

Minutes of  
Senior Council for Devon Seaton and Area Branch  
Meeting held 25<sup>th</sup> March 2009  
Methodist Church Hall Seaton



1 **Welcome and apologies**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting especially new member Beryl Norris.

2 **Minutes of last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 28<sup>th</sup> January were proposed by Tina Trapani and seconded by Flo Townley and accepted unanimously as a true record.

3 **Guest Speaker**

The Chairman welcomed and introduced the guest speaker Mrs Margaret Davidson, Principle Adults Community Learning Officer. Her talk was very informative and a copy of the chart that she displayed explains how much money has been taken away from senior adult learning by the Government. Actions were agreed after the meeting and a letter has been sent to Margaret in confirmation (See summary report to Senior Council for Devon (SCfD) enclosed /attached.

4 **Update on Countywide issues**

The Chairman then gave an update on the countywide issues. The main Senior board has had 12 meetings unfortunately four members have resigned due either pressure of work, ill health of the member or a member of their family. Four new members have been co-opted.

There has been a chequered progress regarding other branches some are doing well other have not got off the ground some are struggling but in total there are over a 1000 members with numbers slowly rising. All branches are independent but the need to work both district and County wide has been recognised. The board of directors has engaged the Community Enterprise Unit (a not for private profit organisation with a good track record) to help with capacity building. Priority will be given to areas in greatest need.

The transport group may split into areas with a strategic group overseeing The main thrust at present is the 9.30 start for the 60+ passes.

5 **Current local initiatives**

Please see attached /enclosed summary report for the latest on the issues being pursued by Seaton and area Senior Council

6 **New work**

Publicity group (Bob, Joyce and Jenny) were charged with producing a leaflet based on Honiton group to spread the word about Seaton and Area Senior Council. Joyce will produce a leaflet to let people know what is going on in Seaton (action from ageing well event) one member stated that the hospital car service has gone from efficient to in efficient recently. Other members confirmed this view and Roger agreed to take this up with the local "Cluster" contact.

Bob agreed to write to stage Coach Bus Company and EDDC to request that the Town Bus extends its route to include the cemetery.

An overwhelming response was given to our letter regarding the Toilets/Shelter on West Walk and dialogue has been going on with EDDC and our elected representatives (Peter Burroughs had obtained a plan of the refurbishment, which members studied at the end of the meeting)

7 **Membership**

Currently there are 63 members, Roger, will major on trying to increase membership in Beer

8 **Financial information.**

Tina reported the financial position to the end of February, viz. £191.48 remained from the £500.00 petty cash that had been received to date. Two substantial claims were outstanding but this would still leave a large proportion of the £2000.00 annual allocation.

Tina referred to the County Budget, saying there was a substantial under spend and John Stedman (Treasurer) was preparing a budget for the following year that took this in to account

**The next meeting will be on the 27<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 2.00pm**

**The AGM of the Seaton and Area Branch**  
**be on the 29<sup>th</sup> July 2009.**

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