

WESTMINSTER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WORKING GROUP

Notes of meeting held on Tuesday 21st February 2017 at 5:30pm in the Town Hall

Present:

Councillors Anthony Austin [Chair], Phil Proctor and Lester Taylor			Shaftesbury Town Council [STC]
Cllr Piers Brown	Shaftesbury Town Council & North Dorset District Council	: Maureen Vickery Jackie Hiscock	The Mellows, Gillingham
Steve Unwin	Shaftesbury Resident	: Tricia Reilly	'Save Our Beds!'
J G Lichfield	SCS	: David Webber J Weston	Melbury Abbas & Cann PC
Lester Dibben Melanie Froggatt	Shaftesbury & District Task Force	: Richard Thomas	Shaftesbury Resident
Andrew Weir	Retired GP	: Sue Daddy	Retired GP
Cecilia Ferriman	Fonthill Gifford PC	: Lynne Fish	Donheads & Transport Forum
Cllr Barrie von Clemens	Gillingham Town Council [GTC]	: Richard Tippins	Resident
		: Barbara Carter	Shaftesbury Town Council

1. Apologies

Simon Firbank, Bourton PC; Sara Jacson

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2017 were approved. There was no mention in the notes of the sub-group, the Chair responded that this would be discussed under item 3 on the Agenda.

3. Proposed Sub-Group and the report proposed by Melanie Froggatt

MF reported she had met with Helen Tucker from the CHA and had a preliminary date for a meeting which would be either 22nd or 25th February. Funding for this first meeting had been agreed by the SDTF.

Although work was being carried out by the members of the sub-group, the Council were due to formally agree the formation of the group at their meeting that evening, 21st February 2017.

It was agreed that Cllr Taylor represent the Council on the sub-group.

4. Feedback from the Public Meeting held on 15th February 2017

Andrew Murrison MP put an excellent case to the panel that the consultation period should be extended.

A Governor from Salisbury Hospital expressed concern in that the Hospital had only heard about the consultation in Dorset, 2 days before.

Not all of those requiring care want to go in to a care home or be in the care home environment

The panel latched on to mis-interpretation in respect of Social Services and long term care – not long term care beds.

Dorset was being treated as an island but 2/5 population are in Dorset and 3/5 in Wiltshire.

Fonthill Gifford enormously value the beds at Shaftesbury. They feel they haven't been consulted and a very committed and will do what they can to assist the campaign.

Simon Hoare MP had spoken to the Secretary of State, Jeremy Hunt, concerning WMH Shaftesbury.

If the site is sold, the monies would not go to the CCG, but into the NHS pot.

5. Report from Julian Prichard, Save our Beds Campaign

- 1650 questionnaires had been received and another 50+ due in from Street reps.
- SoB website was growing with personal views and whether a questionnaire had been completed on-line
- LT had been interviewed by Radio Solent, BBC South TV and a crew from Poole filming the BBC interview.
- Dr Simone Yule was also to be interview

6. Reports and Feedback from Stakeholders

Cecilia Ferriman, Fonthill Gifford PC, said that Wiltshire residents needed to be involved and maybe merge campaigns and would be talking to Spire Radio. HTV had been found to be very helpful and CF offered to contact them too.

Volunteers were requested for a press officer.

It was Agreed that a formal call for postponement of the closing date for the consultation would be requested, to at least 31st March, particularly to consult residents in SW Wiltshire.

Two pop-ins had been arranged by the CCG in Tisbury and Mere on 21st February and 23rd February, which was too little too late.

There was to be a drop-in in Ashley's Café, Gillingham on Saturday morning for assistance with circulating and completing questionnaires in Gillingham. Thanks were expressed to Mr Hopkins for the use of the premises. The event would be in this weeks BVM.

There was to be a leaflet drop for the drop-in at Lindlar Hall on 22nd February.

At the NDDC Cabinet meeting, councillors were not keen to get in to a debate, but they would complete the questionnaire and staff were keen to participate.

Simon Hoare MP had prepared a letter, but had asked for agreement from Town and Parish Council's before sending to the CCG.

7. Any other business

- Questionnaires were to be returned direct to the survey company ORS not to the CCG.
- JP confirmed that the surveys held by SoB would be delivered by courier
- Volunteers that were able to deliver leaflets for the Lindlar Hall and Gillingham drop-ins could pick up leaflets from the shop.
- Thanks was expressed to everyone that had been helping in the shop, particularly to Emma Unwin for all her hard work.

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Working Group will take place on Tuesday 28th February 2017, 5:30pm in the Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 6:45pm