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MINUTES

HEALTH IN DACORUM

18 JULY 2024

Present:

Councillors: Hannell
Link
McArevey (Chair)
Patterson
Smith-Wright (Vice-Chairman)
Williams

Officers: James Doe (Strategic Director of Place)
Jennie Webb (Clerk)

Co-opted members: Edith Glatter (Patients Representative Group)
Kevin Minier (Dacorum Patients Group)

Also Attendance: Cllr England (Leader of the Council)
Cllr Wilkie (Portfolio Holder Place)
Cllr Allen
Toby Hyde (West Herts Teaching Hospital NHS Trust)
Maria Kyriacou (Herts and West Essex Integrated Care Board)
Alex White (West Herts Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust)

The meeting began at 7.30 pm

1 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

2 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Pringle, Cllr Elliot, Cllr Maddern and Cllr Pound.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Chair, Cllr McArevey, advised that she is a designated nurse for safeguarding at Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board and also a community nurse at Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust.

Cllr Hannell advised he is a paramedic with London Ambulance Service NHS Trust and also works with Football Association as a paramedic.

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr McAreyvey advised there is one matter not covered on the agenda that she wanted to address; following recent General Election we now have 3 new MPs for Dacorum; covering the 3 of main political parties.

Victoria Collins MP for Harpenden & Berkhamsted and David Taylor MP Hemel Hempstead have both confirmed that they would like to attend this committee in future but have not been able to attend this evening due to short notice. Have not yet been able to have contact with Gaghan Mohindra MP for South West Hertfordshire (with covers Kings Langley).

KMiner asked; in what capacity they would they attend?

Cllr McAreyvey confirmed that they would not be members of the committee, they would have a slot on the agenda to give updates on health & wellbeing and it would be an opportunity for them to hear of any issues arising in the Borough.

Action: It was agreed they would be added for invites to future meetings and they would have a slot on the agenda. They will not always be able to attend but they will be very much considered a part of this process.

Cllr McAreyvey introduced Philip Aylett who addressed the committee with a question.

For full details of the question, answer and any discussion refer to video minutes.

5 WARD ISSUES

Cllr McAreyvey advised that some updates have been delayed due to focus on General Election and confirmed some updates had been circulated with the agenda. Cllr Hannell advised he has an update to add with regard Bennetts End ward, Cllr McAreyvey requested these were provided in writing to be distributed with the minutes.

Action: revised document to be circulated with the minutes.

For full discussion refer to video minutes

6 WEST HERTS HOSPITAL TRUST

No discussion under item.

7 HERTFORDSHIRE AND WEST ESSEX INTEGRATED CARE BOARD

No discussion under item

8 COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORT

No discussion under item.

9 COUNTY COUNCIL ADULT CARE SERVICES REPORT

No discussion under item.

10 HEALTH CAMPUS

With the agreement of the committee, this item was brought forward to be heard ahead of Item 5 of the agenda.

The matter was introduced by James Doe – Strategic Director of Place.

For full introduction and discussion, please refer to the video minutes.

Action: Kevin Minier requested to see the feasibility study. JDoe to determine if the request is possible.

11 WORK PROGRAMME

Action: JDoe to liaise with Chair regarding items for work programme.

For full discussion refer to video minutes

The Meeting ended at 9.30 pm

Minute Item 5

Ward Update

Highfield	<p>I am aware of unpaid carers in Highfield who are caring for family across Dacorum and struggling to meet needs due to properties not meeting need. One case has seen an individual lose quality of life completely due to having no independence left caused by the inaccessibility of her flat. This is obviously affecting the health of the whole family as the levels the family including children under 16 are having to go to to maintain the safety of their beloved family member are above and beyond.</p>
Hemel Hempstead Town	<p>On Saturday 18th May, several councillors met up in Hemel Town Centre to pick up litter. We had a positive response from residents who were pleased to see us taking action.</p> <p>The bulk of the litter was, sadly, cigarette butts, including a huge quantity around the seating area just off Bridge Street (outside Boots). It was suggested that some residents spend hours each day hanging out and smoking in the area. This might be a good opportunity for some action by the smoking cessation team, either in person or with posters placed around the area.</p>
Bennetts End	<p>Bennetts End Active hosted a very well attended and successful Women & Girls Festival of Sport & Physical Exercise at Coronation Fields on Saturday 8th June. The event was opened by the High Sheriff of Hertfordshire, Annie Brewster JP and was attended by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Catherine McAreevey.</p> <p>Bennetts End Surgery continue to socially prescribe physical exercise to patients and classes are run at HealthyUGym (Bennetts End's female only Gym), the Bennetts End Community Centre and on Coronation Fields itself. The Surgery Overflow Car Park continues to be dangerous, caused by the break-up of the substrate and following fall by one of the patient's of the surgery in March, a scan revealed a small fracture of the patient's foot a few days ago.</p> <p>Correspondence continues with Dacorum Borough Council on this most pressing issue to re-surface the car park. My constituents and the surgery staff and patients, who come from various wards in the Borough hope for the work to be agreed and completed by the beginning of the coming Winter.</p>

