

Minutes of Yell Health Support Group AGM held on 27th March 2008 in Yell Health Centre at 7:30pm

Present: Angus, Annette, Mark, Rosie and Patricia.

Apologies: Rae, Dan, Julia, Winnie, Charlie, Alexis, Johnina and Victor.

Minutes of last meeting were read. Annette felt that it was intended that the Yell Welfare Trust would be disbanded, then the funds donated to the Yell Health Support Group, rather than amalgamate the two groups.

Matters arising:

Slimathon: This is going well. Everyone is losing weight. David Gear and Elsbeth Clark gave talks to the group last week.

Finances: Balance at end of March is approx £2,000. The balance at the end of financial year (ie 31st Dec) was £3,527.29. See attached sheet.

Door between reception areas: There is still nothing happening on this issue.

Ambulance: Nick Barr has left the Scottish Ambulance Service. Is replacement will be visiting Shetland soon to meet Health Board officials.

NHS Shetland has provided the monitors for the outer island ambulances. Our will be delivered tomorrow. Rosie and Mark will bring to next meeting for demonstration.

Mark felt that they had not had to travel to Lerwick with the Ambulance so much recently. This may be an improvement or it may just be coincidence. They will continue to monitor this.

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Office bearers: Officer bearers will remain as previous year. Mark as Chairman, Annette as Treasurer and Patricia as Secretary.

Equipment: Following the recent donation of ambulance monitors it was agreed that the next item for purchase would be an ambulatory blood pressure monitor. This records BP over a 24-hour period and helps to eliminate "white coat hypertension" or raised blood pressure due to fear of clinicians. This will cost approx £1,000. Rosie and Mark will discuss which type of BP monitor to purchase with Medical Physics department because they will maintain the equipment.

A donation of £259.83 was received from the 30th birthday party of Anne Mouat, Ann-Marie Smith, Grace Jamieson, Jenny McDonnell, Margaret Strachan, Sarah Lalla and Shona Slater.

AOB: Annette asked if there were any repercussions with the government announcement on extra opening hours. Mark explained that the extra hours constituted ½ hour per week per 1000 patients (we have nearly 1022 patients). Since we already open on Saturday mornings, which was one of the main extra times mentioned in the report, Mark felt that we would have to do nothing more to meet this directive.

Doreen Strachan expressed an interest in the group. She was unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments. She is willing to help the group in anyway that is needed.

Next meeting to be held in Yell Health Centre on 26th June at 7:30pm

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