

Minutes of P.P.G. Meeting held at Chatlink on Monday 27th October 2014 at 2pm

Present: Margaret Hall (Chair), Karen Brown, Kate Atkinson, Jean Chinn, Jess Bradfield, Barbara Brimmacombe, Chris Isaac, Joe Whiting (Sec).

Apologies: Margaret Parker, Margaret Harrison.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record with the addition of Karen Brown to the list of those present.

Correspondence:

The new timetable for the 81 bus service commencing on 2nd November is now available. The rescheduling now means that the service connects with Great Park on a half hourly basis enabling residents to get to & from the new build when it opens in the New Year.

First are also operating a new service from 27th October (PR1a) from Milehouse Park & Ride to Derriford every 30 minutes. Some early morning & late afternoon buses start & terminate at Royal Parade (see timetable for details)

Feedback:

Surgery meeting: Two new nurses have joined the Practice.

No progress yet on Cawsand sign. Planning permission may need to be sought before proceeding. It is hoped that the Friends of the Surgery may be involved with this project.

The Friends & Family test is now in place as per NHS guidelines!

A.O.B. It was reported that a local wheelchair user had been unable to board a First bus in Torpoint & was told that the bus was not equipped with a ramp. He was also told by the driver that all the First ramped buses, serving the peninsula, had been withdrawn. Secretary to contact First bus to get clarification as this would breach the Disability Rights Act!

It was noted that First has introduced a new fare at £1 (50p 5-18 years) from the ferry to Trevol.

On 15th November the last opportunity to view the plans for the new build will be at the library from 10-11.30am.

It was brought to the notice of the committee that volunteer drivers attaining the age of 70 who wished to continue driving community buses etc were obliged to undertake a medical every three years at a cost to themselves of £100! As individuals have to bear this cost it was suggested that perhaps such organisations

as the Lions, Masons or CHAT could be approached to see if they could at least provide part funding!

The committee unanimously agreed that a letter of support should be sent to the Active Community Sports Network (A.C.S.N.) concerning their efforts to raise the necessary funding to provide a Multi-Use Games Area at the Community College now that planning permission had been received.

It was also agreed that the secretary should convey the committee's congratulations to the college on their recent award to a pupil who had gained a gold star for trampolining at the British Games. This was seen as a direct consequence of the hard work of the A.C.S.N. in fighting a long & hard battle to get a Sports Hall for the peninsula sited at the college.

The proposed changes & development to the concourse at Derriford Hospital was noted. This will see a canopy over the main entrance, retail units, updating of toilets etc.

The Feedback Questionnaire received from the Engagement Team (NHS Kernow) was not felt to be very appropriate in its choice & range of questions!

Date of next meeting: Monday 24th November 2014 at Chatlink at 2pm. (Please note that this is the last meeting this year.)

