

Kelsall PPG Meeting

Thursday 19 January 2023

held by conference call

Minutes

Present : Caroline Stein (Chair), Alan Bottomley (Vice Chair), Michele Elvin (Secretary), Jen Bottomley, Alan and Ann Parsons, Dr Claire Baker, Julie Johnson, Nick Kusznrir and Erin Murray.

Apologies & Minutes

Monica Haworth

It was requested that the word arbour was changed to trees and also to correct that the Morris Dancer Quiz is held monthly and not weekly as recorded.

1. Matters Arising

No matters arising from the minutes not covered in the meeting.

2. Chair's Report

There was no Chairs Report. Caroline drew attention to the CWAC health week on 23- 29 January and some of the activities they are doing which might be useful to explore with the Wellbeing Hub in mind. Alan is circulating information. Helen is visiting an event in Northwich.

3. Update on the Medical Centre

Julie reported that she had visited the new Medical Centre a couple of times recently to oversee the fittings installations.

A member of the reception team has completed and successfully achieved a qualification in Dispensing – Buttercups NVQ Level 2. In the new medical centre the dispensary will be more self-contained rather than being part of the reception area.

An advert for reception staff is to be circulated and to go on the Facebook page.

The Kelsall Medical Centre currently has 5,034 registered patients and this was expected to rise once the list is re-opened.

The phone system at the surgery was changed to an internet system during lockdown. However the system isn't ideal for surgery needs. It is widely used by other rural practices. All IT systems at the surgery are commissioned through a centralised system. There have been complaints at reception about not being able to get through by phone. The surgery now has additional staff in the morning to cope with demand.

Friends & Family is up and running again under a new system.

It was also noted that KADRAS had printed Humphrey's article with the unfortunately bad news that the Hub is still not open.

It was noted that PPG Members could be available to help with the move of the medical centre into new premises when the time came as appropriate.

4. Update on Care Community (CC)/PPG Chairs

There have been no further meetings to report back on.

5. Wellbeing Hub

There is disappointment that no further update has been forthcoming on an opening date.

Work has started on the sensory garden which is being supported by Mersey Forest and CWAC. A water butt is to be installed.

Permission was received to attach the various wall items.

Helen and Caroline had a good meeting with the surgery on shared costs.

6. Fundraising

Total figure raised in 2022 was £6,479 (our target is £5,000)

11 Fundraising events held throughout the year and the largest amounts raised were:

Big Quiz March £1,117

Big Quiz October £1,228

Christmas Fair £1,326

Interestingly, the 5 small Quizzes held at The Morris Dancer over the year, raised a total of £1,086.

We will be looking at breakdowns and figures at the next Fundraising Meeting in February to help plan events for 2023.

Our total amount from Fundraising Events alone, since we began this project in 2018 now stands at £35,173.90

7. Any Other Business

Unfortunately, the photo competition didn't attract entries. Artwork in the new building is an opportunity to promote creativity in the community. There is lots of available wall space. It was decided to wait to launch a project on this once the new Medical Centre is open.

Jen reported that she is going to take a look at Chelford Together which is a wellbeing centre that has a single large sponsor from a leisure business. The centre also receives funding from Age UK and Cheshire East Council.

8. Next Meeting

Thursday 16 February at 4.30 p.m. 2023 via Microsoft Teams. Any apologies to the Secretary, Michele Elvin. The following meeting will be held on **Thursday 16 March**.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 17.30 p.m.