

THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF HELSTON COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Minutes of 61st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE HOSPITAL ON MONDAY 17 OCTOBER 2016

Present : Philip Confue, Chief Executive of Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust our speaker, Matron Lynda McHale, The Mayor of Helston Gillian Geer, Councillor Ronnie Williams, Joy Guntor Governor of the CPFT , Candy Baker and Chris Roberts from the CIOS League of friends, 14 Committee Members and 5 members and friends.

1. **Apologies:** Moira Dixon, Lillias Chapman, Sue Swift, Paul Phillips, Rev. Miller, Penny Whittle, Penny Truscott. Barbara Crabb, Nella Weddell.

2. **Minutes of the 61 Annual General Meeting** had already been circulated and Ken asked for their adoption
Proposed Ian Wort, seconded William Russell. **AGREED**

3. **Matters Arising:** None

4. **Chairman's report:** The Chairman began by extending a warm welcome to everyone at the 2016 AGM. This time last year she was wondering what the coming year would hold for the LOF being her first year in the chair. It started very quietly, but soon turned up with an invitation from M&Co to help run a fashion show in their shop, the proceeds going to the LOF. This was something we had not attempted before. Annie Russell was in her element and organized the required number of models including a few brave men. Tiffany Truscott kindly did the presentation. It turned out to be fun and we made £530. We continue working on the Sensory Garden. Sheila Chandler from Withey Nurseries generously gave her time to replan the beds as they were looking very tired. It seemed a gigantic task especially as the bamboo was taking over some areas – But help came in the guise of “Chuck” a retired gentleman who likes to keep busy. Since he started he has got on top of the bamboo, repaired the canopy, cleaned the paving which was lethal, transformed the internal garden, and tackled the bed at the entrance. We are very grateful to him and his wife Mo. Helston/Lizard Rotary have kindly repaired 5 of the seats in the Sensory Garden and have said they will do this on a regular basis as part of their Community Service. The nurses held their annual sponsored walk from the Hospital to Porthleven and raised enough money to put towards an ARJO Standing Aid. They recently held a disco at Godolphin Hall. We would like to thank the children of Breage School who send cards made by themselves every Easter to the patients. They put a message inside and are delivered along with Easter Eggs. This year a patient was so moved by the gesture, she attended the school assembly to thank them personally. The Helston rugby Club Colts held a 24 hour sponsored rowing event which was very successful. When they presented the cheque to us it was suggested the money be spent on the M.I.U. Unit as they were most likely to make use of it! Matron showed them around the Hospital. Ann and Billy Russell kindly hosted a Coffee morning

in the Spring – It's always a lovely atmosphere there looking over the harbour and the sun was shining this year. We are grateful to Heather Gilbert, one of our Committee members who took part in an 8 day trek through Wainwrights Coast to Coast to raise money for the hospital, walking 192 miles. We are also grateful to Pippa Englefield, who held her annual Jazz Evening in August in aid of the LOF. The money she raised will go to pay for a most needed I.N.R. machine for the Hospital. In July this year we heard great news from Sainsbury's that they had made us their Charity of the Year. An extra-ordinary meeting was called to discuss the implications and how we should respond. They wanted to help us with our fundraising. So along with Tony and Louise we came up with a plan and the events to date are.- running raffles in the store on their busiest weekends 6-7 August and 17-18 December. The December date will also include the Kerrier Male Voice Choir singing from 7 30 in the canteen while we will be handing out mince pies and mulled wine. So I do hope you can join us on that date to hear the 30 strong male voice choir! We plan to have a Fashion Show in the Spring (now we are experts) showing off their new range of clothing. Easter Sunday they always have a Car Boot Sale in their Car Park charging £5 a car. This has been very popular and we also hope to run an Easter bonnet parade. Sainsbury's will donate the entrance fee to us. A group of retired Doctors calling themselves Medical Maelstrom have agreed to donate their performance in the New Year and Sainsbury's will help with wine and refreshments. Sainsbury's will also sponsor our Wine and Cheese Evening on Friday 28 October. We have John Strike talking on Old Porthleven and shipwrecks in the area. Sainsbury's also donate their out of date flowers which are greatly received and adorn the dining tables, front desk and reception areas. They have also supplied the jam and cream for this afternoon's Cream Tea. We were very sorry to say goodbye to Crete Pooley from the Committee. She felt she had to retire due to her failing eye sight, we will miss her, she has been a very diligent member of our Committee. The Chairman apologized for the report being so long, but "We have been very busy!!" Jo said "I would like to thank this great Committee who have been so supportive and generous with their time and to Audrey and her ladies who organise the flower displays in the entrance hall. To Ken who has been so encouraging in my first year and is always first to go to any meetings outside office hours! To Wendy who has surpassed herself arranging displays to promote our activities and communicating with us all. Sue for her quiet efficiency with the figures and banking and she has so much experience on the LOF. Matron and her Staff for the good reputation of this Hospital. I look forward to my second year in office. Thank you"

