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## COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

### Minutes of the Community Affairs meeting held on Monday 21 December 2015 at 6.30pm at The Shire Hall, Monmouth

**Present:** Cllr A Dewhurst (Chair)

Cllr R Bradley (RB)

Cllr G Bright (GB)

Cllr S Chivers (SC)

Cllr T Christopher (TJC)

Cllr J Fletcher (JF)

Cllr C Munslow (CM)

Cllr G Pritchard (GP)

Cllr A Were (AW)

Cllr S White (SW)

**Ms Bronwen John (Aneurin Bevan U.H.B. Head of Partnerships and Networks) and Eve Parkinson gave a report on the facilities offered at Monnow Vale rather than an update on progress concerning actions to replace local Minor Injuries services.**

**See attached sheet:**

Monnow Vale, Integrated Health and Social Care Unit. What happens there?

**Questions raised:** Why is the information booklet in the Waiting area years out of date?

**Answer: E.P.** Unaware of this. Will update as soon as possible.

**Question:** How has the £4million funding for Gwent (Live Well) been spent?

**Answer:** Mainly in areas where life expectancy is much lower than in Monmouth, but the facts are on the Aneurin Bevan U. H.B. website Priorities are, Cancer, End of Life Care Pathway and Polypharmacy.

The local priorities are Obesity, Flu vaccination, Public engagement, locally accessible services and improved communications between GPs and hospitals..

In particular there is a need to build on the Primary Care level of Mental Health issues and improve accessibility to consultants, locally.

**Question:** What news of the long-promised GP's contract to enable longer hours of accessibility and even a Minor Injuries replacement service? (Nick Ramsay AM had received a response to this question from Mark Drakeford AM Minister for Health and Social Services, which had been forwarded to Ms John)

**Answer:** No news. However, there are severe G.P. recruitment problems in other areas of the U.H.B.

Cluster networks are being set up locally across Wales

**Question:** What local people need most urgently is access to their GP when they need it. How can this be improved?

**Answer:** Monmouth is comparatively fortunate in that recruitment is not a problem here. 'Team'-salaried G.P. are being employed to support particular practices. elsewhere. Extra phlebotomists are also being recruited.

Also, in order to free-up more GP time, a team of extra pharmacists are being recruited to work where needed in GP's surgeries. This will reduce the pressure on polypharmacy problems.

**Question:** As a member of staff at one of Monmouth's practices, I know that there is impossible pressure on space, so even with increased staffing, a drop-in minor injuries service could not happen at present. What plans are there for improved buildings?

**Answer:** That is a question for GP's, who put forward a business plan.

**Question:** What is the likelihood of a new health building in Monmouth?

**Answer:** It is true that the Monnow Vale building is also fully used. We are already expanding to use Bridges sometimes. Each practice and hospital has to submit an annual development plan.

Formal consultation of local people's needs (questionnaire) is required. Aneurin Bevan UHB is committed to undertaking this.

The Chair thanked Ms Johns and Ms Parkinson very much for coming and giving what information they could. We are also pleased to have a much more reliable e-mail link with Aneurin Bevan UHB personnel.

<b>AGENDA ITEM</b>		<b>ACTION</b>
1.	<p><b>To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda.</b></p> <p>None received.</p>	
2.	<p><b>To receive apologies for absence.</b></p> <p>Cllr J Gunter and Cllr Owen.</p>	
3.	<p><b>To approve the minutes of the meetings held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015.</b></p> <p>The minutes were agreed as a true record and signed.</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr CM Seconded: Cllr TJC <b>All in favour</b></p>	
4.	<p><b>To update the action summary.</b></p> <p>All items noted and updated.</p> <p>Parking/traffic Priory Street: Letter to Highways enquiring about progress of formal proposal to eliminate parking along Market Hall frontage</p>	AD/Office



	<p><b>vi. School Council liaison.</b> (AD, TJC, SW,) No meeting this term. Request schedule of future meetings from the school.</p> <p><b>vii. Monnow Vale Users Group.</b> Request minutes of last meeting</p> <p><b>viii. MTC Newsletter.</b> (GP,TJC, AD) Cllr Pritchard reported that every household had received the fourth edition with their Monnow Voice.</p> <p><b>ix. Replacement Service of Minor Injuries Unit.</b> Agenda Item:8</p> <p><b>x. Others.</b> None received.</p>	
8.	<p><b>To discuss and agree any further actions following the presentation by Ms Bronwen John and Ms Eve Parkinson.</b></p> <p>It was agreed to write to Ms John to enquire when the questionnaire will be circulated and to whom. Before the questionnaire is finalised, the Committee would be interested to know whether the questions would include how the public cope with any 'minor injuries'.</p> <p>Otherwise it was agreed that despite years of work by various members of the committee and the Users Group, to restore some kind of local minor injuries service, almost no progress had been made.</p>	AD
9.	<p><b>To discuss and agree the Larger Grants working group recommendation of the Larger Grant application by Monmouthshire C.A.B, following the report of their first three months of service.</b>(Larger grants 2015/2016).</p> <p>The working party had met on 9<sup>th</sup> December (TJC,JG,SW,GP,AD present) The business plan, budget and annual report from the AGM was discussed.</p> <p>The recommendation of the working group was, on the proviso that</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The Monmouth Office is opened an additional day (four days a week).</li> <li>2) A representative from the community of Monmouth will become a Board Member with voting rights of Monmouthshire C.A.B., The Town Council will liaise with local organisations and individuals to provide this Board nomination.</li> </ol> <p>Then the £7,000 grant will be donated for the year 2015/16. It was proposed to accept the working party's recommendation</p> <p>Proposed: Cllr White Seconded: Cllr Munslow <b>All in favour.</b></p>	AD/Office

