**MINUTES**

**MEETING OF THE PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP**

**Held on Thursday 5th October 2017 at 19:00**

Present

Staff: - Liz Wilson – Practice Manager

 Dr Tom Weake

PPG Members: - Katie Sainsbury

Margaret Estlick

Gwen Beckett

Ruth Varker – Joint Secretary

Apologies: - Liz Keasley – Joint Secretary

 Lesley Clayton

1 – Prior to starting the meeting Liz Wilson showed us the new blood pressure machine that is now up and running in reception. Patients are able to take their own blood pressure and are the supplied with a print out that they can give to their Dr.

2 – Trip to Frome – Liz read out from a report written by Dr Chris Tiley. The trip was well attended including the Mayor of Frome.

3 – Cafe – This is still being looked into. They are working with Café Chaos & also may look into working with Boots Pharmacy.

4 – Age Concern are currently looking for a new site & this may be within Truro Health Park.

5 – They are also looking at Child Care facility at Truro Health Park. Staff who work at the Health Park are very keen.

6 – The BP machine in reception is now up & running & working well. Dr Peter Boyle has given good feedback – saying patients are coming to see him, having taken their blood pressure, this saves him time during the consultation. The machine print out the result on a slip of paper, which the patient can give to their GP.

7 – All agreed that having some sort of pop-up café within the Health Park would be a good idea. It would be a good next use of our PPG money. Also it was felt that the Cafes could maybe start on a monthly basis & could have a theme and/or fundraiser for a relevant charity – for example – Children in Need in November for example.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 7th November 2017.

The meeting closed at 20:00.