



**The League of friends of Axminster Hospital  
Minutes of the Meeting held at Axminster Hospital  
Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024**

	<p><b><u>Present:</u></b>            Steve Holt (SH) - Chair            Chrissy Cawley (CC) – Treasurer            Gill George (GG)            Jeanette Ward (JW)            Teresa Denning (TD)            Dr Sarah Ellis (SE)            Hazel Cross (HC)            Margaret Pike (MP)            Helen Arnold (HA)</p> <p><b><u>Apologies for Absence were received from:</u></b>            Martin Diplock (MD)</p>	<p><b><u>Action</u></b></p>
<p>1</p>	<p><b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting - 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>            Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as an accurate record of discussions held.</p> <p><b>Minutes of AOM - 21<sup>st</sup> May 2024</b>            Minutes of the AOM were approved as an accurate record of discussions held.</p>	
<p>2.</p>	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Resignation of Ann Veit.</b>              The Trustees agreed to send flowers and a message as a token of appreciation for her service as a Trustee of the League of Friends.              TD would also like to send a gift on behalf of Axminster Hospital.</li> </ul>	<p><b>GG</b>  <b>TD</b></p>
<p>3</p>	<p><b>Financial Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>End of Year report 2023/24</b></li> </ul> <p>CC reported that the bank balance was £592,707            CC reported that the Lof F had received donations from;            The Castle Inn, Axminster – £202            The New Inn, Kilmington - £100            BD- £165            AF - £248</p> <p>CC reported that the Lof F had received legacies from;            RR - £500            AD - £5000</p> <p>CC reported that the proceeds from events were;            Male Voice Choir - £282</p>	



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	<p>Open Farm - £750 Axe Vale Show - £453 plus £100 donation from Louise Keen</p>	
4.	<p><b>Report from Chair</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>End of Life Service Press release</b> A press release has been agreed regarding the nurses funded by Axminster Hospital League of Friends. This will be circulated to the Mid-Week Herald and on our website and social media.</li> <li>• <b>Marketing of new service</b> The Trustees agreed that the new service would be Axminster Home Hospice. A discussion followed regarding a logo for AHH and if this was an opportunity to change the League of Friends logo. It was thought that the logo needed to state that the service was funded by the League. It was agreed that we should look at some alternatives. TD suggested that we speak to Jonathan Stevens. TD to forward contact details to HA/SH if he is willing to help.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>HA</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TD</b></p>
5.	<p><b>Update from Manager</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>AOM 21 May</b> There was good attendance despite the weather. Although the talk from Ned Brown did not specifically address plans for Axminster Hospital, he reiterated the strong commitment from NHS management to Community Services and development of outpatient facilities at the Hospital.</li> <li>• <b>Open Farm</b> HA expressed her thanks to the Trustees and Volunteers who helped over the weekend. Around 300 people visited the farm and it is likely we will be asked again next year.</li> <li>• <b>Exeter Male voice choir</b> There was much better attendance for this performance. The Choir kindly waived their fee.</li> <li>• <b>Axe Vale show</b> HA expressed her thanks to all those who came to help over the weekend. Thank you to JH for covering the costs of hiring the stand. The ear and blood pressure checks caused a lot of interest and the stand was in a better position. Consequently, we were much busier than last year.</li> <li>• <b>Cream Tea</b></li> </ul>	



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	<p>Unfortunately, this event was cancelled due to poor ticket sales. It was not clear why but poor weather, buying tickets in advance or not a big enough event may have contributed.</p> <p><b>Fundraising 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coffee morning 10th October Church rooms Bacon butties /coffee/tea/ cake</li> <li>• Saxminster 22nd November - Note change of date. Minster. Wine in interval</li> <li>• Quiz- Steve and Rita have offered to run a quiz Venue tbc somewhere central with bar and facility to provide food in interval. Teams of 6.</li> <li>• Calendar – The pictures from Photography group were disappointing. A lack of enthusiasm for this means we will not be proceeding.</li> <li>• Christmas Cards HA to organise printing in time for sale at Autumn events. It was suggested a range of blank cards would also be useful. We don't have the facility to sell direct on our website so will need to sell through local shops, hospital, events etc. SH to contact Heritage Centre re their Charity cards scheme.</li> </ul>	<p>HA</p> <p>HA</p> <p>HA</p> <p>HA</p> <p>HA</p>
6.	<p><b>Update from Hospital Representative</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospital update attached as appendix A</li> <li>• Request for funding Raizer Lifting Chair This was considered to be a valuable piece of equipment which would enable people to get off the ground when they have fallen. The Trustees agreed to fund this at a cost of £3997+VAT.</li> <li>• Request for funding to improve waiting areas in the Hospital TD is waiting for quotes for mural wall coverings.</li> <li>• Request for funding Cirrus 6000 OCT imaging machine TD has requested funding of £30 000 from each of the League of Friends at Axminster, Seaton, Ottery St Mary, Honiton and Sidmouth. It was felt that the Trustees needed to understand the need for this equipment and its benefits. More information is needed regarding why the NHS is not paying for this equipment, possible match funding and ownership of the equipment. TD to arrange meeting with Consultant and other League of Friends to be able to understand the business case for this funding request.</li> </ul>	<p>TD</p> <p>TD</p>
7	<b>AOB</b>	



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Flowers from Busy Bee Florist</li></ul> <p>Due to a legacy and a request in a will the League of Friends are currently putting flowers on a grave 5 times a year. This has been ongoing for a number of years and the Trustees decided that it was now appropriate to stop this arrangement. Having checked the wills of the deceased, Mandy Loveridge, Scott Rowe Solicitors advised that we could terminate the contract.</p>	<b>HA</b>
9.	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b> Annual Open meeting 17 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 6.00pm at Axminster Hospital.	