

## **NAILSWORTH HEALTH PARTNERSHIP MEETING** 13<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

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

Nick Peters, Acting Chairman, leading the meeting.

### **Present:**

Val Bell  
Andrew Boddam-Whetham  
Pam Browne  
Tony Burton  
Jo Hofman  
Paul Hofman  
Norman Kay  
Elfie Klinger  
Maureen Law  
Duncan Mann  
Marilyn Miles  
Nick Peters, Acting Chairman  
Nick White  
Paul Young

## **AGENDA**

### **1 Welcome**

We were warmly welcomed by Nick Peters

### **2 Apologies**

Betty Young, Kathleen Beard, Liz Green, John Miles

### **3 Introductions**

Those present were asked to introduce themselves.

### **4 Minutes of previous meeting and matters arising**

Thanks were expressed to Norman for getting us some publicity in the Stroud News & Journal

### **5 Reports of Sub Groups and their current membership**

#### **Talks –Nick Peters, Dr Ros, Pam Browne**

Pam wants to rest from this role, and Tony Burton agreed to take over.

Duncan reported on Dr Ros' behalf that Joe Stratford, Consultant in Elderly Care Psychiatry, would be happy to talk on dementia for the benefit of Nailsworth residents. He is looking at confirming an evening date in March, and there is a prospective fee of £30. The meeting discussed the possible venue for this – Duncan noted that the conference room at the surgery could be made available, and that this could accommodate as many as fifty people. Alternatively, we could book the Mortimer Rooms, but it was likely there would be a charge for this. Nick thought that it was likely that we would have funding (from the Langtree Trust) by March.

It was stressed that once a date was confirmed, we would need to advertise the event in the local community to ensure a decent turnout.

The point was made that we should also seek to provide talks aimed at a younger audience, perhaps in respect of drugs and alcohol? Or perhaps talks aimed at young mothers?

First Aid talks were also mooted – perhaps First Aid for Carers? It was noted that if we were to go down this road, the talk should be along the lines of “memory joggers” rather than workshops.

If was felt that the remit of the group in the first instance should be to organise two talks a year. Venues could include the new Forest Green Community Centre facility and the Youth Club (particularly apposite to the drugs/alcohol talk?). Sam understood that the facility charge for St George’s Church Hall was £16. Jo Hofman offered the use of the Nailsworth Natural Health Centre.

### **Patient Transport – Maureen, Tony Burton & Jo Hofman**

No report. It was acknowledged that it would be a medium term aspiration for the NHP to organise and provide patient transport facilities.

In the meantime, could prospective users and volunteers contact Maureen – i.e. for driving, organising etc.

Pam has passed the name of the Minchinhampton organiser (Chairman) to Duncan Mann. Nick noted that the Transport group would meet with the Minchinhampton group to see what lessons could be learned.

### **Walks – Pam Browne, Duncan Mann & Nick Peters**

Sam Browne gave a report on behalf of the Walks group, which had met on Tuesday. The group had spent much time considering the organisation of a walks festival, which would encompass the weekends of the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> May. Proposals included:

- Starter walk – 2-3 miles, using part of the cycle track in Watledge, on afternoon of Sat 7<sup>th</sup> May
- Story Walk/Treasure Hunt for younger people on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May
- Boundary Walk on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May – this consists of an 8 mile walk around the parish boundary, sub sections can be done if the whole walk too challenging
- A Town or Mill evening walk during the week

Pam noted that her walking for health walks will continue on Tuesday afternoons at 2 PM for a one hour walk of 2-3 miles.

It was mooted that it would be good to persuade the Nailsworth Society to incorporate a walk under their aegis during the course of the week.

Sam felt that it would be a sensible precaution to devise an indemnity form for walk participants.

A further meeting of the walks group will be held soon to firm up on these proposals. Volunteers to assist with the organisation of these walks are welcome! Jo and Paul noted that they would be happy to be involved in a 21<sup>st</sup> Century treasure hunt. Nick White also expressed his willingness to help.

### **Website – Duncan Mann, Jo & Paul Hofman, Douglas O’Reilly, Kerry Gill**

Paul updated the meeting re progress in this area. Essentially, the website team have a clear idea about that is required, but are awaiting funding in order to progress a website for NHP.

