ST GEORGE’S MEDICAL PRACTICE

PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP MEETING

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 22 APRIL 2024 AT 6PM

PRESENT

Doris Jones – Chair

Susan Taylor – Secretary

Karen Gannon

Lyndsey Jenkins

Val Johnston

Graham Levett

Colin Pease

Serena Rana Rahman

Liz Stewart

Jane Tidd

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Andy Jones

Minutes of the Previous PPG Meeting held on 4 October 2023

The Minutes were read out and accepted.

Appointment of a new Chairman

DJ asked if this point could be moved up the Agenda. DJ explained that as she is moving out of the area she is standing down. A discussion centred on who would like to replace her. Until all the members of the Group could vote, GL suggested that DJ stay on as temporary Chairman. DJ agreed to this until end of June 2024

Overview of the Developments from the last PPG Fund Raising Meeting held on 10 January 2024

Despite contacting numerous local businesses and the local Parish Council, the only money committed so far is £500 from CP. However, CP explained that there was some doubt as to if he would be allowed to do this. David Darling was questioning his submission to a private enterprise. CP was speaking to Luke Swindhoe, Head of Legal in DBC to clarify the situation. VJ said it is a private business.

VJ said she had not heard of Community Ventures who are building the surgery. LS explained that they are a private company who build for the NHS. Just to clarify. Community Ventures put up the money to build. NHS fund the building by paying the rent. The Doctors in turn pay the rent but get reimbursed by the NHS.

DJ explained that we could be missing out on receiving funding because we are not a registered Charity and suggested we look into setting one up. It would require 2 people to run it. Funding would be kept completely separate, with the funds being used to buy items for the surgery. LS confirmed that such items would be kept separate and not form part of the capital accounts of the Surgery. VJ said setting up a Charity was quite a complex issue, however GL said we needed to be positive and at least look into it. Certainly with time running out and no money forthcoming. VJ suggested it would be sensible to contact VONN (Voluntary Organisation Network North East).

It was, therefore, agreed that CP would research Charity status to see what is involved. GL to speak to his contact at Long Newton Community Centre which is a Charity to see how they run. GL said he would be a second signatory. JT said she was happy to be 2nd in command if she was given guidance and assistance.

ACTION - CP/GL

In the meantime, LS explained that the Doctors of the Practice were looking at loans to fund items required.

Update on Progress of the New Surgery

LS said they were hoping for the first weekend in June. The surgery would run with skeleton staff on the Friday and over the weekend. Once a firm date has been agreed she will communicate to us all.

GL asked if a newsletter was being issued in line with the move. LS said yes.

The new Surgery will be called Middleton and Dinsdale Medical Practice. Suggestions were put forward to the ICB (Integrated Care Board) who made the final decision.

LS went on to explain that the Surgery has recruited a new receptionist and a new nurse meaning it is now fully staffed. It is now able to offer blood tests from 0730 am on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

The partners of the Surgery were confirmed as Dr Holmes, Dr Baines and Dr Hunt. Dr Ramos, the only female GP works as a Locum Wednesdays and Fridays and will be retiring next year. It was agreed within the Group that she should be replaced by another female Doctor.

LS explained that Open Days of the new Surgery were being planned in anticipation of new patients joining. An advertisement is planned to go into the New Business Magazine, part of the MSG Elevate Group.

Any Other Business

GL explained that there was an outdated message at the top of prescriptions. LS to look into this

ACTION - LS

GL suggested that the light remains on in the Surgery’s toilets for a longer period of time.

GL suggested that the next meeting be held in one month’s time.

With nothing further to discuss the date of the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday 21 May 2024 at 6pm in the Old Surgery.

Susan Taylor

24 April 2024