

## **Minutes of Yell Health Support Group meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2007 in Yell Health Centre at 8:00pm**

**Present:** Alexis, Annette, Julia, Mark, and Patricia.

**Apologies:** Angus, Rosie, Robert, and Dan

Minutes of last meeting were read and agreed.

### **Matters arising:**

**Young people:** New parent forum is just getting underway so Rosie will be getting in touch with them soon to discuss involving youngsters in the website.

**Ambulance:** There has recently been a meeting between Yell, Unst, Whalsay, the Health Board and the ambulance service representatives (ie the general manager and the head of service plus Niall Bristow from Lerwick). This was a very good meeting with promises to: provide training every 3 months; the old ambulance will no be returned until all faults have been repaired; 9 specially designed ambulances, of VW transporter size, for island settings should be in place by April 08 with the first one being ready by August 07 (possibly to be piloted in Yell); Inverness hub to be given more details on how to contact ambulance drivers. Yell ambulance travelling to Lerwick may continue to be a problem. Mark to keep check on how often the ambulance travels further than Toft with a patient and why the paramedic ambulance cannot meet the ferry. This is to help clarify if the paramedics are being properly utilised.

**Vodafone:** An answer is still awaited. Community Councils in Shetland are trying to get better coverage Shetland wide so they have also written on our behalf. Mark will ask that the Scottish Ambulance Service to write too since that is the best way of contacting ambulance drivers.

**Items for purchase:** An oxygen saturation monitor has been purchased which has a paediatric attachment and can be used on patients from approx 6 months old. Hilary has been on her asthma course and has decided which spirometer should be bought. This will be ordered shortly and will cost approx £1500.

**Fit Club:** Clare is in the midst of writing a report on the Fit Club and she will present this to the next meeting. Annette has looked into Lottery Funding and she thinks that any future "Fit Club" may be eligible for Awards for All funding. This may mean that the idea can be made available to more people.

### **Meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> July:**

Visit by Nicola Sturgeon, Cabinet Secretary for Health and Wellbeing: Ms Sturgeon will be in Lerwick on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Shetland Health Board has asked if a patient representative would like to attend a meeting with Ms Sturgeon between 2:15 and 3:00pm on that day. If you can attend please let Debbie know at the surgery by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

Accounts: Annette presented the accounts. We have a balance of approx £4,000 at the moment. She expressed concern that last year there was very little income. Mark felt that we still had a good lot of money which needed to be spent so did not feel that this was a problem. There have been donations already this year. Alexis presented £660 collected at Maggie Goodlad's funeral. Grateful thanks were expressed for this donation. Alexis said that one thing that would have been useful was a hospital type table for over the bed. This will be looked into. She also suggested a CPR dummy which could be shared among Yell, Unst and Fetlar with possibly a hire charge for the other islands using our dummy. Regular training must now be undertaken for this and Linda Strachan, district nurse, has been trained to train Health Board staff. Mark will check with Linda the ease of getting health board equipment and whether this is a viable option.

Julia said that the planters were looking lovely just now and suggested we purchase some spring bulbs to brighten them up earlier in the year. She also suggested asking the youth club to plant them. Patricia will order bulbs.

**Next meeting to be held in Yell Health Centre on  
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 8:00pm**

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