

# Kelsall PPG Meeting Thursday 20 October 2022 held by conference call

## Minutes

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

### 1. Apologies & Minutes Nick

Kusznir and Erin Murray.

Minutes accepted.

### 2. Matters Arising

Caroline welcomed Amy Clarke our new Advance Nurse Practitioner (ANP). She has 18 years of practice experience and is able to prescribe.

### 3. Chair's Report

Caroline thanked Alan for Chairing the last PPG meeting in her absence. Also thanked Claire Baker for arranging the medical centre/hub site visit on the 19th. As the chair could not attend, she asked Jen Bottomley to give the group an update

As at Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, Nick Young, Project Manager, reported that while all the Land Registry issues which had been holding up the process have now been completed and finalised, the process and timescale for dealing with installing power onto the site would create further delays. Nick explained that he has no indication as yet for a date when "ESP" can move in. (Scottish Power). Once he is given a notification date, then this will be the schedule:

- A 20-day period that has to be allowed for notification to all local residents and businesses to the site, warning them of power shutdown or disruption whilst the electricity connection is made.
- A 4-week period which is then necessary to make all connections to the sub-station, all properties onto the site, medical centre and the Wellbeing Hub.
- Approximately another 2 to 4 weeks for all testing both indoor and outdoor. This is a huge undertaking and cannot be rushed or underestimated.

Adding these timescales together would suggest an estimate of between 9 and 11 weeks from notification, given Christmas is 9 weeks away, the Medical Centre and Wellbeing Hub will not be opening before Feb 2023.

### 4. Update on the Medical Centre

A new practice nurse, Michele Reid, has been appointed and will start 9th January 2023 working 3 days a week but at present she is doing locum work for the practice on Wednesdays.

Claire thanked the PPG for their support on the flu jab campaign and reported that they had undertaken over 900 flu vaccinations so far.

She noted that due to lack of space, they are back using the Bank Surgery for appointments.

#### **5. Update on Care Community (CC)/PPG Chairs**

The Care Community grant that we have been allocated can roll over into the next financial which is good news given the further delays to our building works.

Malpas has set up a Community Kitchen providing food for 32 people. They have secured food donations from local hotels and pubs.

Phase 2 of building work at Tarporley War Memorial Hospital starts in early November. TWMH now has a manager and a receptionist in post and the leg ulcer clinics are now operational.

A PPG chair meeting needs to be arranged. Caroline to liaise with Julie.

#### **6. Flu Clinics**

Thanks were given to Alan and Jen for their support. It had proved difficult to get volunteers as many people were unwell with Covid.

The clinic on 29 October is an appointment and walk in clinic. Clare reported that high risk children will receive their flu vaccine separately in early November. These appointments will take place at Old Bank.

#### **7. Any Other Business**

**Fundraising** – the quiz on October 1<sup>st</sup> sold 96 tickets and achieved £1228 profit. The Christmas Fair is set for 3rd December 2022 at Kelsall Community Centre between 11:00am and 2:00pm. We are struggling for volunteers and stalls, so are focusing on Santa's Grotto and extending the food offer.

We need more photos on the website and short bios of the PPG people.

The Gardening Club Committee in Kelsall wish to commemorate the Queen's Jubilee by donating £260 for the purchase of a tree, shrubs and bulbs for the garden at the Wellbeing Hub.

#### **8. Next Meeting**

**24 November at 4.30 p.m.** via Microsoft Teams. Any apologies to the Secretary, Michele Elvin. The following meeting will be held on **19 January 2023**.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 17.30 p.m.