



270th Meeting - Thursday 5th April 2018

Part I

1. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Chairman welcomed all present.
- The Chairman regretted that our March meeting had to be cancelled because of the snow – the worst March weather for 35 years and the first time ever that we had cancelled a Council Meeting. However the expected guest speaker, Dr Richard Grocott-Mason, Medical Director, Royal Brompton and Harefield NHS FT; had offered to come instead at a later date, which she hoped would prove possible.
- She also greatly regretted that our expected guest speaker at tonight's meeting, Dr Sheru George, Consultant Dermatologist and Clinical Lead at The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS FT had withdrawn, in an email sent to her late on Tuesday 3rd April, too late for him to ask a colleague to take his place. She had opened the email at 6am on Wednesday 4th April, too late to ask anyone else. We therefore had no guest speaker at this meeting, which she suggested provided a rare opportunity to learn more about each other.

Apologies: John Clark (*Northwood Evangelical Church*), Tony Ellis (*Northwood Live at Home Scheme*), James Kincaid (*The Pinner Assoc.*), Carol Melvin (*Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner Conservatives*), Donald Edwards (*Ruislip RA*), Janet Baddeley, Mary Butcher, Connie Evans, Jon and Nannette Spain (*Individual Members.*)

2. GUEST SPEAKER:

There was no guest speaker.

Part II

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING:

The Draft Minutes for Thursday 1st February and the Notes for the cancelled meeting on 1st March were agreed as correct.

4. MATTERS ARISING:

- **Subscriptions 2018/19:** The proposal by the Hon. Treasurer, Jon Spain, at our February meeting that subscriptions for 2018/19 be unchanged at £22 for member organisations, £10 for individual members and £14 for two individual members in one household receiving a single monthly mailing was agreed, also that these subscriptions, which fell due on 1st April, will not be collected until after our Annual General Meeting on 7th June 2018.
- **The future of The Community Voice:** The Questionnaire described in the Notes for the cancelled March meeting was sent to members in the March mailing. The Chairman stressed the importance of members responding to this Questionnaire as its outcome will guide our AGM deliberations on how The Community Voice moves forward or whether it should close. Please return this Questionnaire as soon as possible to assist the Executive in reaching its recommendations.

The Chairman noted that it is necessary to improve audience attendance if we are to continue attracting top NHS speakers and that we need to find more members willing to undertake small responsibilities in order to keep us functioning.

- **Executive elections for 2018-19:** As reported in the March Notes, nomination forms will be included in our April mailing to members and they must then be returned swiftly so that members can be advised in the May mailing if voting will be needed at the AGM in June. It is therefore now urgent for proposers to alert nominees to the need for delegates to obtain approval from their own organisations before accepting nomination to our Executive, and for seconders to be obtained, so that on arrival nomination forms can be completed and returned without delay.

5. URGENT BUSINESS:

Items on display in the outer hall:

- Dates of NHS Board Meetings in public
- Copies of reports from NHS Board meetings held in public.
- Hard of Hearing campaign papers
- Posters for our May / June meetings
- Other papers

6. OPEN FORUM:

Members were invited to update us on their activities both as individuals and as representatives of local organisations and the following members contributed accordingly, covering a very wide range of topics :

- Melody Gordon, Eastcote Residents' Association
- Janet Brown, Harefield Patients' Participation Group
- Julian Maw, Hatch End Association
- Barbara Fisher, League of Jewish Women Northwood
- Valerie Rees, League of Jewish Women Northwood
- Amir Lakha, Northwood Residents' Association
- Valerie Mellor, Northwood Residents' Association
- Colleen O'Sullivan, Oak Farm Residents' Association
- Joan Davis, Ruislip Residents' Association
- Linda Clarke, South Ruislip Residents' Association
- Liz Parry, Individual Member
- Jenny Stephany, Individual Member.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no other business

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 3rd May as usual at 7.45pm in the Post Graduate Centre Mount Vernon Hospital, when the speaker will be Jagdeep Kudhail, Divisional Chair Cancer Services and Head of Radiotherapy Mount Vernon Cancer Centre speaking on "Current issues and future hopes for Mount Vernon Cancer Centre"

Closure: The meeting was closed at 9 .25pm.

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