



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2015

Thursday 4th June 2015 in the Post Graduate Centre, Mount Vernon Hospital

APOLOGIES: Apologies: Wendy Mahaffey (Chorleywood RA), Elizabeth Beggs (Eastcote RA), Mike Stafford (Harefield Tenants + RA), David Potter (Harefield ReBeat), Essie Harris (League of Jewish Women N'wood), Tony Ellis (N'wood Live at Home Scheme), Connie Evans (Oak Farm RA), Elsie Armstrong (Ruislip Common WI), Janet Gibson (Southbourne WI), Janet Baddeley, Mary Butcher, Jill Cock, Lesley Davis, Jean McFarlane, Ginny Nevill, Nannette Spain (Ind. Mems)

1. MINUTES OF THE 2014 AGM : These were agreed and signed as correct by the Chairman

2. MATTERS ARISING: It was suggested by Valerie Mellor that the Minutes should in future be sent out with the May mailing in order that members can read them in advance. This was agreed by all present.

3. OFFICERS' REPORTS : The chair was passed to the Hon. Secretary, Margaret Ross, while the Chairman gave her report.

a. Chairman's Report: The Chairman, Joan Davis, started with an overview of our activities:

1. Monitoring activities: Members routinely represent us at Board meetings held in public, including :

- **NHS England** – when meetings are held in London.
- **3 Clinical Commissioning Groups** - Harrow, Herts Valley and Hillingdon CCGs.
- **6 Hospital Trusts** -
 - i **Central & North West London NHS Foundation Trust** – which provides mental health services in Harrow and Hillingdon, and community health services in Hillingdon.
 - ii **East & North Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust** – which is responsible for Mount Vernon Cancer Centre
 - iii **North West London Healthcare NHS Trust** - which covers Northwick Park, Central Middlesex and Ealing hospitals and community services in Brent, Ealing and Harrow.
 - iv **The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust** – which covers Hillingdon Hospital and Mount Vernon Hospital except for the Cancer Centre.
 - v. **West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust** - which includes Watford General Hospital.
 - vi. **The Royal Brompton & Harefield Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust.**

Reports from meetings attended were on display at monthly Council Meetings and key points were included in our monthly news-sheet.

2. Campaigning/close monitoring issues 2014/2015: Our issues were wide ranging, with over twenty issues constantly monitored. Many were ongoing and not yet resolved, including:

- a. Our opposition to distribution of NHS funding according to the current formulae.
- b. Our support for the services of Royal Brompton & Harefield Hospitals and for plans to rationalise the estate of the Royal Brompton Hospital.
- c. Our support for Harrow dementia patients / carers and for re-introduction of Admiral Nurses.
- d. Our insistence that the Northwood & Pinner Hospital site should continue to serve local people.

3. Activities for members 2014/2015: These were completely traditional – ten monthly evening meetings, with excellent speakers and forums for debate, an informal discussion meeting in August, ten monthly mailings, wide ranging videos recorded by Donald Edwards – which were published on our website. Donald Edwards contribution was praised by the Chairman, which was warmly applauded by members.

4. Maintaining a vigorous organisation :

- This was our most basic task
- We were proud to be totally independent but recognised our good fortune in being given the use of the Post Graduate Centre's meeting room at no cost to ourselves.
- Our membership on 31st March 2015 was 41 organisations and 40 individuals.
- There are many people who should be thanked for all they do for us by attending Board meetings and giving reports to me, by helping with the monthly mailings and photocopying Ginny Nevill who has served on the Executive committee, but is unable to continue in the year ahead, Mervyn Stone who continues to work for us on financial issues and provides us with a room for our meetings, and all members of the Executive Committee - James Kincaid, Deputy Chairman, Donald Edwards, Deputy Chairman and Video recorder, Jon Spain, Honorary Treasurer, Margaret Ross, Honorary Secretary, Jenny Stephany, Publicity Officer, Nannette Spin, Janet Baddeley, and Wendy Mahaffey.

Adoption of Joan's report was proposed by the chairman which was seconded by Graham Bartram.

The chairman thanked Margaret for taking the chair.

Neville Hughes asked the members to thank Joan for all the hard work she carries out for the Community Voice by giving her hearty applause.

B. HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT :

Jon Spain gave his report and said that we had a very healthy balance, due to the fact that no new equipment needed to be bought over the past year. We did not therefore need to increase the subscription fees and will not in the foreseeable future.

Jon thanked Robin Willsmore for carrying out the independent examination of the accounts.

The Chairman proposed the adoption of Jon's report and was seconded by Mike Gordon.

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2015-2016 :

The chairman announced that she is delighted to report that we have full team. No roles have been contested therefore there is no need for a ballot. The executive committee will be as before :-

Joan Davis, Chairman
James Kincaid, Deputy Chairman
Donald Edwards, Deputy Chairman
Jon Spain, Honorary Treasurer
Margaret Ross, Honorary Secretary
Jenny Stephany, Publicity Officer
Nannette Spain
Janet Baddeley
Wendy Mahaffey
Bob Batchelor (taking over Ginny Nevill's role)

The Chairman welcomed them all particularly new member Bob Batchelor, and announced that the First Executive meeting for 2015-2016 will be on Thursday 18th June.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS :

- The chairman asked if we should carry on as before and was given approval by the members.
- Questions were asked about how we should contact those members who subscribed but did not attend meetings - suggestions were that they should be telephoned.
- A proposal was put that we should begin a campaign to ask members what they would like implemented the event of a new hospital being built at Hillingdon and Mount Vernon. This will be put on the agenda for the next Exec meeting.

6. LOOKING AHEAD :

- ❖ The 25th Anniversary of Community Voice will be in December this year. Joan asked that if there are any people previously in CV who members may wish to invite, please let her know.
- ❖ There a challenging year ahead for the NHS and we will continue to monitor any changes.
- ❖ Joan asked if there is anything else that you , the members, would like the Exec to do.
- ❖ We continue to need new members and would like your help in recruitment.
- ❖ Please volunteer to give us any help that you can as the CV needs new blood.
- ❖ If anyone wishes to record personal NHS experiences, please do so and notes will be taken.
- ❖ The next Annual General Meeting will be between April and June 2016

Thank-you for coming.

END OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

Signed:

Date

The next Community Voice Annual General Meeting will be in the period April 2015 to June 2015