

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL
ACCESS GROUP
AGENDA

Thursday 17th May 2007 - Committee Room One

- 1. Present/Apologies**
- 2. Minutes of last meeting**
- 3. Matters arising**
- 4. Hampshire Fire and Rescue – Presentation by Havant Station
Manager Malcolm Freemantle**
- 5. Hampshire Blue Badge Unit – Presentation by Judith Archer –
Hampshire County Council**
- 6. Any other business**
- 7. Date of next meeting**

2. Apologies:

Tracey Ford, Judy Glenister

Note: Unfortunately not all apologies were heard by the panel due to background noise at that time – please let us know who we have missed

Present: Councillor Terry Hart; Caren Ransom (Equalities and Access Officer HBC); Judith Archer (Manager Blue Badge Unit HCC); Malcolm Freemantle (Hampshire Fire and Rescue Services); Frank and Val Stanley (Havant Access Drop-in Group); Maisie Tucker (Havant Access Drop-in Group); Richard Sturgess (FBC & GBC Building Control); Margaret Hadley; Nora Huntley; Val Hartridge (Access Group); Chris Pylee (Access Group); Audrey Tiller (Access Group); John Port (Social Services); Maggie MacBeth (Social Services); Marian and Tony Le May (Access Group); Jenny Strachan HBC(Minute taker)

3.Minutes of Last Meeting

Minutes of last meeting agreed

Matters Arising:

National Express Tickets:

- a) National Express refused The Café at Havant Bus station to sell their travel tickets.

Action: Tracey Ford will be talking with local travel agents in Havant town centre with regard to this.

Cllr Hart will follow this up

4. Hampshire Fire and Rescue presentation with Malcolm Freemantle

Malcolm gave a presentation on the Home Fire Safety Visits the service offers. This is available for vulnerable groups in the community. He offered forms for the group which would enable them to a Fire Risk analysis in their homes quicker than the usual two weeks for a visit. The emphasis of these checks is the one to one communication for specialist and specific advice tailored to the individual and their place of residence. The Fire Service will also accommodate the deaf community by ensuring they have an interpreter (if known in advance), the telephone number is 023 9248 0232 or 023 80 644000 for outside the borough.

Malcolm also mentioned that this service is also available for families with young children.

5. Blue Badge Presentation - Judith Archer (Hampshire County Council)

Judith covered various issues with an emphasis on how to use the badge correctly and to ensure holders think about where they are parking so not to cause an obstruction to other highway/pedestrian users and that the concession was restricted to the Highway only - not car parks (although some car parks will accommodate free disabled parking space). Judith also pointed out that ensuring disabled spaces in car parks such as supermarkets were not abused is a very difficult task (near impossible) to enforce.

Judith took questions concerning the use of Blue Badges. Judith pointed out that there are 60,000 Blue Badge holders in Hampshire alone. Changes to the Blue Badge department (from July 07) mean that a new call centre will be available so that Blue Badge applications can be achieved over the phone.

Literature was handed out.

Councillor Hart welcomed Caren Ransom Havant Borough Council's new Equalities officer.

He also commented on the benefits of being able to go on-line for many services for example Blue Badges. He said it cuts the waiting time and hopefully the costs.

6. Any Other Business

- a) Access to the countryside (speaker suggestion for next meeting)
(Caren to arrange)
- b) Getting the Elderly into care (speaker suggestion for next meeting)
(Caren to arrange)
- c) All schools required to have an Access Order by November 2007(Caren coordinating cascades from HCC)
- d) Some attendees of this meeting were finding it difficult to hear
(Caren to speak with technical services)
- e) Issues with dropped curbs on bends in Kings Road (Caren to speak with Highways)

8. Date of Next Meeting

2nd August 2007 2pm