

133 Alton Community Hospital: Update from Rebecca Housley

A presentation was given by Rebecca Housley (Clinical Service Matron & Advanced Nurse Practitioner for Anstey Ward and Urgent Community Response Teams in Mid & North Hampshire) who was joined by Craig Rees (Head of Operations Mid & North Hampshire, Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust). A copy of their presentation is appended to the Minutes.

In summary:

- The news was positive.
- The Trust has got agreement and finance for the reopening of the upstairs ward for ‘hospital discharges and Community support’. This will include patients being moved on from General Hospitals and admissions from local GPs for short term care. Also End of Life care.
- A budget of £4.6million has been set aside; of this £1.6m is for building costs and £3m annually for running costs. Their target timetable is for first admissions to take place in the Autumn and for the full twenty beds to be available by the Spring 2022. Medical cover will be provided by Petersfield GPs as with existing beds).
- Staff recruitment has already started. (This seems a worthy but very ambitious target given the capital sum involved and the existing competition for healthcare staff.)
- Occupants of the offices that have been using the ward space upstairs will be rehoused; nonclinical personnel offsite, clinical care workers elsewhere in the building.
- The question of the Outpatient and other services provided by North Hampshire Hospitals Trust remains unanswered; they have not responded to requests to share their future plans for Alton.

134 Alton Town Council Events Programme for 2021 and 2022

Members received a comprehensive report from the Town Clerk on the events held to date during 2021 with an update provided on the remaining events this year which are the Autumn 4-day Walking Festival, Remembrance Sunday and the revised arrangements for the Christmas programme which will include a Best Dressed Window competition, hosting 4 mini-Yuletide markets; the Marmot Family Christmas and the launch of the Christmas Calendar in support of Hart Wildlife as they commemorate their 25th anniversary. Work is also in progress to create some additional Shop Local videos with a focus on professional services.

The programme for the proposed events for 2022 together with three new events for 2023 was also tabled seeking councillors approval with full details contained within the agenda papers.

On the proposal of Councillor Pam Jones seconded by Councillor Richard Platt it was

RESOLVED to

Approve the Events Calendar for 2021/22 and the new events for 2023

135 Plastic Free Alton

A copy of the recording from the presentation made by Plastic Free Alton had been circulated to Members (following the pre-meeting briefing which was held on Thursday 9th September). Members were requested to review this presentation. Councillor Boxall confirmed she would be prepared to be the Council representative of the Steering Group

On the proposal of Councillor Ginny Boxall seconded by Councillor Pam Jones, it was

RESOLVED that:

- 1. Alton Town Council named Councillor Boxall as the representative of the council to sit on the Plastic Free Alton Steering group**
- 2. Alton Town Council agrees to support all Plastic Free Communities initiatives in this area**
- 3. Alton Town Council will lead by example and phase out single-use plastic items from its premises and operations.**

136 Alton Ambassadors

The report on Alton Ambassadors, prepared by Councillor Ginny Boxall, had been circulated to all councillors prior to the meeting introducing the concept of Alton Ambassadors following her discussions with potential volunteers including Alton Lions and ACAN.

Members were requested to consider their approval of the Alton Ambassadors concept and to consider next steps.

On the proposal of Councillor Pam Jones seconded by Councillor Gideon Cristofoli it was

RESOLVED

- 1. To approve the concept of Alton Ambassadors**
- 2. Councillor Ginny Boxall will take this forward with interested third party groups with a view to launching at the Christmas markets.**

137 To receive the meeting notes from the Community Safety Partnership Meeting

A verbal update was given by Councillor Pam Jones and the meeting notes of the meeting held on 19th August 2021 will be circulated to all councillors Committee. An invitation has been extended to the newly elected Police & Crime Commissioner Donna Jones to come along to a Community Safety Partnership meeting the week commencing 15th November and a response is awaited.

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The meeting finished at 7.55pm