee Chair - Irene Richards; Health Team Lead - Vivien Giladi; Members: Mobin Ahmed; Walter Bowry; Jim Cante; Yvonne Mulder; Joyce Pullen ; Chris Osborne; Joan Stephenson; Talat Shaikh

4. Any Other Business

4.1. A question was received from the floor about appropriate adverts in the newsletter.

4.2. It was proposed that there should be a policy for accepting advertisements. This will be taken forwarding.

4.3. A vote of thanks was given to the Committee for the work they do on behalf of the Forum and of Enfield.

The Meeting was formally closed by Christine Whetstone.