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## MINUTES

### HEALTH AND WELLBEING COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2024

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Bhinder  
Hannell  
Link  
Maddern  
McArevey (Chair)  
Patterson  
Pound  
Smith-Wright (Vice-Chairman)  
Williams

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

**Co-opted** Eddie Glatter  
Kevin Minier

**Also Attendance: Cllr England (Leader of the Council)**

The Meeting Started at 7:30pm

**12** **MINUTES**

Committee members questioned the production of written minutes.

Action: JDoe to feedback comments to members' support.

Action: JWebb to forward EGlatter the link to the meeting recording.

For full discussion refer to video minutes.

**13** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence received from Cllr Pringle, Cllr Cox, Cllr Elliot and MP Victoria Collins.

Further discussions regarding minutes took place.  
For full discussion refer to video minutes

#### **14**                    **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The chair Cllr McArevey advised that she is a designated nurse for safeguarding at Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board. A community nurse and health visitor at Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust.

Cllr Maddern and Cllr Bhinder advised they are both members of the Dacorum Health Action Group.

Cllr Hannell advised he is a paramedic for the London Ambulance Service NHS Trust and works at the national football stadium.

For full discussion refer to video minutes.

#### **15**                    **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Cllr McArevey introduced Philip Aylett who asked; ***Government figures show that the number of people over 85, the group that has most need of NHS services, and especially hospital care, will grow by 62% in the next 20 years. The numbers over 65 will grow by nearly a third in the same period. Using its seat at the table on the Hemel Health Campus project, could the Council explain how it will ensure that the NHS provides the significantly enhanced local and accessible hospital and health services which will be required for the people of Dacorum?***

**Action: JDoe has relayed the question to from the West Herts Hospital Trust and Herts and West Essex Integrated Care Board and awaits a response.**

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

#### **16**                    **WARD ISSUES**

Cllr Hannell read out details of Cllr Mitchell update.

Ward issue update circulated with the minutes.

For full discussion refer to video discussion.

#### **17**                    **WEST HERTS HOSPITAL TRUST**

No response received from email contact. No representative present.

Staff changes have taken place.

**Action: JDoe will make contact regarding patients involvement in the Health Campus**

For full discussion refer to video minutes

**18                    HERTFORDSHIRE AND WEST ESSEX INTEGRATED CARE BOARD**

Dr Fernades gave an update.

For full discussion refer to video minutes.

**19                    COUNTY COUNCIL HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE REPORT**

Meeting had not taken place at time of meeting.

Report to follow

For full discussion refer to video minutes

**20                    COUNTY COUNCIL ADULT CARE SERVICES REPORT**

Cllr England provided information from the report

For full discussion refer to video minutes

**21                    WORK PROGRAMME**

**Action: JDoe to liaise with officers.**

Cllr Maddern gave details of signage showing hospital directions that has been vandalised

For full discussion refer to video minutes

# Minute Item 16

## Ward Update

<p>Apsley and Corner Hall</p>	<p>Residents have been enjoying utilising the local green spaces in the ward. In particular there has been increased use of Durrants Park, where Boxmoor Trust have a beautiful planter and some play equipment for residents to enjoy.</p> <p>It is a beautiful spot where you can sit by the canal and reflect, which is so good for mental well-being.</p> <p>It has been lovely to see a new park for children to enjoy opened by The Marina. It is wonderful to see children and parents enjoying some quality time together, keeping active.</p>
<p>Bennetts End</p>	<p><b>Bennetts End Overflow Car Park –</b></p> <p>The GP Surgery at Bennetts End continues to be a hub for social prescribing for GPs across Hemel Hempstead. The Surgery itself and the neighbouring Bennetts End Community Centre provide classes for patients prescribed physical activity as part of either their rehabilitation or as part of avoiding costly long term medical alternatives, such as medication.</p> <p>The Female only HealthyUgym on Kimps Way offers these classes and they are taken up by patients from across the area.</p> <p>Patients often park and are encouraged to park at Bennetts End Surgery as it is far better to leave the spaces at Bennetts Gate Shopping Centre free for shoppers.</p> <p>You will know that the Overflow Car Park is in a terrible state of disrepair. The Borough Council own the land and have estimated a long-term cost to repair the Car Park at £100k. However, a short-term solution is estimated at £25k. This issue currently sits with the Portfolio holder for Neighbourhoods, Cllr. Bromham who is also a Leverstock Green Councillor.</p> <p>I have suggested contributing a large percentage of the Bennetts End ward Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) towards the short-term Car Park fix to avoid more patients falling in that space over the coming Winter.</p> <p>Unfortunately, I do not have sufficient funds to cover the entire cost, nor should my ward CIL cover the cost as patients are sent from across Hemel Hempstead to social prescribing classes at Bennetts End Surgery.</p> <p>If we cannot find a reasonable solution, I will have to request that social prescribing is scaled back at Bennetts End because the Car Park is becoming dangerous. This would be a shame as this type of health care is universally seen as the way forward</p>

Gadebridge	<p>I would like to bring to the Health Committee's attention that the residents registered to Parkwood Drive Surgery, which mostly covers the areas of Warners End and Gadebridge, have been having a great deal of difficulty in accessing routine appointments at the surgery for a long time.</p> <p>Appointments were only being released on a fortnightly basis and if you missed the release you could end up waiting a month or more to make a routine appointment. In addition to this, patients are waiting an excessive amount of time in the queuing system for their calls to be answered. A 'Patients of Parkwood Drive' group has been set up by Tom Lainton who is the Admin of the Hemel Hempstead Community and Conversation group. I would like to know what help and support the committee can offer Tom and myself in liaising with the practice to find a solution to these issues.</p>