Ken asked if it were the wish this report was adopted.

Proposed by Sandy Barlett seconded Anne Russell AGREED.

5. **Treasurer's Report:** Sue Atkins gave the following report

The Treasurer presented the report for the year ended 31 July 2016

Income totalled £13041 comprising of Fundraising activities Annual Fete £1413; AGM stall £88; Coffee Morning at Anne Russell's £220; M & Co Fashion Show £560; Sale of upholstered stools 2015 Fete £107; Donations in lieu of flowers £4418; Bequest from the late Mrs Jill McNair £1000; Mullion Methodist Club £1300; Nurses Sponsored walk £1504; Nurses Christmas Bazaar £66; Miss Betty McGarrigle sale Christmas decoration £226; Helston Rugby Colts £400; Other

donations £831 with restricted funds of £60 to be used towards items for Jack Johns Relatives Suite; interest on reserves £668; Subscriptions £240 with those for the current year falling due. **Expenditure for the direct benefit of the Hospital totalled £16221** made up as follows 2 x Phase 3 Mattresses with pumps £3100, 8 Commodes £2792; Staff dining room table and chairs £2275; 14 upright chairs for staff dining room £1596; 6 chairs for patients day room £1426; Circular dining table for staff £763, 25 stacking chairs £508; 2 Manual wheelchairs £488, maintenance of Aquarium replace tube and pump £652; replacement TVs and TV remote £1323; Maintenance of Sensory Garden £296; Christmas monies and Easter Eggs for patients £415; Bench for Internal Garden £299 and bench for Sensory Garden in memory of the late Mr and Mrs Wallace Champion £288.

Other expenditure included the annual subscription to Attend (our National Association) printing, advertising and sundry items amounting to £747. Total expenditure of £16968 against receipts for the year of £13041, produced an excess of expenditure over income of £3927, which reduced our reserves to £118347 and include £265 restricted funds, £60 as previously mentioned and £205 bought forward from the previous year to be used for the Jack Johns Suite. At the end of our financial year, provisions of £14032 were made to provide various items for the Hospital. The accounts were available at the meeting. Ken asked it were the wish this report was adopted. **Proposed Audrey Johns, Seconded Barbara Gales AGREED.**

6. **Election of Committee Members** – Members retiring by rotation and willing to be re-elected en bloc Ann Ferris, Jenny Mann, Liliás Chapman, Wendy Wallis, Penny Truscott and up for-election. **Proposed by Dr Ian Wort, Seconded Barbara Gales AGREED**

7. **Election of Officers** – The Committee is proposing the following
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| Chairman | Jo Coward | Vice Chairman | Heather Gilbert |
| Secretary | Wendy Wallis | Assistant Secretary | Jenny Mann |
| Treasurer | Sue Atkins | Publicity | Heather Gilbert |
- Proposed by Crete Pooley seconded Sandy Barlett AGREED.**

8. **Appointment of President** – Jo Coward took the chair and proposed Dr Ken Whittle on behalf of the Committee to continue as President for the year 2016 – 2017

