

CLEVEDON TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Special meeting of COUNCIL re Clevedon Community Hospital held in The Council Office, 44 Old Street, Clevedon at 7.30pm on Monday 7th October 2013

PRESENT: Chairman – Cllr P. McNeill
Councillors C. Blades, C. Francis-Pester, B. Garner, C. Hall, L. Knott, J. Middleton, J. Norton-Sealey, N. Pennycott, A. Shopland, D. Shopland, G Watkins,
Town Clerk - Ms P. Heath;

13/373 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors, C. Bussey, J. Geldart, B. Hatch, G. Hill, L. Little, C. Wring (family commitments) **RESOLVED:** That Council **ACCEPTS** the apologies and reasons given for absence.

13/374 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda

Proposed by Cllr McNeill, Seconded by Cllr Pennycott and Resolved that standing orders be suspended to enable Dr M Backhouse and Mr B Bennett from the Clinical Commissioning Group to address the Council and answer questions from the Councillors.

The Chairman reminded members that the meeting was to look at the future of Clevedon Community Hospital and the services provided there only, and would not allow any questions concerning the abortive planned hospital at Millcross.

13/375 PRESENTATION BY DR MARY BACKHOUSE AND MR BEN BENNETT OF CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

Copies of the paperwork and presentation were circulated at the meeting. It was explained that the presentation was part of the consultation process and was the same as delivered to other Councils and at public meetings.

Mrs Backhouse and Mr Bennett went through the presentation explaining that this process was to identify all and any options for the provision of future inpatient and outpatient's service at the hospital. They ranged from keeping the hospital services as current to providing outpatients only and all point in-between.

The Members expressed their points of view and asked questions concerning the provision and the option decision making process. The following points were made:-

Phase 1 is the current process to identify the various options available. These would then be developed with details of the service, the pros and cons, how this will effect/involve the patient, the evidence base for the option and how this would interact with all other healthcare service. These would then be scored against set criteria although it was unclear if the financial criterion was more weighted than patient care. Phase 2 will be a consultation on the proposed options.

Members had differing opinions concerning the current inpatient service and whether the removal of the beds and freeing up space for clinics would have an overall benefit for

Clevedon residents and users of the hospital. Many believed that the retention of beds at the hospital was vital but could see the justification of reduction of numbers. It was noted the difference the new hospital manager has made to the current hospital and improved the inpatient experience. Members felt that it was essential to look at the facility against similar buildings and not expect them to match or be better than a modern purpose built hospitals constructed in the last few years.

Members were assured that Clevedon Hospital would be included in the wider Healthcare of North Somerset and the surrounding districts strategic health plans. Although providing a range of services and clinics it's expected that the hospital can provide more at a local level.

Members were informed that the saving of 27 million was on a budget of 234 million.

Members were told that "Commissioning" as under the CCG terms was 1) look at the needs of the residents – Strategic Needs Assessment. 2) Identify the services needed to meet those needs. 3) Source and obtain specific services from providers to meet the needs as identified.

Members were told that "Community Wards" would continue to be rolled out across the district. This brings together all healthcare providers nursing someone in their own home.

It was noted that Minor Injuries Unit is for injuries and not medical problems, it is important to make sure there is good access to GP's to cover this type of problem.

Members were informed that Millcross had not been sold and were reminded again that any income from that site would go back to the originating property fund which centrally held

Proposed by Cllr Middleton, Seconded by Cllr McNeill and Resolved that standing orders be reinstated

The Chairman thanked Dr Backhouse and Mr Bennett for attending

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

APPROVED AS A TRUE RECORD

CHAIRMAN.....

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