

MINUTES
Of
A Meeting of New Romney Town Council's
Health & Wellbeing Committee
Held in the Council Chamber, New Romney
on Tuesday 25th June 2024
Commencing at 10.00am

PRESENT: Councillors J Rivers, J Hiscock, J Davies, P Coe,
NHS Representatives: 7
Other invited representatives: 0
Member of the public: 0

In the Chair: Councillor J Rivers

In Attendance: Finance Clerk - Mrs J Field

Following introductions, the business of the meeting commenced @10.03AM

077/2024-25 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman called for nominations for the position of Chairman of the Health & Wellbeing Committee for 2024-25. Having duly considered the requisite skills, knowledge and understanding for relevant Committee leadership, it was:

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Coe
SECONDED BY: Councillor Davies

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY - that Councillor J Rivers is duly elected as Chairman of the Health & Wellbeing Committee for the ensuing civic year.

078/2024-25 **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**

After due consideration it was:

PROPOSED BY: C Cooper
SECONDED BY: Councillor Hiscock

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY- the election of the Vice-Chairman take place at the next meeting.

079/2024-25 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and noted, as follows:

Councillor Phillips - For personal reasons

080/2024-25 **COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

After due consideration it was:

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Rivers

SECONDED BY: Councillor Coe

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that non-Councillor members of the committee be confirmed for 2024/2025 as below:

Ellie Newman – Oakhall Surgery

Sophie Williams – Invicta Health

Dr Neil Poplett – Invicta Health

Chrissie Cooper –Martello Health Centre PPG

Liz Taylor – Romney Marsh Community Hub

Peter Webb – Orchard House PPG

Neil McClure – Church Lane PPG

Lisa Barclay – Invicta Health

Jess Andrews – Invicta Health

Kelly Evans – Invicta Health

Antonio Monechello – NHS Kent & Medway

081/2024-25 **DISPENSATION TO PARTICIPATE**

No new requests for Dispensation to Participate had been processed by the Town Clerk.

082/2024-25 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

083/2024-25 **MINUTES**

The Chairman presented the minutes of the Health & Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 20th February 2024, which were duly received and noted and it was:

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Hiscock

SECONDED BY: Councillor Davies

A vote ensued the result of which was:

8 For

3 Abstain

0 Against

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Health & Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 20th February 2024 be hereby approved as a true and correct record.

084/2024-25 NEW ROMNEY NHS PROVISION

A discussion took place regarding the provision of the new Medical Centre for Romney Marsh. It was reported that there has been no news regarding the advancement of the project. It was agreed that measures should be taken to update the community. It was agreed that an up to date list of medical requirements be circulated. It was noted that suitable accommodation sites be looked for. It was also noted that exploring other completed projects in order to see what potential there is and what would work for the Romney Marsh should be considered. It was reported that the Dial-A-Ride bus service should be operational via the Community Hub by September 2024.

085/2024-25 LOCAL HEALTH & WELLBEING ISSUES

(i) It was reported that both surgeries are in the good range with regards to cervical screening outcomes.

The prospect of a Newsletter promoting the PPG in the community was discussed and the Chairman suggested the use of the Assembly rooms to enable members of the public to learn about their provision and how to access it locally, should PPG's require it.

It was suggested that a charity called Hope for Tomorrow which is a Chemotherapy bus be explored for the Marsh.

The Community Hub reported that they currently hold peer to peer support groups for Diabetes, Cancer, Ex Service Personnel, Dementia Specific Carers and are securing funding for the addition of Arthritis and Stroke. They reported that these groups have made a positive impact. The Community Hub will inform the Town Council of these services, giving a list of times and dates in order that they may further promote these groups.

It was also reported that the Community Hub will be extended their facility to an additional location called 'Hub on the Beach'.

It was reported that there are plans for the Breast Screening Bus to be re-located to the Marsh Academy.

(ii) No recommendations were made to (i) New Romney Town Council or (ii) NHS Primary Care Network / Local Health & Wellbeing Providers or other organisations.

086/2024-25 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS:

Not applicable

087/2024-25 CONCLUSION OF PRIVATE SESSION:

Not applicable

The Chairman thanked those present for their attendance and the meeting concluded **@11.00AM**

NB: All documents referred to herein are available for perusal on request, except for those documents of a sensitive / legal nature discussed in private session, including documents relating to staff matters which remain Private and Confidential in accordance with Data Protection legislation.

Minutes prepared by the Finance Clerk