This was seconded by Dr Ian Wort. AGREED

9. **Appointment of Independent Financial Examiners.** Ken said the Committee proposed Linda Dunford of Kitchen & Brown continues in this role

This was proposed by Ivan Perry and Seconded Audrey Johns AGREED

10. **Appointment of Bankers** – Messrs Barclays Bank plc and Scottish Widows

Proposed Ivan Perry seconded Audrey Johns AGREED

11. **Questions from the Floor:** Mr Ivan Perry voiced his concerns about the Banking Sector and how safe was our money in the Bank. Sue Atkins assured him that there was no more than £75000 in

each account and this is covered by the Banking guarantee.

12. **The Mayor of Helston Gillian Geer:** The Mayor said she is going into Hospital herself next week and knows how important the NHS is and how we are the envy of the World with our Health care and the Leagues are there in providing that little bit extra to make the patients stay in Hospital more comfortable. However, she felt the Leagues should make themselves known - **“get out there with publicity and emphasize the equipment that is being provided by the Leagues!”**.

13. **Candy Baker, Chairman of the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Leagues:** Candy thanked the members for their very informative reports and it was a pleasure to come to such a vibrant and successful League. Candy explained how at their last AGM they had Phil Confue as their speaker and found him very informative. They also had a speaker from the Volunteer Bikers who take around emergency blood etc out of hours and how valuable this service is to the NHS. Sue Greenwood and their work with dementia patients. Some Leagues have resigned from “Attend” as they found the insurance too high. Candy explained the County League offers support to smaller Leagues and will answer any questions. The County have 2 meetings a year and this week there is a meeting in Truro at the Victoria Inn, Threemilestone from 10 a.m. Ken thanked Candy and Chris for all their hard work and support during the past year and thanked them especially for coming down from Stratton today for our AGM which was appreciated.

14. **Matron Lynda McHale** thanked the league for all their hard work and support. Matron said the League was such a pro active group and agreed with Gillian we must become more active in getting our message out to the Public. However, she felt the community is responding and raising monies for their local hospital. It is interesting to see this in this year’s accounts. With regard to the changes in the NHS, as far as the day to day treatment there is little change but the Hospital and the League are always up for new challenges.

15. **PHILLIP CONFUE – Chief Executive of Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust**
 Mr Confue said he has worked in many sectors of the Health service, Nurse, Research leader sponsored by Sainsbury’s. Mental Health and now Chief Executive of Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.
 The quality of care is to a high standard and there is little change since the reorganization. The new Trust is concentrating on **S T P Sustainability Transformation Plan**. Spending less money but keeping the outgoings down and quality of care. The primary concern at the moment is Doctors are nearing retiring age in many areas and this has to be addressed by encouraging Doctors to go into Primary care. The Community services needs to be addressed to see how we can get people out of hospital quicker and back into the Community services. We need to provide more services in the local hospitals for these patients. The local Hospitals should be the HUB of care with the Community being involved in these plans. We must look at training Nurses, we need to get younger people wanting to go into nursing. We want people to be able

to make a career of Nursing. The NHS wants to engage with the local communities and think how we could improve this hospital. Make this a larger HUB for the community. There will be a consultation in the New Year and any suggestions from the public would be welcomed. Another area the Trust is trying to achieve is to bring the NHS back under one umbrella.

16. **Questions from the floor** – Ivan Perry asked whether the Hospital could cope with the extra demands placed on it by more people coming into the area and extra services being provided. Lynda replied that the Hospital is large enough for the extra demands being expected of the local Hospital and in fact looked forward to these changes.
17. **Any other Business** – Just to remind members there is a Cheese and Wine at the Hospital next Friday 28 October when your Guest speaker will be John Strike. Tickets £5 available at the Reception at the Hospital or contact any Member of the Committee or Wendy on 07968 067373 – email w.wallis@icloud.com All wine and cheese kindly donated by Sainsbury's
18. **Closure of the Meeting** – Ken thanked everyone for coming along and we look forward to working with the NHS in the future.

Signed Chairman

Date

meeting closed 3.15 p.m.