



Minutes of Oswestry and District Access Group
May 8th 2012

1) *Present:* Angela Bright (Chair), Janis Menage, Lin Stapley, Ruth Mansfield, Nancy Williams, Elaine Channon

2) *Apologies:* Sally Tinkler, Margaret Chamberlain, Jackie Elliott, Sue Roberts, Olive White

3) *Matters arising:*

- Photograph has now appeared in the Advertizer
- Santander still ongoing
- Audiology Department: Margaret has booked an appointment will keep us informed
- Railway crossings still checking.
- Arriva Buses should wait until passengers seated please report if you have a problem.
- The problem of dog fouling and general litter it was felt that it is sad that people do not take more pride in the place they live. Contact the Council re dog fouling must respond within 12 hours. Putting down Jeyes fluid acts as a deterrent. There is a need to enforce the law and prosecute more dog owners.

Tidy up for the Jubilee

- Approached Julian Graves re keeping the shop space freer. Not too bad when Angela visited.

4) Minutes accepted as true record

5) *CHAIRMAN'S REPORT*

- i. Boots the Chemist have passed on the request for an automatic door to Head Office. They may consider altering the rear entrance. I will keep following up.

- ii. I approached the staff of Julian Graves shop about keeping the aisles clear to allow easier access for pushchairs. On the day of my visit it was OK.
- iii. Santander is going to close down for a week within the next month hopefully the ramp will be fitted at this time.
- iv. Request from Gatacre allotments to support their request for toilet facilities at the site.

Elaine: I am on allotments committee this has been under consideration for some time. There is a problem particularly for ladies. There may be a solution but the problem is money. Excavating for a main which has to be protected against frost in winter is costly. We are looking a funding the toilet would be on the side by the school. Allotments are very popular with a waiting list of about 30 people.

Ruth Mansfield: Costs are high with a composting toilet Portaloo cost around £2000 and Ecoloo £7000

Will write to committee lending support.

- v. I Printing Costs for 5000 guides from Lawrence's around £2000

Do not know about large print format yet. Hope we can share distribution costs with Sue Napper. As last time cost was high.

6. Town Council News

The refurbished market hall will be re-dedicated on May 9th by the Earl of Powis. The current market manger is doing a very good job. The interior of the market is much improved the lift is excellent. The old ramp was rather steep.

7. Ruth Mansfield Shropshire Community Officer

Would the Access Group like an allocated space for the disabled to watch the procession of the Olympic torch through the town on May 30th. The road will close at 9.30 am and reopens shortly after the procession goes by. I will keep you inform of developments.

Festival Squares has been set aside for dignitaries and the disabled.

Lin: not sure I like the idea of herding the disabled into area. I do not want a special place. Would like to see Stewards being aware of the problem and letting wheelchair users get to the front.

Elaine this difficult the stewards are volunteers mainly there to keep people from straying out into the road. We have to think of small children

Wheelchairs users cover most of Oswestry just one spot may not be to convenient for all of them

Ruth will contact Qube, Derwen, Sally Tinkler Avalon (Janis to send her contact details) to find out their views

Local Joint Committees

Kate has suggested that the group apply to them all for the reprinting costs. The largest amount from Oswestry, say £1000 and £500 from the Weston Rhyn and Ellesmere

8. Any other Business

- *Olive White is resigning from the group.
We would like to thank her for her support over the years.*
- *Sadly we have to report the death of Doris Barrow, former town Mayor aged 87years.*
- *Raffle £4.00*

The meeting closed at 11.45

Next meeting: June 12 th 2012 **Avalon Day Centre 7.00pm**