

# Save Newark Hospital Campaign (SNHC) Annual General Meeting

## Minutes

### AGM 2012

Held at Holy Trinity Community Centre, Boundary Road, Newark starting at 7.30 pm on the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2012

## PRESENT

See appendix 1

## APOLOGIES:

Maureen Dobson, Patricia Gurney, Sonia Townsend

## Standing orders

1. Allow the attendance of the public and the press.
2. Allow the public to ask questions after the Chairman's address, secretary and treasurer's reports and after members had asked questions.
3. Votes to be registered by raising a yellow card with the members name and number on.

### 1. Chairman's Address

I would like to offer, special thanks to Holy Trinity Community Centre, for their generous offer and free use of this fine building for tonight's event. Many thanks to Fr. Michael O'Donoghue, Julie Nicholson, Robert Beal, Donna and to all the staff in attendance this evening, for making this possible.

At this point I will handover to Paul so that he might explain the agenda and procedures for tonight's event. PB read out the standing orders.

At last years AGM I spoke of the possibilities of having a resubmission of the Newark Health Care Review to the Secretary of State for his consideration so that Newark might be offered a full Independent Review.

I am pleased to say Town and District Councils wrote letters supporting that action and that NCC wrote a letter to the Secretary of State for Health, Andrew Lansley, requesting that he offers Newark an Independent Review. I also mentioned the possibilities of taking the route of a Judicial Review on the grounds local people and NCC were not adequately consulted by NHS Nottinghamshire.

On 30<sup>th</sup> May the SYNHC wrote to NHS Nottinghamshire indicating their intention to apply for a JR giving reasons in that letter. At the same time the campaign sought advice from solicitors. The legal advice provided was, whilst we had a strong case, we were advised that a Judge would be likely to rule that we were timed-out, - meaning that more than 3 months had elapsed since the original decisions were made on the hospital reconfiguration in June 2010. Whilst we believe we had followed the correct procedures in exploring all possible avenues in order to reach a favorable resolution it was clear that NHS Notts would argue that the date for limitation was two years ago. And

we were not sure that we would be successful.

On 11 July 2012 at a meeting the trustees voted *not* to proceed with a JR challenge, but renewed their commitment to continue to fight for the reinstatement of some of the services that have been lost from Newark Hospital.

So what are we going to do Now?

With your support we plan to:

1. Launch a poster and leaflet campaign to encourage people to use Newark Hospital as much as possible.
2. Continue to campaign for the CCG to follow Andrew Lansley's instructions to involve all local populations and to undertake out a post implementation report.
3. Continue to campaign for improvements in services at NH, which are:
  - Suitable level of emergency care and assessment
  - Suitable out of hours cover
  - The reopening of Newark Hospital to admissions 24/7
  - Appropriate protocols with ambulance services that would allow most patients to be taken to Newark Hospital and would permit the return of some emergency ambulances.
  - Telemedicine and support from other hospitals
  - Rotation of staff, so that staff retain skills
  - Improved public and patient transport
  - New look at Friary Ward – With some inpatient beds, psycho-geriatric care and respite care
  - The reopening of Castle Ward

On Monday the telephone switch board closed at NH and a number of jobs have been lost. These latest job losses, which have gone largely unnoticed and unreported, are typical of the salami slicing of services that has been going on over the past two years.

Over the past year NH has lost 15% of its staff and the staff is now taking part in a 90 day consultation to reduce staff numbers even further.

All of this must have an impact on services and the sustainability of the hospital. We have continued to fight for local services but we can only do it with your support.

You need to tell your friends, neighbors' and colleagues what is happening.

You need to talk to your GP that you want to be treated at Newark .

And you need to tell local county councilors and our MP that you want to see real improvements in services.

Some 20 years ago the maternity ward was lost at Newark Hospital consequently children are no longer born in Newark. It now seems that we can no longer die in Newark.

**Say Yes to Newark Hospital** and thank you for your support.

PB delivered a presentation setting out how the Newark Healthcare Review had impacted on healthcare in Newark and how those changes had been reported by the health authorities. See appendix 2

## 2. Annual Reports

The Secretary

PB reported that membership had increased by 585 over the past year.

The Treasurer

BH gave a financial report at the year end. See appendix 2 final slide

FT informed members that BH would be standing down as Treasurer this year and gave a vote of thanks for all of his work.

BH said that he would remain a trustee and was committed to the campaign. BH stated that although he was Bingham people in Bingham do use Newark Hospital and see it as their hospital as well.

### **3. Adoption of reports**

Moved by Frank Goulding

Seconded by Vic Hall

Resolved unanimously

### **4. Election of Officers and Trustees**

FT asked if the membership would take the election of officers en bloc.

There were no objections.

FT said that Kevin Clayton had agreed to stand in as Treasurer. KC informed members that he is a trustee and Town Councillor and would be happy to be considered for the post.

Officers

- Chairman-Francis Towndrow
- Treasurer-Kevin Clayton
- Secretary-Paul Baggaley

Moved by Sylvia Morgan

Seconded by Jill Baggaley

Resolved unanimously

### **5. To Consider Recommendations**

The trustees recommend that the organisation changes its name from the Save Newark Hospital Campaign to Say Yes to Newark Hospital.

FT stated that during the year the trustees had decided to change the name of the organisation to Say Yes to Newark Hospital to overcome the negative associations that a save Newark Hospital campaign carry. Moreover Andrew Lansley, Patrick Mercer, NHS Notts and the CCG had assured local people that the hospital would not close. FT asked for a proposer for the motion.

Moved by Kevin Clayton

Seconded by Fr Michael O'Donoghue

Two against

One abstention

Resolved by a majority

Appendix 1 - Attendees

Number	Title	Forename	Surname
1.	Mr	Paul	Baggaley
2.	Ms	Maisie	Baggaley
3.	Ms	Jill	Baggaley
4.	Mrs	Bridget	Baggaley
5.	Mr	Maurice	Baggaley
6.		J	Beardsley
7.		Hazel	Blant
8.	Mr	Tom	Brett
9.	Ms	Anne	Carter
10.	Mr	Terence	Carter
11.	Mrs	Jan	Clark
12.	Mr	Roger	Clark
13.	Mr	Peter	Clark
14.	Mrs	Maureen	Clarke
15.		Kathleen	Clawson
16.		Kevin	Clayton
17.	Mr	David	Glover
18.	Mrs	Shirley	Glover
19.	Councillor	Laurence	Goff
20.	Mr	Frank	Goulding
21.		Victor	Hall
22.	Mr	Pam	Haycock
23.	Mr	Brian	Howes
24.		Rachel	Hunt
25.		Janice	Hunt
26.	Mrs	Heather	Jones
27.		Debra	Meakin
28.		D.R.	Meakin MBE
29.	Mrs	Kathy	O' Donnell
30.	Mr	Malcolm	Rusby
31.	Mr	Giovanni	Signorio
32.	Mrs	E	Straw
33.	Mr	Francis	Towndrow
34.	Mr	Clive	Wetton
35.		Marion	Wilson
36.		Sylvia	Morgan
37.		Rev Mark	Roberts
38.		Fr	O'Donoghue
39.		Delores	May
40.		Carol	Wheeler
41.		Ken	Mills
42.		Joy	Mills
43.		Tom	Spelman
44.		Audrey	Sullivan
45.		Sonja	Townsend
46.		Ivor	Townsend