

Minutes of Virtual Meeting Held 7th March 2022

1.	Attendance			
	Apologies : John Neale, Bob & Vanda Gould, Sarah Setterfield, Jacqui Freeman, Judith Weston,			
	Present: Clive Robinson, Steve Bates, Mark Pitman, Gordon & Angela Lovell, Mark Wilson, Christine Cartwright, Shona Manson, Jane Hanlon, Fay Read, Jan Lloyd, Dr Adam Staten			
2.	Minutes from Feb 2022 approved			
3.	GP Report & Surgery Update	Actions		
	Dr Adam Staten brought us up to speed with the situation in the surgery, pretty much back to pre-pandemic appointments in the surgery, with morning and afternoon face to face appointments available and well as online appointments and triaging. Some good practice being carried forward, 15 minute appointments (average) instead of 10 mins and using technology including texting and messaging.			
	Boosters for 75+ and those with vulnerabilities are underway. More information on the wider booster programme expected soon.			
	Flu jabs this year – 50-64 are not getting routine flu jabs – just those who have specific reason for vaccination. No further information is available at the present time.			
	The online booking service through System one will continue. MW mentioned he has been unable to book – Jane suggested he contact the surgery.			
	There are some people who are refusing to wear masks in the surgery, and they are being told quietly but firmly that they must for the time being respect the staff and other patients as Covid has not gone away.			
	Steve thanked Dr Staten for his input.			
	Jane updated us on the BLS training – Bob and Vanda amongst others had attended one session and given good feedback. Any other PPG /clinic volunteers to let Jane know. Jane also commented on the flower beds looking beautiful and also that the singing group was going well. The newsletter is with the printer.			
	Jane raised the offer from John Lourie, a retired Orthopaedic Surgeon			



who used to be based at MKUH, does voluntary work at Medicaid – they collect old equipment from hospitals and refurb them for poorer countries. He is willing to talk to us about this, and other volunteer work he has done. He has offered to host us at the factory in Thrapston (nr Bedford) and Jane wonders if the PPG might want to consider a social event/visit and hire transport. The idea was well received and arrangements to be carried forward.

Action

Speakers & Future Speakers 4.

Richard Drew, (Apollo Capital Projects) who is the specialist developer for the new surgery plans. The main investors are Assura plc – who own 600+ surgeries across the country. The Eaton Leys site proposal has gone to CCG as the restructure and development of the existing Queensway site is not supported. There is already planning consent for surgery and ¾ acre designated for community centre. Assura would develop the community centre if a partner and investor could be found. The proposed health centre, at 1100sq metres, would have capacity for 21 GP/clinician rooms and space for 65 cars. There are also wilder strategic plans for walkways and cycle paths as well as bus stops. At present there are no plans to extend the catchment are for RedHouse. Eaton Leys at the moment is only 450 houses.

The business case has to be with CCG in April 2022, the planning permission has been granted previously but there would be revised plans by Assura with November 2022 as the date to aim for, If successful it would two years before ground strike. There is some urgency to get it all signed off before 1st July 2022 before the CCG dissolves and ICS (Integrated Care Services) comes into being. It is hoped that the PPG would help with practice population engagement. There was discussion over potential cost and investment – but due to commercial sensitivity not recorded in this minute.

There is further survey work to be done to help the business case and to add to the indicative plans already drawn up. There were several queries raised, including rental arrangements/lease costs and whether there is room for expansion in due course – yes- up to around 1500 sq. mtrs.

Steve thanks Richard for his detailed and enthusiastic sharing of plans and hope that we can have regular updates from him as things develop and the PPG can get involved from a practical perspective.

Next speaker – John Lourie – "Half a Century of Club Feet" is scheduled to be our guest speaker for 13th June. We may go to him as a social event . To be discussed at future meetings. (see above Jane)

There was some discussion about relaxing the approach to speakers and to encourage a range of staff/guests from where we can rather than restrict it to once every 2 weeks.

ΑII suggestions for future speakers to Jan Lloyd.



5.	AOB	Action
	Return to Face to Face meetings – to be discussed next meeting. Timing would have to be after 6.15pm after the surgery has closed.	
	Tidy up of membership details – help required so Elspeth can clean up the membership.	Anyone willing to help – contact Elspeth
	Next meeting - Monday 11th April 2022 @ 5.45pm (Zoom)	

Elspeth Woods Secretary to Red House PPG

Core Meetings Wednesday @ 10.30am	PPG Virtual Meetings Monday 5.45pm	AGM
Suspended at present	10 th January 2022	
	7 th February 2022	
	7 th March 2022	
	11 th April 2022	
	9 th May 2022	To be held adjacent to this meeting
	tbc	

- 4. Future Speakers.
- 5. Thoughts for the future & Reflection on the past 12 months



6. A.O.B. – Ideas for activities / Quiz? / Plan for Awareness Week?

Date of next meeting: PPG meeting - Monday, 10th January, 2022

What a great relief to be able to meet face-to-face. Our thanks to the surgery for allowing us to return on this occasion, to have a meeting and small social gathering. All attending should use hand sanitisers on their arrival and be sensible about close contact. Please do a Covid test on Monday to make sure you are negative.