

3rd September 2015 – Woking Maybury Centre

**Present –**

Ginny Eaton ( chair)- Thelma Snelgrove( treasurer/PCS) – Howard Kaye ASLEF / Labour Party)- Ted Truscoe ( NUT)- Fred Greaves ( NUT)- Mick Dawson (UCU)- Annette Eagan (UNISON Schools)- Steve Trafford (Green Party)- Liz Mansfield Green Party)- Alan Clyne (UNISON)

**Apologies –**

Paul Couchman-Helen Couchman-Teresa Bowers- John Hadwyn- Janet Fearnley- John Morris- FBU representative

**Minutes of last meeting** –

Agreed .

Last item re Surrey Choices discussed – Alan advised new management structure taken radical approach, have laid off 35 staff but employed 85. Engaging with union but not a good relationship, members will need to be more active to say relevant. This is typical of ORBIS (day centres) across Surrey, GMB /UNISON have drawn up a recognition agreement but so far it’s not been signed. Will keep SOSIS posted.

Fred advised TTIP being discussed by MEP’s keep eyes open as trying to sneak measures in through the back door.

**Treasurer’s report-**

Currently £1346.17

**Care Homes**

Alan provided report as follows-

Surrey County Council still working through closures but pressure applied by SOSIS etc. has made an impact as closures now span out over three years. There are two homes closing now – Brook house and Longfield ; no redundancy notices yet , but there are no jobs available. Some staff will be retained to close the buildings. There has been a mixed response to this amongst the members. Phase 2- includes Cobgates and Dormen , this review starts January 16 with a view to closure by late summer. Phase 3- includes Park hall and Pinehurst to close by late summer.

Judiciary review still underway

Nationally the living wage is being used as an excuse for further closures.

SOSIS to try to reconnect with Cobgates as they are the most active, agreed that we need community behind the campaign.

Period of reflection starts October thru January. We need to find out when council meetings are and become involved at this point.

SOSIS website to be updated

**FBU**

As above apologies received from FBU.

**Childcare Centres**

No meeting yet so we need to have update from DJCC before we can move forward. Closures to be revisited, SOSIS to reactivate campaign with Sure Start parents.

**Truth About Zane ( TAZ)**

Liz and Steve provided feedback from the protest at Woking Crown Court. – It was modestly attended, Coroner allowed protestors inside. Coroner decided that St Peters Hospital and the Environmental Agency must respond also , therefore postponed until 16th January.

Thelma advised that the petition will be available to sign outside Zane’s home during the Thames Path Challenge that takes place on the 12th September between 11:00 and 18:00 Details are on the TAZ Face Book page.

**Care Network**

Plan C did not attend, however Liz and Steve were at a meeting with them and apparently they are looking to join up with other activists. Can’t find any websites regarding Plan C.

**TUC March in in Manchester**

No one sure if respective unions are providing transport yet. Mick advised SERTUC must have something out soon.

**Flyers and Posters**

Liz volunteered to design a generic leaflet regarding SOSIS accomplishments and current involvements in local issues with details taken from an existing leaflets. Ginny will scan and send Liz details.

**Setting up Local SOSIS groups**

Agreed that local groups are more productive when there are particular interest meetings. Liz advised that the Methodist Church in Staines have cheap rooms.

**AOB**

None

Next meeting scheduled for 25th November 7-9 in Woking Maybury Centre. Thelma will see if this date is available and advise via these minutes.\*

\* 25th fully booked – **26th November 7-9 in the Crèche booked as an alternative.**