

264rd Meeting, Thursday 6th July, 2017, Mount Vernon Hospital

1. WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- a. Welcome:** The Chairman, Joan Davis, welcomed all present, particularly the guest speaker Jean Belton, Northwood Live at Home scheme, who had responded at short notice when the expected speakers Dr Kelshiker, Chairman Harrow CCG and Dr Johal, Vice Chairman Hillingdon CCG had been obliged to withdraw as they were required instead to attend a meeting called by NHS North West London.
- b. Apologies:** Valerie Rees (*League of Jewish Women Northwood*), Mary Perkins (*Mountwood Patients*), John Clark (*Northwood Hills Evangelical Church*), Herbert Levinger (*Northwood Hills RA*), Tony Ellis (*Northwood Live at Home Scheme*), Connie Evans and Chris Hickman (*Oak Farm RA*), Carol Melvin (*Ruislip, Northwood and Pinner Conservatives*), Donald Edwards (*Ruislip RA*), Liz Segal (*Vine Lane RA*), Janet Baddeley, Mary Butcher, Heinz and Susan Grunewald, Martin Plummer, Barbara Porket, David Potter (*Individual Members*)
- c. Announcements:**
- The Chairman started with apologies to our guest speaker. Our June mailing had been amended at the last moment following the replacement of the expected speakers and unfortunately the speaker's name was incorrect – Bolton instead of Belton. The Chairman much regretted this mistake.
 - Secondly she apologised to anyone in the audience who had come to the meeting unaware that the speaker had changed; unfortunately we had been unable to amend our advance publicity.
 - Lastly the Chairman announced with much sadness the passing of a long-standing member, Shayna Tabbush, who had attended regularly as a delegate until her organisation closed and then took up individual membership. She had been unable to attend meetings for a considerable time, but older members remember her with affection. Everyone stood in silent tribute to her memory.

2. GUEST SPEAKER: Jean Belton, Northwood Live at Home Scheme, whose main points were:

- a.** The registered charity the Methodist Homes Association supports independent living by older people by organising Live at Home Schemes across the country. These schemes provide many services to reflect the needs of local people, so each scheme has its own flavour, but they all encourage older people to get out and about to combat loneliness, to promote independence, and to retain active participation in local affairs.
- b.** The Northwood Live at Home Scheme has been in operation for twenty years. At present it has 70 volunteers serving 170 members. It provides events across Hillingdon, exercise classes, outings, regular social meetings with interesting speakers, personal befriending, and advocacy when needed.
- c.** Videos were shown at intervals during the address, starting with clips about music therapy for dementia patients, tailored to meet the needs of these particular members. Later clips showed outings and the scheme's focus on the integration of young people and old people in joint activities, which is of great benefit to both the young and the old.
- d.** The Committee organises fund raising events to keep it solvent. Although there is no charge for membership, members pay a small charge for some activities.
- e.** The scheme relies heavily on volunteers and currently it particularly needs more drivers. "Thank yous" are greatly appreciated by both staff and volunteers.

The speaker was thanked by the Chairman for her interesting address, before she left the hall to applause from the audience.

Part II

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING – Thursday 1st June, 2017.

The draft Minutes were accepted and signed as a correct record.

4. MATTERS ARISING NOT ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA:

There were no matters arising.

5. URGENT BUSINESS:

a Dates and details were given:

- For the July Open Day at Ealing Hospital
- The July Board Meeting of Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS FT
- The Board Meeting of West Herts Hospitals NHS Trust on Thursday 7th September, 0930 - 1200, at St Albans City Hospital.

Members willing to represent us at meetings of either of the above trusts were asked to contact the chairman.

b. Items on display in the outer hall: Reports from a number of NHS Board Meetings were available and also copies of three items of recent correspondence:

- **Comments on the Quality Accounts of London North West Healthcare NHS Trust:** We had responded to the Trust's request for comments on its Quality Accounts.
- **Use of cyberknife at Mount Vernon Cancer Centre:** We had written to the Chief Executive East & North Herts NHS Trust, asking for reassurance that his Board continued to challenge the NHS England decision not to fund the use of cyberknife at Mount Vernon for cancer patients developing brain metastases. His response was awaited.
- **Public consultation on proposal to end Congenital Heart Services at Royal Brompton Hospital:** We strongly objected to the NHS England proposals and copied our response to the Chief Executive of Royal Brompton & Harefield NHS FT and to our seven local MPs.

c. Provision of name badges at Council Meetings: Some members found badges helpful, others regarded them as not necessary. The issue was referred to the Executive.

6. OPEN FORUM:

- **The Community Voice news sheet:** The purpose, frequency and content of the news sheet were discussed. This issue too was referred to the Executive for further consideration.
- **Future guest- speakers:** The Chairman asked members to give her suggestions for future guest speakers or to suggest topics they would like to be addressed at future meetings.

7. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS:** There was none.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 7th September at 7.45pm in PGC Mount Vernon Hospital when our guest speaker will be Shane DeGaris, Chief Executive Officer The Hillingdon Hospitals NHS FT speaking on "Plans ahead for Hillingdon and Mount Vernon Hospitals"

Closure: The meeting was closed at 9 .30pm, with a reminder that we do not meeting in August.

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