

Appendix A

Apologies were received from Councillors Deaville and Gibson.

PRESENT

Councillor Baddeley (Chair)	BTC/SMDC	Councillor Jackson	BTC/SMDC
Councillor J Jones (Mayor)	BTC/SMDC	Councillor Deane	BTC
Councillor Harris	BTC/SMDC	Councillor Hall	BTC/SMDC
Councillor Walley	BTC	Councillor Hart	BTC/SMDC
Councillor Rushton	BTC	Councillor Sheldon	BTC/SMDC
Councillor Harper	BTC	Councillor Whilding	BTC
Councillor M Lovatt	SMDC	Kate Thacker	Chief Officer BTC
Jean Gaunt	Officer BTC	Veronica Brown	Victoria Centre
Charlotte Atkins	Member of Parliament	Tracy Harper	NS Carers Assoc
K Bailey	Resident	Nikki Critchlow	NHS N Staffs
Gary Dumighan	Staffs Fire Service	Caroline Loftus	Combined Healthcare
B M Webb	BVNCA	Alan Dale	CAB
P W Price	Resident	Eileen Cox	Resident
Hil Moss	NHS North Staffs	Ellen Faulkner	Friends of Newpool Meadows
Heather Barnett	Friends of Newpool Meadows	Mr & Mrs Bailey	Friends of Newpool Meadows
Irene Clowes	Friends of Newpool Meadows	Councillor Lawson	SCC
H Roberts	BVNCA	Mrs A Forsyth	Rethink
Mr K Bullock	Rethink	Miss C Akomah	Chronicle
Ruth Reeves	SMDC		

NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN FORUM: HEALTH AND OLDER PEOPLE HELD ON TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY 2010

For attendance see Appendix A

34.09 CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Councillor Baddeley welcomed everyone to the Forum.

35. INTRODUCTIONS

Introductions were made.

36. PRESENTATIONS

- a **David Pearson, the Executive Director of Nursing and AHPs North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust**, gave an overview of mental health issues in Staffordshire Moorlands. The most important aims were to deliver high quality care as close to home as possible and to deliver rapid response and assessment.
- b **Malcolm Dillon, Project Manager NHS Combined Trust**, gave a presentation on the consultation around mental health services and the proposed changes. Questionnaires were tabled and also available via the internet and would be independently evaluated. Any questions should be sent to David and Malcolm, who would ensure that a response was sent. A report on the consultation would be forwarded to the Town Council.
- c **Bob Smaylen, from Prima 200**, gave an update on the new Biddulph Primary Care Centre and the revised plans were displayed. Biddulph newsletter No 2 Spring 2010 was also tabled, which listed various contact information. A number of questions were raised and addressed including the following points:
 - i Staff car parking would be available within the site; provision of patient parking would be managed by the Local Authority
 - ii The building would have a profiled roof (not flat), a maintenance programme of 25 years would be put in place and a life expectancy of 40-50 years was anticipated for the building
 - iii The contractors would be confined within the site boundary and would not use any part of the remainder of the car park for their vehicles
 - iv The sub station would be re sited adjacent to the public toilets, both for practical and aesthetic reasons. Some of the services would need to be re directed. The important link with library would be lost if it remained
 - v The delayed decision not to incorporate the Library into the design had made an impact. It would be less of a community building without the library, but there was provision in the design for multi activity rooms; also a couple of months had been lost
 - vi The project would be signed off by the Primary Care Trust board in March and by the Strategic Health Authority in May 2010. A query was raised about how a possible General Election in May might impact on the project. Mr Smaylen replied that he was keen to get the planning permission application in and the case signed off and remained strong in his commitment to get this for Biddulph.

37. CLOSE

Councillor Baddeley drew the meeting to a close at 8.00 pm and thanked everyone for attending. The three presenters would be available following the meeting to take further questions.