

FOWEY RIVER PRACTICE

Patient Participation Group (PPG)

'Getting better together'

Minutes from meeting on Wednesday 9th October 2019 - 6:15 pm at Fowey

Present

BL (Chairperson), Anne B (Vice chair), Annette B, Chinty P, CN, Dr. Marrett, LW, RD, VD, Toni, Dr. Andy Virr

(1) Apologies

Amanda B, PP, Dr. Waldron

(2) Minutes from last meeting

BL welcomed everyone to the meeting acknowledging Councillor Dr. Andy Virr who was invited to attend the meeting regarding Fowey Hospital. The accuracy of the minutes for September 2019 was verified and later signed off as a true record.

(3) Fowey Hospital – a discussion with Councillor Dr. Andy Virr

Dr. Virr informed the committee that Fowey Hospital has been closed for a number of years regarding refurbishment work and infection control. Dr. Virr further explained that Fowey Hospital did not fit into the care model of a community hospital and furthermore, Fowey does not have a residential nor a nursing home. He suggested that a nursing home model that provides convalescence and long term care is an option for Fowey Hospital. The committee discussed many issues that could affect the viability of this option such as bed spaces and land ownership. There was a discussion about the old library site as an alternative space for the hospital since this was a bigger site but there were concerns about the ownership of the land. CN said that he will do some research about land ownership of the old library site and surrounding area. BL wondered how the PPG could contribute towards discussions as a means of developing a concrete plan for Fowey hospital and added that he would have a discussion with the Practice. CN asked whether Fowey Hospital was included in the Neighbour Plan. BL explained how Neighbourhood Planning could be a lengthy process with variable timeframes and he told the group that he will contact Ruth for further information. Dr. Virr has agreed to attend further PPG meetings to discuss Fowey Hospital.

(4) Feedback from the Practice

Dr. Marrett noted that there were no updates for the Practice at that time.

(5) Feedback from the Committee

Flu programme: Anne B and Annette B reported that there was a good response to the Raffle on the Saturday Flu Clinic in Fowey and that they collected £314.00. Anne B gave praise and thanks to the Practice for the smooth process and well-organised clinic. VD and RD told the group that there were some initial issues which they sorted at the first weekly flu clinic in Par such as accessing a table to hold all the prizes and lack of posters. They brought two easels to display the Kerris prizes plus a little stand for the Saturday clinic in Par. Chinty P to send Toni a copy of the poster for the Raffle as well as the flyer which relating to fundraising over the years.

(6) Any other business

The Committee confirmed that the Raffle will be drawn in at the PPG meeting in December 2019.

The meeting closed at 19: 30 pm.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13th November 2019 in FOWEY – 6:15 pm.

The above minutes were verified by the PPG Committee and later signed off as a true record on 13th November 2019 PPG meeting by Dr. William Leach (Chair) and Rajdulari (Chinty) Pettitt (Secretary).