

Summarised Report of the Board Meeting held on the 28th October 2011

Present: Margaret Coles, Ann Crawford, Ken Crawford, Ron Cuthbertson, Jean Daley, Tony Langmead, Carol McCormack-Hole, Gillie Newcombe, Yvonne Wardrop, Margaret Woolacott, John Stedman (Treasurer) and Sally Lougher taking the minutes.

1. Newly Elected Directors – GN – Chairman. YW – Vice-Chairman. JS – Treasurer (non-Board member). Gifts to be sent to resigned members. Bill Jordan to continue for another year as President. Board roles and Leads to be looked at so that each Director has a distinct role to fulfil.
2. Minutes 30th September 2011 - Approved.
3. Matters Arising:
 - i) GN to approach E Wragg regarding giving a presentation to DCC Councillors.
 - ii) CMH to attend DCC Overview and Scrutiny Committees. Budget cycle to be obtained.
 - iii) Funding Group – Awards for All – application being processed.
 - iv) Meeting Feedback
 - a) Engagement Contract Steering Group - SL reported back that the Fusion database had gone live. SL introduced H&SC monitoring forms for Board members to complete for any H&SC engagement. Also forms to be taken out to local groups. Expenses only to be paid to members on receipt of meeting reports – take to next meeting.
 - b) Living Options Service Users Project - GN attended. Another Board member to attend in future.
 - c) Health and Stronger Communities – GN attended and will produce report.
 - d) Joint Engagement Board – YW reported back. JEB stunned at the many activities of the SCfD.
 - e) Mental Health/Dementia – NAG meetings to continue across the County. Dementia Awareness day being held on 9th March 2012 in Harberton Village Hall with confirmed speakers.
 - f) Meeting with Jennie Stephens – GN suggested a Falls Day event. Working party to be formed to take forward.
 - g) Fusion – MC to report at next meeting.
 - h) RDE – YW volunteered to appear on a video to look at the principles of caring for older people. GN to sit on the Patients Experience Group at RDE - SCfD will be working with Patients Voice & Patients South West.
 - i) Volunteer Feeding Scheme in hospitals – Barnstaple branch. CMH updated on this. Board endorsed the pursuance of this scheme.
 - j) Equality South West – CMH circulated a summary. A new work-plan being drawn up to include age equality.
 - v) AGM – went well but unhappy with the constitutional issues that arose during the election of Directors. GN thanked JS for his professional manner during the election process. Recommended that the next Constitution group be asked to incorporate the changes of the AGM in March and that there must be clarity on the wording eg after one year or between one AGM and the next.
4. Social Wellbeing Policies – letter from Graham Rogers approved for sending to Councillor Allen.
5. Local Branches – Barnstaple to rebrand themselves as long as they retain the registered office address and state that the group is part of the SCfD. Newton Abbot had AGM are continuing. Okehampton having 'Driving Safer for Longer' in the New Year as well as Exeter, Crediton and Teignmouth. Two SCfD members from Okehampton representing SCfD on the Patient Participation group at local hospital.
6. Intergenerational – organisation of event in Crediton going extremely well.
7. Finance - £75k on deposit at the end of September. Meeting arranged with JS, SL and representative to view the upgraded SAGE package with a view to purchasing.
8. Report from TH – TH thanked for his report and RC feed back his own comments to Publicity group. Associate members to be contacted to find out about the number of members they have.
9. Channel 4 News – Dr Victoria James approached SCfD about cuts in domiciliary care. Very impressed with SCfD and asked if she could use us on other issues in the future.
10. Charitable Coalition – free membership and trustees can join. Agreed.
11. Date of future meetings - 25th November 2011. 6th January, 3rd February, 16th March, 20th April, 18th May, 15th June, 27th July, 7th September, 19th October and 30th November 2012