**Meeting of the Andover and District Older People’s Forum held at 2.15 on October 24th 2019 at the Rendezvous,Union Street, Andover.**

**Present:** W Rayner, P.Rayner, B Skinner.Peter and Margaret Ponting, Connie Morrell, Pat Martin, June Khukri,  (? spelling).   Wilson Carson, Wendy and Fred North, Marion Kerley, Jenny and Brian Kay, Jean Ray, Debbie Backery ( From Pro active Care team) Rosemary Hamilton

Plus a person who came later who sat at the back and did not book in ? TV Staff?

**In attendance:**Liz Murray.        Valley Leisure.

1. 2.15 pm.  Jenny Kay, Chairman opened the meeting and in the absence of Mollie Antrobus the Secretary. Peter Rayner took the minutes.   All members welcomed on a rainy afternoon.
2. **Apologies** received from Sandra Hawke, Haydn Watkins, David and Christine Cushnie, Kathy Gray,  Rita Skinner , Mollie Antrobus and Chris and Maggie Bowling.
3. **Liz Murray : I Can Therapy Report**

Due to another appointment later in the afternoon the Chairman asked Liz Murray to give her presentation before the refreshment break.

Because of some problems with the Information Technology (IT) it was not possible for Liz to give a power point demonstration.   It was agreed she would provide copies.

When received these would be circulated with the minutes

  However Liz was able to give an informative and erudite resume of the history and achievements of Valley Leisure.  Explaining how it had developed and the setting up now of other charitable businesses.  She gave further explanations of the   “ I can Therapy “ and how it fits into many post operative conditions and assists in giving and improving  movement and accessibility.

After Liz had taken questions Chairman thanked her for an enjoyable and valuable session.

1. **Minutes of the General meeting in July 2019**.     Chairman  asked for comments on accuracy of minutes and reviewed the document

  Wendy Rayner pointed out the web site address was incorrect and Wilson Carson agreed to amend that aspect before the minutes go on the website.

There being no further corrections the minutes were proposed by Brian Kay and seconded by Brian Skinner and. Signed by the Chairman.

1. **Matters Arising**

**5.1.  Website.**  Wilson Carsongave an update on the progress of the website, now recording over 700 hits.  The task of updating is proceeding well and in addition an increasing number of interesting photographs are available.

Campaign information and briefings of factual information of value to older people are also uploaded.

**5.2.  Independent Living Fayre.**

Chairman took the meeting through the report from Mollie Antrobus.  A number of important comments arose from the resulting discussion which will be reviewed in the event of a similar function next year.

Questions regarding Parking, accessibility, step free access and a review was called for regarding alternative sites.   Masonic Hall being mentioned.   Fred North pointed out there had been no account thus far for the catering.

Chair thanked all those that attended and assisted.  The report was accepted and the officers of the Forum would be reviewing the position.

**5.3. Promotional Display Material**.

 The meeting noted the universal approval of the  material.  Wendy North said how much the outside display helped to raise the awareness of the work the Forum was undertaking.

1. **Finance Report.**

Fred North reviewed the position, explained the costs of the Fayre and placed it in the context of the general financial position.    There had been difficulties with the Andover Advertiser in regard to the payment of accounts.

In the actual Paper itself the Press Release from Wendy Rayner and Mollie Antrobus had been well written and was said to be good, although at the meeting no one had seen it.  It was not apparently in a prominent place in the Paper.

The finance report was accepted.

1. **Any Other Business**.

There was none.

Chairman closed the meeting reminding members that the next General Meeting will be on **Thursday 23rd January 2020 at 2.15.**