Marilyn noted that she had been in touch with a PCT PALS adviser about the possibility of linking the NHP material to the GUIDe & PALS website.

Duncan noted that Prices Mill Surgery will be launching a new website in the next fortnight, and would be happy to provide link to the putative NHP website. In the interim, it would be feasible to devise basic page outlining the aims of the NHP, perhaps with links to minutes and agendas.

### **Newsletter - Jo Hofman, Douglas O’Reilly, Helena Petre, Duncan Mann**

No progress has been achieved in this area, again pending funding. In the interim, we have the facility to place articles with Nailsworth News. Jo Lloyd is happy to run articles such as announcements on behalf of NHP events etc., but not full page articles.

It was noted that the Town Council Directory has just been published (compiled by Carol, the Assistant Town Clerk). Nick queried whether it would be possible to use the Town Council badge on NHP literature. It was thought that the Council has no copyright on this, but notwithstanding this, it would be good to ask to use it as a courtesy.

Nick proposed that the NHP patron, Dan Robinson, be asked to attend at some point in the walks festival – this was thought to be a good idea.

### **Funding - John King, Nick Peters, Marilyn Miles & Jo Hofman**

Nick reported that there were two applications in the pipeline.

i) Langtree Trust, for £596, broken down as follows - 1 x Talk with expenses @£51, 1 x Banner @ £65, 1 x print run (500 copies of NHP literature A4 folded format) @ £375. These could be distributed via the Town Information office, library, GP Surgery, Natural Health Centre etc. Nick thought that we would hear soon re this application.

ii) Application to Town Council for £96 – Nick thought that this would be confirmed or otherwise at financial year end. Apparently the Town Council have a pot of approximately £6K pa to fund worthy causes in the local community.

In addition to the above, an Awards for All/Lottery application for funding is in the process of being developed. Such applications need to be between £300 and £10,000, and have to be used within 15 months. Applications take three months to process, but one prerequisite for any application is that the organisation applying for funding can demonstrate that it has a coherent budget for the next 12 months.

Nick mooted the idea of a Nailsworth Health Day in July; this could use the Chamber of Trade awnings in the market area on a Saturday morning.

Paul felt it would be important to have a Business Development Group to assist with the funding application, and volunteered his services for this.

### **6 An NHS Dentist for Nailsworth**

Nick will explore the possibility of working with the Mayor to see what can be done to attract an NHS dentist to the town.

### **7 A visit of the NHS bus to Nailsworth**

Tony noted that a GUIDe & PALS bus is available to visit – if we wish to progress this, we would need to approach the District Council to obtain an authorised parking space in town.

### **8. Further revision of the working constitution.**

One revision was agreed to the working constitution, in respect of quoracy. Dr Andrew proposed this motion, which was seconded by Nick Peters. It was agreed unanimously that a minimum of 10% of the membership would need to be present at any formal meeting of the group in order to be quorate.

### **9. Election of officers for Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary and Treasurer**

The following officers were elected:

Chairperson – 2 nominations were received for election to this post:

Marilyn Miles (Prop Margaret Marshall, Sec Jo Hofman)

Nick Peters (Prop Pam Browne, Sec Paul Young)

Result: Marilyn Miles was elected by 8 votes to 4

Vice Chairperson – 2 nominations were received for election to this post:

Jo Hofman (Prop Dr Ros Mulhall, Sec Duncan Mann)

Nick Peters (Prop Paul Young, Sec Betty Young)

Result: Nick Peters was elected by 6 votes to 5

Secretary – Duncan Mann was elected unopposed

Treasurer – Paul Young was elected unopposed

It was noted that the newly elected Treasurer would need to be a signatory to the Bank Account. Marilyn undertook to get the forms for this and action.

It was also noted that we would need to demonstrate by virtue of the minutes of the meeting that Paul had been elected Treasurer.

10. Any other business.

It was noted that the Town Council are keen to see the Community Centre used for health promotion purposes – apparently they will be approaching the GP practice re this.

The meeting agreed that the Chair should write on behalf of the group to the County Council in respect of the proposed savage cuts to the Nailsworth library, which it is proposed will become a “link” library open (on a paid staff basis) for just 3 hours a week.

11. Date of next meeting.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30 PM venue TBC**