

# Blackburn with Darwen Patients' Council

16<sup>th</sup> December 2008, 12.30-4pm  
The Montague Centre, Blackburn



## Present

Andrew Prugar  
Anne Ray  
Brian Spencer  
Bryan Hammond  
Madhubala Pandya  
Lesley Spencer

## In attendance

Barbara Allen (Note Taker)  
Margaret Wigans

## 1. Apologies

Andy Harrison  
Alison Atherton  
Jan Hart  
Paul Mainwaring

## 2. Notes of the previous meeting

The notes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2008 were approved.

## 3. Matters arising

- BH too many meetings are being cancelled no use someone else changing them we should do that as long as we have a quorum we should decide
- information should be in before meeting not handed to us in packs at the meeting
- Leaflet drop went very well. brian Hammond received as lot of complaints in the market about hospitals and Darwen LIFT centre.
- It was reported that a lady with epilepsy states that they are not taking any notice of her just updating her notes not her medication this needs looking into.
- MP - leaflets taken from her for Inter Faith Forum leaflets were left for people to pick up.
- Brain spencer had left leaflets in Mall and cafe.

## 4. November Action Log

- 231008/15 Please send a copy of the Empowerment White Paper to Margaret Wigans.
- 231008/16 Produce a charter of how the public want to be involved in what is going on with regards to construction in their area. Charter was not in packs
- 231008/18 Obtain more information from the vascular screening, Anne Ray, Brian Spencer & Bryan Hammond wish to be involved when they know more about it.
- Defer the open day planned for January until March or April
- 181108/02 Members agreed that this was urgent needs to be arranged

## ACTION

- 181108/03 Request Paul to chase this the next meeting is 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2009
- 181108/06 copies from Brian Spencer, Bryan Hammond and Anna Ray given to Barbara on 15<sup>th</sup> December
- 181108/08 Chase up the travel plan from Jan it is urgent

## 5. Council Business

Margaret Wiggins name spelt wrong should be Wigans Margaret attended the meeting today

Paul had met Brian Todd letter in pack that has been sent to him  
Raised concern about security in Montague.

## 6. Patients' Council Open Day Event 26<sup>th</sup> January 10.30-15.30

Ideas - It would be better in the Mall at the top of the escalator Jan had told Brian Spencer it would be free.

A suggestion was made that it would be a good idea to join another event that was already planned and have a stand at that event. It would also be a good idea to get ourselves tables at events that are going on.

Members agreed there was not enough time to plan the event they would like to postpone until March or April, they want to know how much money is available for the event before they can decide on a venue. They need a programme for the day. Best we can do is a table at the top of the escalator.

## 7. LIFT Update

As the paper from Jan was not available Jan was supposed to bring the travel plan she will forward it.

Questions were raised about access from the town as far as the members could see there is only one single road going in but not room for a bus it is only a one-way system at present you can turn two ways. Chase Jan for the transport plan.

Need to produce a charter on how the public want to be involved in what is going on with the construction in their area.

Clarify the position of the Montague Residents meeting with Paul, Jan and the residents.

## 8. LINKs Update

Brian Spencer is now the chair of LINKs training is to start on the 19<sup>th</sup> December, it is hoped that they will be able to go and inspect. Blackburn hospital is on the list especially A & E.

## 9. For Information

Members were given copies of the following documents:

- Updated Meeting Schedule (in packs)
- NHS BwD Draft Strategic Plan (in packs)
- Letter refusing membership to Brian Todd (in packs)

## 10. AOB

The 19<sup>th</sup> January not suitable for training members have too many meetings on that day. Updated group list BH has given Barbara Allen the list it is incomplete it is updated list but not fully compressive. Liz's previous list to be updated.

**Action: Update the Group List which was distributed at this meeting.**

MP has already sent and told liz to get in touch with cvs they have a full list. Margaret has requested a copy of the Empowerment White Paper she needs to know what it involves.

Members want training on writing reports.

**Action: Chase member's expenses.**

## 11. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2009, **12.30–4pm** at the Residents Lounge, Montague Health Centre. Apologies to Liz Hudson (0161 766 9323 or [liz.hudson@patientscouncil.org.uk](mailto:liz.hudson@patientscouncil.org.uk)) by 20<sup>th</sup> October.

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