



**MINUTES of the Eastbourne Seniors Forum AGM  
Held on Thursday 15th June 2017 at St Saviour's Church Hall  
South Street, Eastbourne**

**Present:** There were approx. 50 members present.

**Apologies:** Beryl Newson (Chair), Colin Akers, Stephanie Blackledge, Chris Whittle. Steve Thornett (for lateness).

**Acting for the Chair:** Nadine Harris (Vice-Chair)

- 1 **Opening Address:** Nadine welcomed members to the meeting and thanked them for attending this year's AGM. She explained that our Chair, Beryl Newson, was unable to attend due to unforeseen circumstances and that she (Nadine) was going to chair the meeting.
- 2 **Minutes of the AGM held on 17th June 2016:** These were agreed as accurate and approved.
- 3 **Matters Arising:** There were no matters arising.
- 4 **Chairman's Report:** The report submitted by Beryl was presented by Nadine. She said it had been a busy year with many meetings attended by herself and other Committee Members. These were then followed by feedback given to the Committee and ESF Members via Newsletters and regular e-news bulletins. Nadine explained that Beryl and herself had attended the bi-monthly East Sussex Seniors Association meetings and on occasions had been accompanied by one of two designated Committee members. These meetings are useful as they enable ESF Committee members to meet and network with Committee members of the other seven forums. This helps us to understand and influence the issues relevant to the over 50s at a regional level rather than just a local level.

Nadine reported that the Good Life Show had been the most successful event and had been very well attended by both exhibitors and visitors. There were no comments or questions about the Chair's Report. (Copy circulated).

- 5 **Treasurer's Report:** Des Davis introduced himself and explained he had taken over from Gwynne Pickering who had resigned from the post after some years of service. Des explained that we now have a new, younger auditor and the service is still free of charge. Des went through the accounts explaining the various headings (copy circulated). Members commented that the accounts were very clearly presented. Des was asked about the 'Leaflet distribution' (Under Advertising Revenue) and how that could make a profit. He explained that it referred to the fee we charge for enclosing leaflets advertising local organisations and businesses in our Newsletters. The accounts were unanimously agreed and passed. Nadine gave her thanks to Des.

6 **Election of Officers:**

Nadine thanked all the Committee Members for their contribution, commitment and support over the last year.

She explained that Beryl Newson was standing down and she (Nadine) had put herself up for election.

The following members have been re/elected for office:

Chair: Nadine Harris

Proposed: Vera Tyler: seconded: Robert Cooper

Vice Chair: Vacant at present as no one has come forward for nomination.

Treasurer: Des Davis: in post

Secretary: Stephanie Blackledge:

Proposed: Steve Thornett: Seconded: Shirley James

Membership Secretary: Colin Akers: in post.

The following existing Committee Members have agreed to stand again for another year:

Pauline Archer, Robert Cooper, Pamela Edwards, Beryl Newson, Steve Thornett and Vera Tyler.

Nadine thanked Chris Whittle, Publicity Officer, who was standing down, for his contribution and support during his time on the Committee.

Steve Thornett will be ESF Publicity Officer.

She also thanked Vera Tyler on behalf of the Committee and presented her with a gift and card in thanks for the work she has done as Minute Secretary. Vera has agreed to continue to serve on the Committee.

Des mentioned to those present that we needed new Committee members and encouraged anyone who might be interested to join the Committee to come forward.

- 7: **Any Other Business:** A member asked whether this year's grant would be equal to previous years. Des said it appears they will be roughly the same. It was pointed out by another member that the Good Life Show (GLS) seems to bring in little reward for the amount of time and effort put in. Des agreed and told the audience that originally it had been non-profit making but as the years have passed has become a valuable source of income. The Committee are looking at ways of making savings on costs in order to improve the income this year. A lady suggested asking for a donation as entry is free.

Nadine mentioned that the Good Life Show will be held this year at the International Lawn Tennis centre in view of the building work happening at and near our usual venue. One member asked that we ensure the stalls at the GLS were put in better places as last year her stall was very close to the stage and music which made it difficult to hear what people were saying and talk to them. The point was taken and hopefully this will not be a problem at the new venue.

Finally, Nadine thanked the members for attending and asked if they would be kind enough to help recruit more members by taking home the ESF leaflet with a membership application form left on their seats and inviting friends or acquaintances to join. (Currently there are 1,283 members of the ESF)

*There being no more business the meeting finished at 2.20pm.*

The AGM was then followed by a talk and PowerPoint Presentation on *Technology Enabled Care Services (TECS)* given by Jonathon Redford, Project manager.

This was well received. Jonathon answered a number of questions from an interested audience.

Our thanks to Jonathon for a well thought out presentation and informative talk about Telecare Services, how they operate at present and plans for the future.

