



**The League of friends of Axminster Hospital
Minutes of the Meeting held at Axminster Hospital
Tuesday 9th April 2024**

	<p><u>Present:</u> Steve Holt (SH) - Chair Chrissy Cawley (CC) – Treasurer Mervyn Symes (MS) Dr Phil Taylor (PJT) Gill George (GG) Jeanette Ward (JW) Julian Hussey (JH) Teresa Denning (TD) Dr Sarah Ellis (SE) Hazel Cross (HC) Martin Diplock (MD) Helen Arnold (HA)</p> <p><u>Apologies for Absence were received from:</u> No apologies given.</p>	<p><u>Action</u></p>
1	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 20th February 2024 Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as an accurate record of discussions held.</p>	
2.	<p>Matters Arising No matters arising</p>	
3	<p>Financial Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • End of Year report 2023/24 <p>CC reported that the bank balance was £590,481.81. CC reported that the Lof F had received donations from; Axminster Young Farmers - £1262.00 Axminster Hospital - £1325.00</p> <p>The Trustees expressed their thanks to Axminster Young Farmers and Teresa and the staff at the hospital for their support.</p> <p>The end of year accounts have been completed and are now with Westcotts.</p>	



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4.	<p>Report from Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• Meeting with Ned Brown 1 March 2024 Some progress has been made to utilise capacity at Axminster Hospital with additional clinics on Fridays. A review will take place of under-utilised estate at Axminster Hospital. The League of Friends will be informed of the outcome of the Estates review.</p> <p>• Update on EOL proposal from Richard Anderson The Axminster EOL service proposal had previously been circulated by SH and comments had been requested. SH thanked those who had responded. It was noted that some clarification and amendments were needed to the proposal. PT stated that the Lof F would not be in a position to change the clinical governance aspects, but PT offered to lead on amending the proposal to clarify the management and financial relationship with Hospicecare. The Trustees thanked PT for his offer. JH commented that the proposal should include other EOL service providers such as Weldmar Hospicecare.</p> 	PT
5.	<p>Update from Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• The Annual Open meeting will be on 21 May 2024 at 6.30pm in the Bradshaw Rooms at the Heritage Centre. Ned Brown, General Manager, Community Care Group, RDUH is yet to confirm his attendance. HA to contact to confirm attendance. Wine and nibbles to be provided. For the purposes of rotation as laid down by the L of F Constitution, one third of Trustees are required to retire each year. SH to contact AV and MP to discuss. PT, MS, and MD indicated their willingness to tender their resignation.</p> 	HA HA/GG/HC SH
6.	<p>Update from Hospital Representative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• No update at this time</p> 	
7.	<p>Fundraising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <p>• Bacon rolls 11th April 2024 and 10 October 2024</p> 	



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	<p>Complete Meats have donated the bacon. Tesco's have donated bread and sauce etc. In response to the last event, it was decided to offer cake as well. Thank you to the volunteers who have donated cakes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exeter Male voice choir. Arrangements in hand. Tea would be provided by the Lof F for the choir. Wine to be provided in interval. • Open Farm Sunday 9th June 2024. Initial information from Hamish Bengough indicated that the L of F would provide approx. 35 individual lunches and tea, coffee, squash, cake for around 300 visitors. • Axe Vale Show 22nd and 23rd June 2024. HA had booked pitch. Michaela Board had confirmed she would be able to attend with possibly some support from other nurses on shift but not on calls. TD reported that there was no interest from other nursing staff to attend. HA confirmed the L of F would pay for the show ticket for anyone helping out on the stand. Support on the stand over the weekend is needed from the Trustees. HA had some raffle prizes but we still need a 'top' prize. • Cream tea 13th July 2024 Great Jackleigh Farm. This will be a joint fundraising event with Flamingo Pool. HA/GG/HC to meet with Jacqui Symes and Gaye Baulch to plan for this event. Date TBC. 	<p style="text-align: center;">HA/GG/HC</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HA/SH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ALL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HA/GG/HC</p>
8.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HA had received a request for funding for a set of baby scales form Rachel Cox, the social prescriber based at the Medical Practice. HA had replied and asked for more information regarding cost etc. The Trustees agreed that this would be an item they were able to fund subject to costs etc. 	
9.	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING Annual Open meeting 21st May 2024 at 6.30pm at The Bradshaw Rooms, Axminster Heritage Centre.</p>	