

MINUTES OF EXTRA-ORDINARY MEETING OF GRESFORD COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD AT GRESFORD TRUST MEMORIAL HALL ON 23rd April 2018

Members Present

Councillors, M. Harriman, R. Gilmartin B. Blackmore, J Holmes, M. J. Edwards, A. Atkinson, J. Blackmore, R. Smith

Chair: Councillor B. Blackmore

Clerk: Serena Baxter

Apologies given and accepted: Councillors M. Lightwood, A. Bailey, S. Atherton, M. Wilde, J. Dutton

Absent: J. Hobbley

210. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were given and accepted.

211. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of any personal and or prejudicial interest on the form provided for this purpose for any item under discussion. Councillor Harriman raised the point that all those present had an interest to declare in that all were patients of the practice under discussion and it could lead to difficulties. That being so, all members present signed a declaration of interest form.

212. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Vaughan Roberts attended the meeting and addressed the Councillors on his concerns over the potential closure of the Gresford Health Centre

213. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC: The Chair raised the matter of whether the discussion to take place warranted the exclusion of the public under Part 2. Councillor Atkinson proposed that the public are not excluded, and this was seconded by Councillor Edwards. All voted in favour to keep the meeting as an open meeting. The minutes of the meeting held on the 8th March 2018 were agreed as a true record.

214. The Chair introduced the issue for which the meeting had been called, which was to consider the communication received from Alyn Family Doctors, that they are proposing to close the Health Centre provision in Gresford and continue with patient provision at the health centres in Llay and the surgery in Rossett. The Chair advised that the Council had only recently been informed. The issue for the Council was to consider their response and who to include in that response, and how to take the matter forward.

Councillor Edwards stated that it was important to include the CHC in any communication as well as Betsi Cadwallader Health Board(BCHB).

Discussion took place about the letter and its contents.

The Council expressed hope that a member of the practice or BCHB would be able to attend the planned public meeting.

Councillor Edwards suggested a number of points which could be made in response. For example, there must be signage provided in the village of Llay from the roundabout to direct people.

Councillor Edwards then explained his decision not to continue at the meeting as he wished to declare an interest as Chair of Alyn Family Doctors. Councillor Edwards left the meeting at 7.05pm.

Councillor Atkinson outlined the Public Meeting that he and Councillor Gilmartin have arranged. Further discussion took place about the consultation and representation and issues concerning lack of parking facilities and transport.

