

WESTMINSTER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WORKING GROUP

Notes of meeting held on Wednesday 29th March 2017 at 5:30pm in the Town Hall

Present:

Councillors Anthony Austin [Chair],			Shaftesbury Town Council [STC]
Julian Prichard	SoB!	: Steve Unwin	SoB!
Lester Dibben Melanie Froggatt	Shaftesbury & District Task Force	: Simon Firbank	Bourton PC
Simon Firbank	Bourton PC	: Andrew Weir	Retired GP's
Michael Streeter	Gillingham News	: Barbara Carter	Shaftesbury Town Council

1. Apologies

Cllr Piers Brown; Sara Jacson

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd March 2017 were agreed.

3. Terms of Reference

The General Management meeting on 28th March 2017, resolved to keep with working group's status as a working group. An Officer would clerk the meetings with the Council supporting this resource financially.

Meetings would be held monthly to ensure the flow of information continues.

AA would re-write the Terms of Reference, as the original had expired following the end of the consultation period on 28th February. It was the intention to protect the status quo with no loss of medical beds.

The Mental Health review was not within the remit of the Working Group, but could endorse the work being carried out by MF and would work side by side and provide feedback to the working group, for information.

It was advised that there were 3 or 4 more consultations about to be launched and that these would be advised on future meeting Agenda.

4. Public Meeting

It was suggested that the next public meeting be held mid-May on a Thursday evening, which would be arranged by STC.

Speakers would include Healthwatch Dorset and Dr Helen Tucker from the Community Hospital Association. Funding would be required for her attendance which would be £350 plus travelling expenses. SDTF confirmed that they were unable to contribute any more funds.

Further speakers would be finalised in due course.

5. Updates

SoB!

The SoB party on Friday 24th March was attended by around 200 people.

Representatives from 'Keep our NHS Dorset' were present at the party and there was a film of the event on UTube.

JP would continue working with them.

Ownership of the Hospital

RH reported on the history he had managed to find. The list is attached to these minutes for information, together with the Land Registry copy of register title document.

Original documents had been lost by the Land Registry, so it was difficult to find the conveyance which contained a covenant. The title document refers to an entry of restriction which requires written consent of the Secretary of State for Health. RH would pursue this with a possible Freedom of Information request in respect of the transfer in 1948.

6. Any Other Business

The response to the WMH Working Group's letter to the DCCG will be circulated when received.

7. Date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Working Group will take place on Wednesday 26th April 2017, 5:30pm in the Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 6:50pm