

Minutes of the Health and Wellbeing Meeting held on 16 February 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom

Present: Cllrs Anstee (Chair), Berlyn, A Chapman, Hallett and Hessing
Mrs L Hiscock

In attendance: Ms M Harper (Clerk)

20/21.98 Apologies for absence

None

20/21.99 Declarations of Interest

Members are required to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they know they may have in items of business on the meeting's agenda. They are reminded that they will need to repeat their declaration at the appropriate point in the meeting and leave the room if the interest is a prejudicial one. Unforeseen interests must be declared similarly at the appropriate time. Members have dispensation to discuss and vote in respect of matters relating to the Precept and the DCA.

There were no declarations of interest

20/21.100 Public Question Time

Members of the public are invited to address the Council, give their views and question the Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration (at the discretion of the Chairman). Members of the public may not take part in the Council meeting itself. At the close of this item members of the public will no longer be permitted to address the Council unless invited to do so by the Chairman. The session will last for a maximum of 15 minutes with any individual contribution lasting a maximum of 5 minutes. Members of the public should address their representation through the Chairman of the meeting.

There were no questions from the public

20/21.101 To approve Minutes of the Health & Wellbeing Committee meeting 16 February 2021

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the Health & Wellbeing Committee meeting held on 16 February 2021 be approved and signed as a true record

Cllr Berlyn joined the meeting

20/21.102 Actions from the Minutes

The actions from the minutes were noted. The following item will be brought forward to the next agenda – list of organisations who may be interested in funding services from a Community Hub (19/20.63) and the Clerk will try to contact the Medical Practice to arrange for the Social Prescriber to attend a meeting.

20/21.103 Danbury Coronavirus Volunteers Group (the Group)

Cllr Hessing noted that the Volunteer Hub would be open 1 day per week from 11am to 1pm and that the phone line will continue to be in operation for the next few months as the lockdown restrictions are lifted. Information on services such as NHS, GP and Essex Welfare Services is being passed on where necessary to residents.

Mrs Hiscock advised that the walking challenges had been popular and there was some discussion on whether the Committee would become involved. In a walking group. It was agreed that this would go onto the next agenda. Cllr Berlyn noted that he had been unaware of the latest Pole to Pole challenge and suggested more publicity may be needed. There was further discussion regarding the book of walks and memories, Clerk to contact Fleur Medcroft regarding the memory book and this item would be taken back to the Community Engagement Committee to consider along with the Community Festival/Jubilee 2022.

Mrs Hiscock provided further information on the volunteer's support of the vaccination programme including assisting with the logistics for around 13,000 injections. The Group will continue to support the programmes.

Cllr Anstee thanked the Group for all their amazing work.

Cllr Berlyn thanked Cllr Hessing and Mrs Hiscock on behalf of the Parish Council for everything they have done for the village during the pandemic.

20/21.104 Carers Group

There have been 2 meetings since the last Committee meeting with between 3 and 4 carers attending. The feedback so far has been positive and discussions started regarding meeting face to face. Cllr Anstee advised that a recent Dementia Action Alliance meeting she attended had a Seated Exercise Session from Active Essex and that the Carers Group had been quite keen to have a session at one of the meetings.

Further to previous discussions on a session on eating disorders, it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the resident who volunteered to do a presentation to arrange a date for a themed carers session to be held at the normal meeting time.

20/21.105 Citizens Advice Bureau – Parish Based Initiative

Clerk advised that funding is being sourced

20/21.106 Active Essex

It was agreed a survey to establish the needs in the village would be deferred to the Autumn when it was anticipated that a broader survey may be undertaken in advance of budget discussions.

20/21.107 Working with Other Organisations

Cllr Anstee advised that she had contacted Alcoholics Anonymous regarding possibly setting up a group in the village and has been advised that new groups need to be set up by existing members.

Cllr Anstee advised that she had attended the Dementia Action Alliance meeting where various suggestions were made including leading walks to encourage people to get out, upskilling the community regarding becoming dementia friendly and advertising Dementia Awareness week 17 May.

20/21.108 Recognition of contributions to Round the World Initiative

There was some discussion regarding recognising the efforts and contributions from those who have taken part in the recent walking challenges. It was agreed that Cllr Hallett will liaise with Mrs Hiscock to discuss

20/21.109 Matters for Report (for information only)

Cllr Hessing asked that an item be taken forward by the Community Engagement to consider making the weekend around 23 March each year a day of reflection and organising an event in commemoration.

20/21.110 Dates of next meeting

Tuesday 11 May 2021 at 7.30pm – location to be advised

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.48pm.

Chairman

Date