

Kelsall PPG Meeting

Thursday 26 April 2018

Kelsall Community Centre

Minutes

Present : Humphrey Claxton (Chair), Caroline Stein (Vice-Chair), Michele Grant (Secretary), Alan and Janet Bottomley, Vicki Ratchford, Dr Claire Baker, Lynn Howe, Nick Kusznr, Andrea Lockwood, Jennifer Williams, Janet Dunning, Hilary Fergusson and Arthur Wycherley.

Apologies: Carolyn Steele.

Matters Arising from the Minutes

Nick reported that website counters cost to set up and run. It was agreed it was a nice to have rather than a must-have. Therefore, it was agreed there would be no further action on this at the moment. Nik doesn't have the surgery newsletter to upload on to the PPG website.

Caroline Stein said she was chasing the War Memorial Trust to confirm that raising funds for the PPG Wellbeing Hub could fall within the umbrella of the WMT. She did not perceive a difficulty given a precedence had been set when the Trust had provided a similar role for another community project.

Surgery Update

Dr Baker reported that there had been a meeting with Castlemead the previous week about the proposed surgery as part of the development of 30 retirement homes in the centre of the village.

She confirmed the location for the development is the field behind The Morris Dancer, one end of which overlooks the new housing development built on the fields off Flat Lane. The location does not include any of the community green.

Preliminary reports from the District valuer confirmed the proposed scheme 'adds up'. A finalised finance report from the valuer is needed by the surgery.

The surgery also needs agreement from the CCG on funding for now and going forward including longer term assurance on 10-year rent rises.

A practice discussion with Tarporley is due to take place.

Dr Baker said they wanted the staff to be involved with the design process, bringing their practical experience of what is needed and what works. The PPG would also be asked to comment on the design.

70 sq m has been set aside for the "hub".

Dr Baker mentioned Healthbox as a good example of how to deliver a number of different community support programmes working with a range of different organisations.

There are some complexities about creating a Wellbeing Hub as it is seen as separate to the surgery and therefore perceived to sit outside the type of organisations PHP (financial backers) work with.

There was some discussion about why the Wellbeing Hub was a challenge. The issue appears to be the strength of the covenant. Dr Baker said there may be a need to buy professional help to determine the best way forward. In the first instance it was decided to get clarity on the issue.

Action : Humphrey Claxton to arrange a meeting with PHP and Castlemead.

Membership

There was nothing to report. Humphrey welcomed new members to the group.

Communications

The survey will be produced as a leaflet to explain what the Wellbeing Hub is and to find out what people want it to be used for and how they might help.

An introduction to the survey is drafted and it was agreed this should focus on the concept rather than a building connected to the surgery. The description needs to use inclusive words that embrace the wider community of the surgery patients. It must be a Wellbeing Hub located in Kelsall but serving a wider catchment, rather than a Wellbeing Hub for Kelsall. The phrase "rural population centred around Kelsall" was suggested.

It was agreed there should be a brainstorm session about the "why" and the "what" for the survey.

It was noted that the article in KADRAS needed to be delayed from June.

There is an event in Frome on 24 May about the successful Frome Health and Wellbeing Strategy,

It was therefore agreed the brainstorm should be either in June or form a single agenda item for the July meeting.

It is intended the survey would be launched in September by which time the surgery application will have gone to Planning for approval.

Rural Alliance PPG Chairs

Humphrey reported back on his attendance at the first meeting of the Rural Alliance of the PPG Chairs.

GPs from six practices (Kelsall, Tarporley x 2, Bunbury, Tattenhall and Malpas) are gathered into a Rural Alliance. It is important for PPGs to work together to reflect the NHS focus on patient catchments of a population size of 30,000 to 50,000 and the Rural Alliance covers about 38,000 patients. The Rural Alliance plan to meet every 6-8 weeks.

The CCG in Cheshire is to become a single group and concern was expressed that for the next year, the CCG's energies and time may be taken up with that restructuring.

PPGs should be proactive and create the CCG agenda, helping to define what a rural practice provision should look like, including surgery provision.

It was noted that the patient's voice is very important in decision making by the CCG.

Friends & Family

There have been 541 doctor's appointments in this period. From the forms completed, 94% said they would recommend the practice and 5% said they wouldn't recommend.

Date for upcoming meetings

All note that meeting dates are set for next 3 months as follows:

July - Thursday 12 – Community Centre

September – Tuesday 18 – Community Centre

November – Thursday 8 – venue t.b.c

Action: Michele Grant to investigate the cost and booking procedure for St Phillip's Hall. All other dates are reserved.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 19.03