

**Minutes of the Hospital Liaison Group Meeting**  
**Held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2013 (7pm to 9pm) in the Lecture Theatre**  
**Audrey Emerton Building (AEB) Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton**

**Present:**

Cllr Warren Morgan (Chair)  
Cllr Gill Mitchell

14 local residents

*Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals:*

Duane Passman, Director of 3Ts (BSUH)  
Anna Barnes, 3Ts Associate Director for Governance  
Richard Beard, 3Ts Head of Engagement & Communications (BSUH)  
Rob Brown, Head of Capital Development and Programme Manager for the Decant Programme

**Apologies:**

Simon Henderson- Head of Cancer Environments (Macmillan)  
Karen Hicks- Project Leader-3Ts (Laing O'Rourke)  
Mrs Jackie Nowell (Vice-Chair)

**1. Welcome**

**1.1 Apologies**

Cllr Morgan welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting (15<sup>th</sup> April 2013) were agreed. Anna apologised that some copies had been sent out with corrections still visible. She said that the copy on the web site had since been corrected.

**3. General update on 3Ts development**

Duane gave the meeting an update on the approvals process:

The Trust Development Authority (TDA) had been sent further information on the Trust's Efficiency Programme and an update of parts of the Outline Business Case (OBC) in May 2013. Various queries had been raised which BSUH had now addressed to the TDA's satisfaction.

The TDA and DH were now in further discussions with HM Treasury (HMT) and met them in August. As above, some further queries of a had been sent back which were in the process of being addressed by BSUH.

Duane also gave a brief update about the Decant Programme, explaining that three schemes had previously been agreed with the Strategic Health Authority (the previous approving body before the TDA). These are as follows:

- Front Car Park Building
- Courtyard Building
- Paediatric Audiology (consolidating children's services at the Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital)

These approvals were still valid with the TDA. This meant that, coupled with the imminent completion of St Mary's Hall School (SMHS) the preparation for the development of the site was going according to plan. In particular, the relocation of staff into SMHS from the present inadequate, cramped and unsuitable buildings would facilitate clearance of the site ready for Stage One (post approval). As stated at the previous meeting the Patient Booking hub would also be located at SMHS.

Duane finished by reporting that local residents could therefore expect to see some work beginning on these schemes either just before Christmas or very early in the New Year.

### **3.1 Questions from the HLG**

One local resident asked if these further delays suggested that the scheme was not going to go ahead. Duane replied by saying that, whilst the length of time it was taking to gain approval was frustrating, there was nothing to indicate in the dialogue with the TDA/HMT that approval was not going to be ultimately granted although timing was uncertain.

Cllr Morgan asked when we might be able to expect the approval process to be completed. Duane could not give a definitive answer to this, but explained that as soon as news was expected, he would inform the HLG both on the web site and in writing personally to each resident (via Richard Beard).

Cllr Morgan also asked if there was a time stipulation on the Planning Application. Duane said that our consent would lapse if we did not start construction within 5 years of the granting of the consent. This would not be until 2017. He added that BSUH also had other conditions to meet before this regarding the relocation of the bus stops on Eastern Road, for example. The likely start on site date of the main scheme was currently in 2015 subject to both satisfactory approvals and the completion of the decant programme.

There was a further question about the possible location of the consolidation centre. Duane replied that this had not yet been identified, as this would have incurred further fees which would have been premature until construction was imminent.

Cllr Morgan thanked Duane for this update.

#### **4. Refurbishment of St. Mary's Hall School**

Rob Brown gave a brief update about the progress of the scheme. He said that the 12 month refurbishment was now nearing completion, and that all the previous problems (such as dry rot, for example) had been rectified. 2 buildings (Venn House and Elliott House) would be occupied by the end of the month for staff accommodation and the Booking Hub. The administrative staff would then be moved into the Hall from the existing buildings on the County site (as discussed under 3 above) in October and November 2013.

Cllr Morgan thanked Rob for this update.

#### **5. 3rd Cardiac Theatre**

Rob continued by providing an update on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Cardiac Theatre scheme:

- All works are now completed on the North Service Road
- Theatre imaging equipment would be arriving in November for installation
- The Theatre would go live soon after.

Cllr Morgan thanked Rob for this update.

6. **Macmillan Cancer Centre**

Duane highlighted the key points from Simon Henderson's brief report which had been sent out with the notes from the last meeting:

*The various legal agreements between the three partners to this project - Macmillan, Sussex Cancer fund and BSUH - have taken rather longer to formulate than originally envisaged, and this has delayed the delivery of the project to site by around 12 months. The original tenders expired in early November 2012 and the Project Steering Group took the decision not to re-tender until the legal negotiations were nearing the point of agreement.*

*Tenders were therefore re-issued on 26th July and returned on 28th August. These are now with the project quantity surveyor for analysis, and it is hoped to put the results to Macmillan's board for confirmation of funding approval on 18th September. The project is unchanged in scope or appearance from that originally presented to the HLG.*

*It is not yet possible to confirm a site start date, although this is expected to be during November. The contract will then run for approximately 60 weeks. A further presentation will be made to the HLG once the contractor is appointed, to present the site management plan.*

Duane suggested that Simon should be invited HLG to attend once these negotiations were concluded, in order to explain in more detail how the construction programme would be run. This was agreed.

7. **Any Other Business**

Cllr Mitchell asked Duane if the current consultation in East Sussex would impact on the plans for 3Ts. Duane replied that BSUH was working on the assumption that demand for maternity services would increase as women living to the West of Eastbourne would find it difficult to travel over to Hasting for services. He said that it was important for the consultation to run its course before making further changes to services within BSUH, especially as some of the changes had been proposed for reasons of clinical safety such as staffing levels.

There was a general discussion about the challenge in designing a building within such a fast changing health care environment. Anna Barnes commented that the 3Ts Design Team was fully aware of the changing context (particularly when looking at the changes to services which had occurred since the current building was constructed). Moreover, the TDA had specifically asked if the building was likely to be the right size within this context. Anna explained that the latest construction technologies would be used to ensure that the building would be flexible and adaptable, so that future changes in service provision could be accommodated.

Duane suggested that a future meeting could have a presentation about the services at BSUH and the developing Clinical Strategy. This was agreed.

8. **Date of the Next Meeting:** is scheduled for Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 7pm-9pm 2013 AEB.

Future meetings to be confirmed:

13 January 2014

10 March 2014

19 May 2014