## Report for Full Council – re Anne Bassett's attendance at the Kenton Road Day Centre meeting on 23/1/2024

**Chairman's Report** - **Events and Use of the Centre**

Events continued to be well attended. The fish and chip lunch had 32 attendees and the bring and share celebration Christmas lunch turned out to be a great hit. Recently the centre was used for the celebration of a 90th birthday which had been a great success. Unfortunately, the New Year's Eve event had to be cancelled but an event would be held in February to make up for this. All the usual daily activities have continued but there is still concern that the centre is not being used enough. The committee agreed to reach out to advertise the centre in the MERA magazine.

A member from Involve (Naomi Brown) attended the meeting with a view to signposting more people to the centre. There is also a shortage of people to man the centre every day so it is hoped that Involve may find volunteers for sessions which are short. It was agreed that two people had to be always there when the centre is open.

**Sinking Drive** Despite all their efforts this issue remains unresolved. A date had been arranged for the work to be done but a site visit earlier this month re-assessed the problem as one of drainage and not subsidence, so they are still waiting for what happens next.

**Council Grant** – the chairman was very grateful to the town council for the grant of £1000 in November, which means the centre can now go ahead with the project of updating the toilets. They needed a new quote for this now.

**Electrical inspection and safety certificate** – Following inspection the centre was found to be safe and issued with a certificate.

**Treasurer's Report -** The centre has a healthy bank balance (£14,000) and invested money to ensure the centre is able to pay its outgoings.

**Day Centre report** – A start has been made on compiling a register of users. Some were reluctant to give addresses. Naomi (from Involve) agreed to send a draft data protection policy for the centre to use.

**Future Events –** 12th Feb Film show, 29th February – Bring and share lunch.

March – Film Show 13th March, March26th – Fish and Chips lunch.

April 23rd – St George's day- Afternoon tea and cakes

**Next Committee meeting**- 9th April