



## Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council

### Annual Parish Assembly

Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19th April 2022 at Meldon Village Hall

#### Parish councillors present

B Wood, M Littlejohns, R Maile, M Cooper, A Ewen, J Heard,

#### Guest speakers

Karen Percival (Okehampton United Charities)

Ian Blythe (OCRA)

Sue Wonnacott (Okehampton & District Community Transport Group)

Ian Brooker (DNP Ranger)

#### Also Present

Cllr J Yelland, Cllr M Davies, Cllr P Vachon (WDBC), Cllr L Samuels (DCC)

Clerk – J Gillard

7 members of the public

1. Welcome by the Chairman – the Chairman welcomed all to the meeting, it is the first face to face Annual Parish Meeting since Covid
2. Apologies – apologies were received from Cllr P Heard.
3. Chairman's Report – the Chairman advised he had written an Annual Report on behalf of the Council, he highlighted a few key points from within it. The complete report is now available on the Council's website [www.okehamptonhamlets-pc.gov.uk](http://www.okehamptonhamlets-pc.gov.uk)
4. Guest Speakers –

#### **Okehampton & District Community Transport – Sue Wonnacott**

The Group continued to provide support during Covid and they continue to provide support wearing face masks. They have recently introduced a small price rise, the first in over 10 years, of only £1 per journey. The increase in fuel prices has had a significant impact on costs. They have reintroduced 'Lifestyle trips', they are trying to recruit a driver for these but this is proving difficult. A recent coffee morning raised over £470 profit, car boot sales continue to provide income.

Sue's assistant, Liz Westlake, is retiring soon, they are currently looking to recruit a replacement.

The Group received a legacy from a previous volunteer driver, this has enabled them to purchase a new wheelchair accessible vehicle.

The volunteer car scheme is very busy and they are always looking for additional volunteer drivers.

**OCRA - Ian Blythe**

Full details of OCRA activities in the Managers Report available on the Council's website. All is going well with their activities, very busy. He thanked the Council for their support.

**Okehampton United Charity – Karen Percival**

See Powerpoint Presentation on the Council's website.

**Dartmoor National Park – Ian Brooker**

See separate report on the Council's website.

5 . Questions from the Public – there were no questions raised by members of the public present.

6. Close of meeting followed by refreshments.

The chairman thanked everyone for attending and invited all for refreshments.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.25 pm

Signed..... Date.....

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