

Meeting of Full Council

Monday 16th September 2019

Agenda Item 8.0 (ii)

TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM FULL COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS: UCKFIELD DEMENTIA FORUM

The Uckfield Dementia Forum met on 12th September 2019 at the Civic Centre.

The meeting started with a presentation from DETERMIND. This is a study being carried out by Brighton and Sussex Medical School to look at the determinants of quality of life, care and costs and consequences of inequalities in people living with Dementia as well as their carers. The study is being carried out elsewhere in the country and is in partnership with a number of universities such as LSE, King's and Cambridge. They are looking for people that are within the six month period since diagnosis, and then they will look to track their experiences for three years in order to monitor their quality of life, the choices they make around services and any difficulties they experience with regards to accessing services and activities.

The Picture House Cinema attended the start of the meeting to spread the word about their schedule of dementia friendly film screenings. The films take place on the last Wednesday of every month, and provide a relaxed atmosphere, with brighter lighting and lower sound:

The King and I: Wednesday 25th Sept at 11am
Pillow Talk: Wednesday 16th October at 11am
Oklahoma: Wednesday 27th November at 11am
White Christmas: Wednesday 18th December at 11am

Tickets are £9.50 (£8.50 concessions). To book please go online at www.picturehouseuckfield.com or call 01825 764909

An update was provided on the Men's Shed that had been set up in partnership with the Uckfield & District Lion's Club and Sussex Support Services. The group were meeting temporarily at West Park Pavilion, but were keen to find a more permanent base where practical equipment could be situated such as woodworking or metal working tools.

Forum members received an update from the Wealden Dementia Action Alliance and other forums around the district. The Alliance had been in place for four years now, so very well established.

Work would get underway before the next meeting on 28th November 2019 to draw up a draft constitution for the Uckfield Dementia Forum and prepare for the Christmas event. Further details would be communicated on the Christmas event once the date and time had been confirmed.

Councillor P. Sparks