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COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

Minutes of the meeting
held on
31 March 2008
Community Room Shire Hall

PRESENT: Chairman Councillor Mrs A Dewhurst.
Councillor Mrs S Chivers Councillor T Christopher Councillor J Fletcher and
Councillor Mrs V Mitchell

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor C Atkins Councillor G F W Buckland and Councillor R Hayward.

AGENDA ITEM	DETAILS	ACTION
1.	<u>To receive declaration of interest of items on the agenda:</u> None	
2.	<u>To receive apologies for absence:</u> Councillor Mrs S White	
3.	<u>To elect Chairman of the Community Affairs Committee:</u> Councillor Mrs Dewhurst was unanimously elected as chair Proposed: Cllr T Christopher Seconded: Cllr Mrs A Were	
4.	<u>To elect Deputy Chairman of the Community Affairs Committee:</u> Councillor M Jones was unanimously elected as Deputy Chair. Proposed: Cllr T Christopher Seconded: Cllr G Bright	
	At this point Mr David Hill from Action 50 + made a presentation about NHS out of hours in Monmouth Mr Hill listed his main concerns: The Minor Injuries unit at Monnow Vale, the G P out of hour's service and the duty Pharmacy system. The clinical futures proposals of one central critical care hospital means more services will be needed locally, yet in fact, more and more are being withdrawn. Already there is confusion at Monnow Vale after 6pm and out of hours e.g. A lady took four hours to reach hospital after a stroke. The 6 Primary Care out of hours units have been reduced to 3. This impact's on Monnow Vale. The G P contract has been used as one of the excuses for the withdrawal of duty Pharmacists 'experiment'.	

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	<p>Mr Hill feels that the communities concerns must urgently be brought to the attention of decision makers and the requests urgent action by the Committee.</p> <p>After questions from the Committee members and lengthy discussion, it was resolved to put a list of concerns and questions to Dr Paine who represents the G P's on Monnow Vale. Cllr Jones offered to liaise on our behalf.</p> <p>Meanwhile Mr Hill would research the number of potential patients within Monmouthshire's catchment area.</p> <p>Cllr Mrs Dewhurst repeated the importance of reporting all problems encountered as a result of the Duty Pharmacy 'experiment' until September.</p>	
5.	<p><u>To approve the minutes of the meeting held 31st March 2008:</u> The minutes were confirmed correct.</p>	
6.	<p><u>To receive action review plan and review matters arising:</u> All the actions completed.</p>	
7.	<p><u>To receive correspondence:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. S Gilbert: Pharmacy closure concerns: letter will be used in reporting on the experiment 2. Christian ? Trust: Not a local charity refusal 3. SARA: Community Grant applications 4. D Davies MP: 	
8.	<p><u>To consider forward Plan for 2008/2009:</u></p>	
9	<p><u>To consider annual report for 2007/2008:</u></p>	
10.	<p><u>To discuss arrangements for Monmouth Carnival and Festival</u></p>	
11.	<p><u>Any other Business:</u></p>	
12.	<p><u>To confirm date of next meeting:</u> Monday 28 July 2008 7.00 pm</p>	
<p>Meeting Closed at pm</p>		

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