

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE HEALTH SUB-COMMITTEE OF WANTAGE TOWN
COUNCIL HELD AT THE BEACON, PORTWAY, WANTAGE ON THURSDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2024
AT 7.30 PM**

Sub-Committee members present: Councillors J Hannaby (Chair), cA Dunford,

Wantage Town Council:

Other members: Councillors J Hanna, P Barrow, R Batsone, John Leggott

Others present: J Maberley, J Parker, M Swain, S Stephenson

Town Clerk: Mrs J Evans.

Apologies for absence Councillor V Wright, J Hutchinson, S Thwaite

1. Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, other registrable interests and any non-registrable interests.

Other and non-registerable interests were detailed as follows -

Councillor Hannaby declared an interest as a member of the Hospital League of Friends and a Trustee of the Wantage Nursing Home Trust. Councillors P Barrow and J Hanna declared an interest as a member of HOSC, M Swain declared an interest as a member of the League of Friends. Councillor Hanna also declared an interest as a member of Oxfordshire County Council and Sudep action.

2. Statements and Questions from the public

None.

3. Minutes of previous meetings

The minutes of the meetings held on 11th December 2023 and 12th January 2024 were approved.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of meeting held on 12 January 2024

Clerk to seek more information about the scope of the Physiotherapy service at Wantage Community Hospital.

Action: Clerk

5. To receive and update on the Community Hospital Project

Written reports were being circulated on a regular basis. It was noted that Councillor Leggott was not receiving them. Clerk to get him included on the distribution list.

Action: Clerk

It was reported that a leaders group had been established which would take forward each recommendation. The stakeholder mapper exercise was questioned and the process explained. The CIL funds had been ringfenced and a business plan was being developed. It was noted that the process for developing the business plan was complex. Once completed the plan would be costed. Discussion followed on potential timeframes; it was noted that these could not be defined at the moment. The importance of IT infrastructure in the building was highlighted. It was noted that the project was collaborative and there was not a single project manager with overall control.

6. Other business

HOSC update: Wantage and Social Care reviews were completed in January. Ambulances were reviewed last week. HOSC had made recommendations about services, most of which had been accepted. There had been an item about the John Radcliffe Hospital and one on Health and climate change. At County level work had been carried out on digital strategy. The GP strategy was in progress with a deadline of 27th February. It was suggested that a letter be written stating that we were pleased to have been chosen as a test case for integrated care, accessibility and engagement. Councillor Hanna to send the Clerk some bullet points for the letter. **Action: Hanna**

GPs and Dentistry were to be discussed in April. It was hoped that GPs and Dentists would come and talk to the sub committee.

A discussion followed about the loss of landlines in the future and the implications for people with alarms.

7. Dates of future meetings

Thursday 23rd May 2024

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

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