

Kelsall PPG Meeting

Thursday 20 January 2022

held by conference call

Minutes

Present : Caroline Stein (Chair), Alan Bottomley (Vice Chair), Michele Elvin (Secretary), Dr Claire Baker, Julie Johnson, Jen Bottomley, Nick Kusznir, Alan and Ann Parsons, Monica Haworth, Fiona Smith.

Apologies

Davina Crawford-Young sent her apologies and said that she has decided to resign from the group because of shift work she finds it hard to make the meetings.

Minutes & Matters Arising

Accepted.

Caroline has met with Julie and shared the mood boards for the new Medical Centre which were vibrant and professional. We decided with the building delays it was still too soon to discuss shared financial responsibilities. It was agreed to plan another meeting with the project manager as well and continue these discussions.

Chair's report

Caroline thanked Alan and Jen for rallying volunteers to support the medical team just after Christmas for the booster Covid clinic. All ran smoothly and the patients were thankful for our contribution.

Update on the Medical Centre

Claire said that the delay to May of the opening of the new Medical Centre was significant for the practice.

The Covid Booster Campaign means there are now only a small number of people still to do, e.g. people who had Covid close to the time their booster was due and who were therefore unable to have it for 28 days. The Medical Centre is looking to do a booster clinic in February.

Action: Julie will let the PPG know whether their help is required.

Claire said there are no issues with Medical Centre staff and uptake of their vaccinations.

A question was raised about whether job applicants responding to the facebook page were responding with applications to the Medical Centre for the advertised vacancies. It was pointed out that the facebook message is clear where applications should be sent but there may be a need to check a couple of people. It was suggested that in future an address for applications should also be included on the advert.

Claire is pleased with the new team though it takes time and training to get new staff up to speed and staff being off work because of Covid isolation adds to the immediate challenge.

Flu Jabs

This has been very successful with a high level of take up.

Update on Care Community/PPG Chairs

Caroline will represent the Rural Alliance Chairs at the next 2 Patient Care Network meetings in March and June.

The Care Community published a Care Community Covid response Update this week which Alan has circulated which gives us hope that we are over the peak.

Caroline has been part of the steering group for the Rural Alliance Care Community who are putting together a grant bid which is just about to be submitted to the wider group for approval then onto the Integrated Care Partnership for consideration. The Bid is made up of several elements:

1. 10K divided between the Kelsall Hub and Malpas Hub to provide room hire, materials, specialist providers and advertising that will provide activities to combat loneliness.
2. £10K to encourage the Couch to 5K across the whole Rural Alliance through training teachers, advertising and support. The objective is to encourage physical fitness and create friendship groups.
3. £3.5K to provide the heavy work needed to start the creation a sensory garden for the Wellbeing Hub. The aim is to improve Wellbeing of the users and a volunteer group to maintain, plant the garden again a way of combatting loneliness and providing physical fitness.
4. £2K for another project to be decided as soon as possible. This may be around rural transport in Malpas using an existing minibuss or volunteer drivers in the Kelsall area. The objective would be to follow the successful model in Disley. The objective is to help support people with transport issues get the medical/hospital appointments and be able to attend the Hubs for activities.

We should know how successful we have been by the beginning of March.

Wellbeing Hub update

Caroline showed a powerpoint of the mood board for the Hub. She emphasised that the pictures are not an exact picture of what the Hub will be like. It is about conveying a sense of the look and feel of the space. The emphasis is on neutral colours with a warming terracotta accent and the use of lots of plants.

The opening date has moved to May 2022. Following the success in our lottery bid, we have started the recruitment process for a part time manager. We hope to have filled the position by 1st March.

Action: Alan to send out a message to the mailing list to forward the details of the post to anyone they know who may be interested.

Photography Competition

Claire prepared a "Plan on a Page" and Alan, Jen, Lindsay and Nick used this as the basis for developing the competition.

Alan reported that the sub-group is keen to ensure that the whole community is involved, not only in entering the competition but also encouraging the community to vote as part of the decision-making

process. Therefore it was decided that the public vote will make up 50% of the final vote with the rest coming from a judging panel of 5 people.

The sub-group is finalising the media strategies to maximise coverage and looking at using the Kelsall Wellbeing Hub website as the platform to manage the whole competition. This would act as a 'funnel' to receive photo entrants, community comments and votes from all other social media platforms. Lorraine Hammond is looking into whether the website host can accommodate the necessary apps to manage the whole competition.

The sub-group is working towards a final competition submission date of the end of March with the results published by mid-April. The competition will have three categories primary school, 11-18 years and 18+.

Claire said she will need to check with Dr Kylie Daniels about a contribution to the prizes. Clare thought it would be a good annual competition and she would like to see a first, second and third prize.

Lyndsey will provide the terms & conditions for the competition.

The sub-group are meeting again at the end of January.

It is hoped that the winning photos can be up for the launch of the Hub and medical centre.

Any Other Business

Caroline said there would be a further site visit to the Hub once further progress had been made.

Date of next meetings

Next Meeting : on **24 February at 5.00 p.m.** via Microsoft Teams. Any apologies to the Secretary, Michele Elvin. Date of the **following meeting** is **Thursday 24 March**. Michele apologised that she would not be able to make the March meeting date and someone would need to take the minutes in her absence.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 18.05 p.m.