



**The League of Friends of Axminster Hospital
Minutes of the Meeting held at Axminster Hospital
Tuesday 8th April 2025**

	<u>Present:</u> Steve Holt (SH) - Chair Chrissy Cawley (CC) – Treasurer Gill George (GG) Dr Sarah Ellis (SE) Hazel Cross (HC) Julian Hussey (JH) Jeanette Ward (JW) Margaret Pike (MP) Mervyn Symes (MS) Karen Churchill (KC) Helen Arnold (HA) Delia Driver (DD) guest <u>Apologies for Absence were received from:</u> Dr Phil Taylor (PT) Martin Diplock (MD) Teresa Denning (TD)	<u>Action</u>
1	Minutes of the Previous Meeting – 4th February 2025 Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as an accurate record of discussions held.	
2.	Matters arising	
3	Financial Update CC reported that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Donations received COGS £200 Individual donation £50 Individual donation £258 ○ Fundraising events Bingo £1085 Quiz £639 Chamber Choir £1011 ○ Bank Balance £576,919 <p>An application to open a savings account was in progress.</p>	



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	100 club was beginning to attract some members.	
4.	<p>Report from Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Axminster Hospice at Home The SLA has been approved but not signed. SH to ensure the SLA is signed. Recruitment is continuing. It was agreed that one candidate who has been interviewed should be offered a post. KC expressed concerns re the proposed timescales for remaining recruitment. The Trustees agreed that we need to have positive action towards recruitment of the remaining posts within 6 months of the appointment of the initial nurse. An assurance has been made by Richard Anderson (RA) that the RDUH will employ the initial nurse should the service fail. SH to contact RA to confirm Trustees view. ○ Trustees Committee Martin Diplock has tendered his resignation from the Trustees Committee. The Trustees expressed their thanks to Martin for his service to the League and wish him well in the future. Trustees agreed to the proposal that Michaela Board would join the Trustees. As part of the Community Nursing Team and steering group member she will bring close links with the end-of-life team. HA to update Charity Commission ○ ARC MS declared an interest in this item SH reported that he had had some discussions with Katherine Davies, founder of ARC, regarding the opportunity for bereavement counselling once the EOL service is up and running. Other aspects regarding working with ARC were discussed. ○ AGM 6.30pm Tuesday 20th May Bradshaw Rooms, Heritage Centre. Richard Anderson has agreed to be our speaker. 	<p>SH</p> <p>SH</p> <p>HA</p>
5.	<p>Update from Manager</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fundraising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 100 Club Applications are available from Reception at the Hospital, from admin@axmlf.com, website axmlf.com, HA or CC. All applications to go to CC. First Draw will be at the AGM. ● Bacon Butties 24th April 	



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	<p>HA, HC, GG, MP offered to help 8am – 12.30pm. Raffle HA to organise food. HELP needed cake</p> <p>• Quiz Tuckers Arms 30th April Quiz teams to HA</p> <p>• Quiz Stockland Village Hall Date to be confirmed.</p> <p>• Bingo Hawkchurch HA to arrange date with Liz and Steve Goff in October 2025</p> <p>• Open Farm 8th June HA to liaise with Hamish Bengough Lunches for helpers on the day Tea/ coffee/ squash/ cake for sale Contact COGS re help HELP NEEDED cake. HELP on the day.</p> <p>• Axe Valley Show 21/22 June Booking has been confirmed HA to contact MB. In the absence of any detail HA to contact HELP NEEDED SH/HC/CC/MP/KC/GG/ offered</p> <p>• Open Gardens Socks Orchard 27/28/29 June SH/HA gazebo and information boards. HELP NEEDED</p> <p>• Afternoon tea Great Jackleigh Farm 26th July To be held in garden, glass of bubbly, sandwiches, scones, tea/ coffee/ squash Stalls to include plants, tombola, cake, ice lollies. Community nurses not available to help. Live music to be provided by the Windy Bowers. Lawn games for children. 2.30pm -5pm HELP NEEDED Plants/ cake/ tombola prizes. HELP on the day. Please contact Garden centres /friends etc re plants. MS – Mole Avon, PT- Millers, HC- Tony Benger</p> <p>○ Devon Truck Show Not necessary for League to attend show. £1000 will be donated. HA to liaise with organisers re donation.</p>	<p>HA ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>HA</p> <p>HA</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>HA ALL</p> <p>HA/SH ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>HA</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Membership of ATTEND. HA reported that, due to reorganisation of ATTEND we will no longer be able to get our insurance through them. Membership has been renewed, and insurance has been extended to 31 July to allow time to investigate alternative providers. 	HA/SH/CC
6.	Update from Axminster Hospital Representative. None	
7.	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hospice at Home Launch Event date will be confirmed when recruitment is more secure. Trustees to meet to discuss details nearer to the time. May have to be a 'soft launch' depending on recruitment. ○ Hospiscare Concern was raised about the amount of publicity Hospiscare were achieving locally. Trustees agreed that some of the content may be misleading or confusing to people when considering leaving a donation or legacy. It was agreed that we needed to improve the information that is available about end-of-life care. KC suggested that we should focus more on PR. Putting an article/information in local magazines was discussed. SH stated that our position would be easier when we had an alternative service in place. HA/SH to discuss appropriate response in the meantime. ○ Seaton League of Friends AGM SH is unable to attend AGM on 24th April. SH asked for a Trustee to represent Axminster LofF. ○ New Trustee Delia Driver had attended the meeting and was invited to become a Trustee. Delia agreed and this was supported by all the Trustees present. HA to update charity commission website ○ Support for local business. The Trustees agreed with JH that, wherever possible, we should use Axminster businesses for our support services. 	HA HA HA/SH ALL HA
8.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Date of next meeting Tuesday 20 th May at 6.30pm at Bradshaw Rooms, Heritage Centre. JH apologies	



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Agreed _____ Date _____