

**Minutes of the RSCH Hospital Liaison Group Meeting  
Held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019 from 7pm  
Audrey Emerton Building, Royal Sussex County Hospital**

**Present:**

Cllr Warren Morgan (Chair)  
Cllr Gill Mitchell  
8 Local Residents  
Andy Renaut (BHCC)

**Brighton & Sussex University Hospitals**

Duane Passman, Director 3Ts  
Richard Beard, 3Ts Head of Communications & Engagement  
Ali Jenkins, 3Ts Programme Administrator

**Laing O'Rourke**

None

**Apologies:**

Noel Stockdale, Senior Construction Manager

1. Cllr Warren Morgan welcomed everyone to the meeting and recorded apologies.

**2. Minutes**

The minutes of the previous meeting (09 January 2019) were agreed.

**2.1 Matters arising**

A local resident asked for clarification on contractor parking whilst working on the RACH project (raised in the last meeting). It was asked if there could be a clause in the contract to stop this from happening. Duane said that he will look into it.

**Action: Duane Passman**

**3. Millennium Building Proposal**

**3.1** The group were due to be presented with the proposals for work to be carried out to add an additional 21 beds into the Millennium Building. This has been postponed to a separate specific local residents meeting at a later date. *(Post meeting note: This meeting will take place on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April in the Bristol Estate Community Room)*

**4. Trust Development Update**

**4.1** The Clinical Administration Building still has some snagging works to be completed, and also needs to be connected to the Low Voltage mains power cables. This has been held up as it cannot be done over the winter due to the weather, and is envisaged to be completed by the end of April 2019.

4.2 Duane also noted that after a recent visit from the CQC, the trust has moved to a rating of 'Good' overall, and also 'Outstanding' for Care. This represents a fantastic achievement for the staff in the hospital.

## 5.0 3Ts main scheme update

5.1 There was no representative from Laing O'Rourke available for the meeting this evening, so Duane provided an update for the meeting.

- Wind has been a big factor in delaying the completion of the Trauma lift, and therefore the opening of the Helideck. The trauma lift shaft is expected to be watertight by the end of next week, and then we can begin the process of putting the lift car in place, and the testing that it will need to go through before it is allowed to be operational. At the same time, the final testing of the Deck Integrated Fire Fighting (DIFF) system and the test landings/take-offs on the Helideck will also take place. These are both needed to be approved by the CAA before the deck can be signed off for use.

**Question:** A local resident asked that as the wind has disrupted the construction of the Trauma Lift, will this also have the same impact on the Helicopters using the Helideck?

Duane explained that because cradles are used on the side of the trauma lift to put the cladding into place, the wind tolerances are a lot smaller than for Helicopter use. The pilots are also highly trained, often ex-military, and can fly in far windier conditions. The pilots will have the final say on whether it is safe to land/take-off in.

- There was a request from a local resident to see if the trust could produce a 'fact sheet' for the Helideck that can be distributed to local residents. Duane and Richard have said that this can certainly be produced and will follow it up. Richard has also said that he will distribute some YouTube links for various videos that the trust have produced.

**Action: Duane Passman & Richard Beard**

- It was noted that there are lights on the main site, and trauma lift shaft, that are left on all night and are causing light pollution in local houses. This was raised in the last meeting, and LOR said that they would have a look at the timings that these are on for. Duane said that there does need to be a certain amount of light on the site at all times, for security purposes, and as the building exterior is added, the amount of light pollution will become less.
- The stage 1 site will be 'topping out' at the middle of May, and the building will be watertight in August/September. Currently there is some weather proofing in place to allow some of the interior work to be carried out.

## 5.2 Parking Management

There have been discussions with the trust and BHCC regarding the parking spaces on Upper Abbey Road. Andy Renaut, BHCC head of transport, was present to explain the planned changes to the meeting. The plans include removing the shared spaces at the lower end of the road, retain one of the disabled parking spaces, and add another, both with 3 hour limits to ensure there is a turnover of the spaces. There would be yellow 'no loading, no waiting' lines added to this section of the road. The community refuse bins will be moved to a hardstand, which will allow for free flow of traffic on the road. At the top end of the road, the western side will remain permit only, and the eastern side will change from shared parking spaces to permit only. These changes are only temporary, and will last a maximum of 18 months. Warren Morgan has asked that there is a letter sent to all local residents of Upper Abbey Road, outlining the proposals.

**5.3** Gill Mitchell has asked about the void at the front of the stage 1 building, which is full of scaffolding. Duane explained that the gaps between the 'fingers' of the building will hold walkways, and also allow light into the building.

**5.4** Warren thanked Duane for the update.

**6. Any Other Business**

**6.1** Cllr Nancy Platts has raised concerns from some residents about interruption of their TV signal. She thanked Richard for previously sending over some advice to solve the issue, and has not heard about any more issues from the residents since this. Richard had said previously that it is unlikely that the new building has caused any loss or interruption of TV signal. Due to the nature of TV signals, there would be a lot more complaints than just one or two houses dotted around the area.

**6.2** It was noted that the LOR welfare cabins had been removed from the corner of Bristol Gate and Eastern Rd. Duane explained that they needed to be removed to allow for the construction of the chapel area of the new building. The welfare facilities have now moved into the car park level of Stage 1.

**6.3** A local resident enquired about the cladding work on RACH, and what the existing cladding is being replaced with. Duane explained that the original cladding had not dealt with the sea air as expected, and is being replaced.

**6.4** It was noted that this is the last HLG meeting before the local elections, and both Cllrs Morgan and Mitchell are not standing for re-election. The local residents thanked Warren and Gill for their hard work ensuring that their voices were heard and their views and concerns are raised. Duane also thanked both Warren and Gill for their hard work, not only in getting the project going, but also ensuring that the trust are meeting their responsibility to the local residents over the last 11 years.

**7. Date of the Next Meeting**

The date of the next meeting will be **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July** at 7pm (coffee/tea from 6.45pm) in the Audrey Emerton Building.