

NAILSWORTH HEALTH PARTNERSHIP MEETING 18th October 2011

Held at Nailsworth Natural Health Centre, from 7:30. Minutes produced by Duncan Mann.

Marilyn Miles , Chair, leading the meeting.

Present:

Val Bell	Member, Psychotherapist @ NNHC
Aileen Bendall	Member, Village Agent
Liz Green	Member
Kelly Haines	Guest, Osteopath at the White Practice
Jo Hofman	Member
Paul Hofman	Member
Elfie Klinger	Member
Duncan Mann	Member, Secretary
Marilyn Miles	Member, Chair
Ros Mulhall	Member, GP at Prices Mill Surgery
Nick Peters	Member, Vice-Chair
Susannah Priest	Member, Lymphodema & Eletromagnetics Specialist
Claire Pritchard	Member, Health Visitor at Prices Mill Surgery
Jo Smith	Member
Nick White	Member
Paul Young	Member, Treasurer

AGENDA

1. Introductory Remarks and welcome to guests

Marilyn thanked the Nailsworth Natural Health Centre for hosting the meeting, and welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no guests at this meeting.

2. Introductions

Those present were asked to introduce themselves.

Claire Pritchard introduced herself as a new attender and member, and noted that she is a Health Visitor at Prices Mill Surgery, being relatively new in post.

Copies of the NHP constitution and Membership/Data consent form were circulated.

3. Apologies

Apologies were received from John Miles, Norman Kay, Richard Easthope, Kathleen Beard, Pam Browne, Sally Millett & Winifred Page.

4. Minutes of the last meeting 7th July 2011

The minutes were accepted as a fair and accurate record of the last meeting.

5. Matters Arising

- i) Item 5 – Marilyn noted that on behalf of the Nailsworth Health Partnership, she and Nick Peters had attended the last Nailsworth Community Partnership meeting. Copies of the report she gave at that meeting were circulated.
- ii) Item 8 – it was felt that there was some merit in having a link to the LinK group on the Prices Mill Surgery website. This will be actioned when the practice website is redesigned.
- iii) Item 10 – this is in respect of the proposed Health Fair, it having been decided at the last meeting that we should start some planning around this. Nick reported he was leaving the area in the near future to take up residence in Whitminster, and wanted to see that this project received the effort he felt it deserved. This he reminded everyone was intended to be an event on a Summer's day when various health groups (i.e. the Alzheimer's Society) could be available to inform local residents of the work that they do in the local community. Stalls are available to hire from the Chambers of Trade. Jo Hofman & Nick White felt that the directory was a higher priority, but we could put round a note to members asking for expressions of interest. Perhaps this may happen in 2013.

7. Reports from sub-groups

Talks –Nick Peters, Dr Ros, Tony Burton

The recent talk on the topic of nutrition given by Mary Sharma at the Arkell Centre had been extremely successful, with standing room only! It was thought that there were 75 attendees – a result of very effective promotion this time round. Mary Sharma practices at Stroud Natural Health Centre, and who has training in nutritional medicine. Topics covered in the meeting included digestion, immunity & stress. Nick thanked all the members of the Talks group for their support, and of course for the White Practice and Shiny Goodness for their support in respect of the advertising. Jo Hofman reported that the talk had been very well received by people she had subsequently spoken to, and perhaps it should be repeated in the future.

Ros has in mind for the next talk Nathan Hughes, the Medical Herbalist at Ruskin Mill, who had attended the talk given by Mary Sharma – with a possible date in March 2012. She will liaise with Nathan re this.

Paul noted that the sum of £73 had been raised on the night, being generated from the £1 charged for admission, from which publicity costs (printing @ £40 and the Arkell Centre hire charges) would need to be subtracted. Ros felt that we could easily charge £2 for the next talk, which would of course help with the coffers of the NHP.

Jo Hofman noted that she was planning to host a follow up meeting at the Arkell Centre to view a DVD called *Unlocking the Mystery of Wheat & Gluten Sensitivity* by Dr Tom O'Brien, and plans to book this for the 12th November. She will be charging £4 for this.

Walks – Pam Browne, Duncan Mann & Nick Peters

Duncan reported that he, Nick & Pam had met a couple of times over the course of the Summer, and had done some planning in respect of the mooted Parish Boundary Walk, which is approximately 12 miles long.

At the sub-committee meeting it was felt that there was the publicity material should be on the practice and NNHC websites in good time – so the websites would provide the bulk of the publicity material. It was also thought that we could introduce geochaching to the Festival. Projected dates were confirmed as Saturday 5th May – Sunday 13th May. Volunteers to assist with leading on walks were very welcome.

Nick confirmed that he intended to continue to be involved with the Walks group in the run up to the Festival.

Website – Paul Hofman, Duncan Mann

Paul reported that the domain name has now been registered (initially for two years) for the NHP – and the domain is up at the following address:

<http://www.nailsworthhealthpartnership.org/>

though the content is as yet very basic. We also now have access to e-mail addresses available with this domain. We now need to look at logo, and other related material affected look and feel, and Kelly agreed that she would assist with this.

Paul has also looked at various content management systems to support the website, and work on this will continue.

Directory – Jo Hofman, Nick White

Work on this continues, albeit slowly.

Funding & Treasurer's Report – Paul Young

Paul reported that funds are £133 currently, subject to the costs being paid out for the Talks. The Lottery Application is still a work in progress, and costs associated with this application. Paul noted that the Lottery funding if granted would be a one-off cash injection.

Patient Participation Group (PPG)

An inaugural meeting of the PPG had been held in July, with a further meeting being held in September. A further meeting will be held next week. Most of the work of this group had focused around getting the patient survey up and running, which will probably go to around 750 patients. This work will need to be completed by April 2012.

A draft constitution has been circulated, and it was hoped to elect a non-practice Chair. Membership of the group is open to patients of the practice only.

Sub Group membership

Marilyn has compiled a list of sub-groups and their members, with a view to ensuring that this is still correct – she circulated a list at the meeting, and asked for feedback re its accuracy from members. She also gave a vote of thanks to Nick for all his work in getting the NHP up and running, as a founder member, and for his significant contribution in many areas.

6. Local Healthcare Developments

Norman Kay had put together a letter which details why we should all be concerned about recent developments in the local health community, and in particular in respect of the provider arm of the PCT, which the PCT are trying to spin off into a Community Interest Company (CIC). This will employ 3,000 people, employed within local hospitals and the community.

It was felt that proper processes had not been followed, and there were concerns about the viability of this CIC, particularly in the long term after the proposed 5 year contract expires. A CIC launched in East Surrey a couple of years ago has already foundered, with Virgin Healthcare being involved now in taking over the services.

Michael Lloyd has challenged the process, via a judicial review, and the basis for this is that there hadn't been a proper process of competitive tendering. The court will determine whether this has been the case or not. It is unclear what might happen if this is found to be the case.

The group expressed its concern about the perceived maladministration of this process, and Marilyn agreed to write on behalf of the group to the PCT Chief Executive, and also to the Chairman of the Strategic Health Authority (SHA), to seek clarity about the process and the possible outcomes of this move.

8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th January 2012, 7.30 PM venue Prices Mill Surgery.