

Bury Older People's Network (BOPN)

14th May 2025

Bury Unitarian Church

Attending	Jo Mawdsley (chair); David Barnes (Bury VCFA – action notes); Rita Boardall (Bury Unitarian Church); Stephanie Boyd (Bury Council); Vicky Crookes (Bury Council); Steven Greason (Persona/Ageing in Place); Jayne Harrison (Bury Carers Hub); Gill James (BOPN, Redvales); Nikki Ledger (Bury Council); Jane Lees (Age Uk Bury); Trish Ribchester (Greenmount Village C&C); Pauline Smith (GMOPN, Bury LGBTQ+ Forum, Pride in Ageing); Julie Southworth (Greenmount Village C&C); Gillian Stainthorpe (Rotary); Jan Wiczowski; Marie Wilson (Bury VCFA); Deb Yates (Bury Council)
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Bury Extra Care Housing Strategy

Stephanie Boyd (SB) and Vicky Crookes (VC) from the Council's Community Commissioning Team had sent the Draft Extra Care Housing Strategy to BOPN members in advance of the meeting. Today is an opportunity for members to provide verbal feedback and comments to shape the strategy. The following points were gratefully received:

- Suggestion to highlight that people over the age of 90 and people with dementia are 2 of the biggest challenges for an ageing population.
- Duplication in statistics on pages 7&10.
- Several private housing schemes for older people across the borough, but these are thought to be expensive.
- There is a scheme in Manchester for the LGBT community, and this is a mix of rent and ownership.
- Suggestion to be clearer on the number and size of new schemes that we plan to build.
- Suggestion for a glossary for words like 'unit'.

- Suggestion to be clearer on what we mean by 'extra care' and 'independent living'.
- Suggestion for some further information to be added on 'sheltered schemes'.
- It is important for schemes to be available in areas where there are good transport links and shops as many people lose their driving license as they age. There should be schemes across the borough as when people need to move from their current home, they may not want to move from existing support networks. Also think about parking for people who do drive. Build these things into the standards.
- Suggestion to add some information about how people access extra care housing.

ACTION: SB and VC will update the Draft Strategy and create a survey for key stakeholders over the next few weeks. Survey results will be analysed, and the strategy will be updated again before it is taken through the governance process for sign off.

Ageing in Place Project Update

Steven Greason gave the following update:

1. Ageing in Place (AIP) received an additional 3 year's funding to September 2028
2. Aim to grow across Bury and deliver the project in 5 other areas
3. Ageing in place has been a success in Moorside, successful community café, community garden.
4. Over next 3 years we will continue to tackle the 8 age friendly domains
5. Overcoming barriers and issues in each area to reduce social isolation
6. Helping people over 50 live better and stay in their houses for longer
7. See BOPN and AIP working closer together as a lot of shared actions on action plan log.

ACTION: BOPN and AIP will continue to work in partnership with several shared actions on the existing action plan log.



Any Other Business

“Active Ageing Well Bury” logo – copies of this draft logo were distributed to the group.

ACTION: Feedback to be compiled and sent to Lee Buggie and Matt Peluch.

Next Meeting

PLEASE NOTE: Meeting scheduled for 11th June is cancelled as the BOPN is presenting the Age Without Limits event on that day. Next BOPN meeting will be 9th July 2025, 11am Bury Unitarian Church.