

Albrighton Patients' Group

Minutes of the Meeting held 10th November 2015 at 6.30pm

1. Present: - Valerie Eastup; Richard Shaw; Sophia Sankey; Dr. Bird; Len Warrilow; Gill Sower;

Apologies: - Ann Burgess; Beryl Shelton; Jenny Thomas; Mary Hancox; Beryl Shelton; Sylvia Pledger; Jennifer Sharpe

2. The notes of the meeting held 10th September 2015 were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

- 3.1 Virtual Group. Val Eastup reported that Albrighton Patients' Group now had an e-mail address.

albrighton.pg@nhs.net

A discussion then ensued as to how the e-mail address should be used, what to do with it, how to announce it and publicise it?

No action will be taken until more is known of other PG's' experience. Gil Sower will be attending the SPG meeting on 11th November and will make enquiries. Any information will be passed to Val Eastup and Sophia Sankey for consideration and recommendations.

- 3.2 FutureFit. A recent Press Release has reported that the FutureFit program is being reviewed due to a £10.6M deficit.

- 3.3 CoCo. The attempt to get all local organisations working together has been shelved for the month of December. A possibility of getting Albrighton Traders Association to help promote Community Groups will be investigated. Additional volunteers are needed. Anyone interested should get in touch with Gill Sower through the Medical Practice.

4. External Meeting Reports

- 4.1 SPG meeting 19th September. Gill Sower reported that James Ltchens from the Alzheimer's Society had lectured on caring for the disease. It appears that he is available to visit PG groups. Val Eastup will contact the society and obtain details.

- 4.2 South East Locality Meeting 26th October 2015. A comprehensive report was given by Gill Sower. A copy is attached to these minutes.

5. Treasurers Report. No financial statement was available. The Chairman, Dr. Bird, stated that it was necessary that the Group's financial arrangements be formalised under the Treasurer, Gill Sower. The Chairman will contact Sylvia Pledger and initiate the necessary actions.

6. Any Other Business

6.1 Staff News. Julie Alanthwaite, Community Care Coordinator has started.

6.2 The Medical Practice has agreed to participate in the Prime Minister's Challenge Fund Initiative. This constitutes a group of 6 local practice areas which will offer extended surgery hours.

The extended hours will be 6pm to 8pm on Weekdays

9am to 1pm on Saturday

It is necessary to book an appointment through a central telephone number: -

0333 2226649

Practices will provide these hours on a rota system and appointments will be offered on a locality available system. The locality may be Telford, Bridgnorth, Ludlow or Shrewsbury areas.

Full details of the scheme are on the Albrighton Medical Practice web site but more information can be obtained by visiting www.stwproviderservices.co.uk

6.3 At the last meeting Gil Sower referred to altered criteria for the provision of Hip and Knee replacement. A more detailed report from Gil is attached.

6.4 The Chairman wished to remind everybody that his assumption of the Chairmanship could only be a temporary arrangement and that the position must eventually be filled by a Patient Member. He requested that all members should give further consideration to this problem.

The Secretary took advantage of these remarks to also remind Members that after 14 years or so as Secretary he also wished to pass the position on.

7. Date of Next Meeting. **This will be held Tuesday 19th January 2016 at 6.30PM at the Surgery**

Richard Shaw

1st December 2015

PS The Season's Greetings to Everyone!

Richard