

Williton, Watchet & Quantocks Area Panel

Notes of Meeting held on 4 December 2012

at the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Williton, at 7.00 pm

In the absence of a note taker attached are some brief notes made by the Chairman.

1. Have Your Say – Community Issues/Concerns

2. Apologies for Absence

3. Notes of the Meeting held on 18 September 2012 and Matters Arising

The notes of the meeting held on 18 September 2012 were confirmed as a correct record. No matters arising.

4. Williton Hospital

Barbara Heywood attended and gave a verbal report advising on how the money acquired would be spent between January and March (prior to the Somerset Partnership taking over in March):

- 20 bed unit – each bay would have its own wet room, overnight stay room, revamped kitchen and pantry
- Graces Room would be reopened with new French windows and small garden
- Hospital Life secured

5. Williton Pharmacy

It was noted that the service provided at Lloyds Pharmacy was improving, however there were still complaints being received. The Chairman would follow this up in February in order to give members of the public time to contact the office of Lloyds direct with their concerns.

6. Police Report

No representative was available to attend.

6. Highways Report

David Peake reported on a current project that the Highways Authority were undertaking with the Police to develop A39/A358 emergency alternative routes and circulated copies of plans illustrating the proposals. A discussion took place on pinch points and other associated problems.

8. Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service

An update was received from Gary, Williton Fire Station Officer who reported that significant cuts to the Fire Service had been announced and new rules were being introduced which would affect volunteers. Other issues reported on were:

- The fire station training room was being improved with the addition of a disabled ramp and new entrance door
- Work was currently being undertaken to try and install a light by Danesfield School
- Firemen used as lifeguards to encourage children to swim
- Problems faced by getting employers to release part-time firemen during working hours

Members of the Panel thanked the Fire Service for all their help during the recent floods.

9. West Somerset Council

No one was available to attend.

10. Date of Next Meeting

19 March 2013 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Williton – to discuss the future of the Watchet, Williton and Quantoxhead Area Panel