

# CHIPPENHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extraordinary meeting of the Town Council held at the Town Hall, High Street, Chippenham on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7pm.

**COUNCILLORS:** James Adman Richard Bambury  
Peter Bishop Holly Bradfield  
Jenny Budgell Clare Cape  
Bill Douglas Rajvir Gill  
Peter Hutton Teresa Hutton  
Ruth Lloyd Nick Murry  
Mary Norton (Chairman) Michelle Pearce  
David Powell Chris Ruck  
John Scragg Sandie Webb

**OFFICERS PRESENT:** Mark Smith (Chief Executive)  
Adrian Jones (Deputy Chief Executive)  
Charlotte Starkie (Head of Finance and Administration)

**PUBLIC PRESENT:** 2 members of the public  
4 representatives from the Wiltshire Clinical Commissioning Group

**PRESS PRESENT:** A representative from the Gazette and Herald

## **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

A member of the public raised a concern that the Council might be agreeing to discuss the matter on the agenda, in relation to the Clinical Commissioning Group and hospital and health provision across Wiltshire, in a session that excluded the public and press. He stated that Council meetings should be open to the public and that the public and press should not be excluded, if Councillors were going to receive information that was already in the public domain.

## **56. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Melody Thompson, Desna Allen, Andy Phillips, Nina Phillips, Michael Merry and Ashley O'Neill.

## **57. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of Interest were received as follows:

- i. Councillor Teresa Hutton works for the NHS.
- ii. Councillor Clare Cape works for the NHS.

## **58. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

### **RESOLVED:**

On the advice of the Chief Executive, and on confirmation from the representatives from the Clinical Commissioning Group that none of the information to be shared at the meeting was of a confidential nature, it was recommended there were no grounds on which to exclude the public and press. Therefore the public and press could remain for the duration of the meeting.

**RESOLVED that:**

The public and press could remain in the meeting.

**59. NHS WILTSHIRE CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP (CCG) PRESENTATION**

Members heard from 4 members of the CCG in relation to the future provision of high quality, sustainable health care and hospital facilities and services to meet the needs of the population in Wiltshire. The team were considering all options across Wiltshire and were undertaking a review of the existing services, facilities and buildings. Health care provision was changing and it was essential to ensure that the treatment service and accommodation evolved to meet the changing demands.

Members were invited to ask questions which covered the following issues: The demands of a large population like Chippenham, the need to protect the existing services, the need to consider more opportunities for care in the home, accessibility to health care provision in a rural community and the public transport network.

Other issues raised included the sharing of resources and workforce to raise the standard of care, merging illness and injury into treatment centres. The CCG representatives mentioned the public estate, funding from central government and the need to apply other funding models, the ambulance service and the need to use patient transport services and the likely timeframe in which to engage with the public and to create an outline business case of the needs of Wiltshire.

The CCG thanked the Councillors for the opportunity to talk to them and asked if they could continue to work together by sharing information, by seeking support during the consultation process and general engagement while the review is underway.

The Mayor thanked the CCG representatives for attending the meeting and stated that the Council would be willing to engage with the process.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

These Minutes are subject to confirmation at the next meeting.

Signed on behalf of the Town Council as a true record of the meeting

Signature:

Date: