

# **MOSTON HEALTH FORUM**

## **Notes of the Meeting held 14 January 2008**

### **Present**

Brenda Fawcett	NEPHRA (Chair) (Bren)
Councillor Henry Cooper	Moston Councillor
Councillor Bill Risby	Moston Councillor
Tracey Bentley	Parkfield Dance Centre
Dena Murphy	NEPHRA
Charles LeClere	Local Resident
Jan Gorton	Local Resident
Vicki Smith	Northfield Day Centre
Brian Manning	Moston Meadows Resident
Edith Manning	Moston Meadows Resident
Julie Liepins	Local Resident
Ian Nuttall	Local Resident
Shirley McCardell	Zest

### Apologies :

Councillor Paul Murphy	Moston Councillor
Steve Dalton	Local Resident
Rev. Charles Gorton	Local Resident (Vicar of St. Chad's New Moston & St. John, Moston)
Julian Palfreyman	PPI Manager North Manchester
Geraldine Crompton	Northfields Day Centre
Tracy Clive	Manchester Libraries
Ann Watson	Manchester Adult Education
Jenny Wynn	Manchester Youth Service
Carolyn Pugh	PCT/Surestart Public Health Co-ordinator
Adrian Atkins	Broadway Leisure Centre

1. Bren welcomed everyone to the Moston Health Forum. Because we had several new members, everyone introduced themselves. Bren welcomed the new residents from the Moston Meadows area.
2. Members expressed disappointment at the lack of officers attending the AGM. Shirley agreed that it was disappointing, but explained that often officers do not attend AGMs, because they do not vote for one resident over another, and hopefully this is the reason for the poor attendance.

### 3. **Election of Officers**

**Chair** – Shirley took the Chair while this item was dealt with.

One nomination : Brenda Fawcett – seconded by Charles LeClere – **Carried**

**Secretary** – One nomination : Dena Murphy – seconded by Bren Fawcett – **Carried**

**Treasurer** – One nomination : Tracey Bentley – seconded by Jan Gorton – **Carried**

4. **Signatory on Cheques** – Charles LeClere agreed to be one of the two out of three signatories on behalf of the Health Forum, together with the other officers. Bren had collected the forms ready to set up a Bank Account. Shirley will put £25.00 into the account as ongoing expenses for the Health Forum support from Zest.
5. **Constitution**  
The Constitution had been before Health Forum members at two previous meetings. Following discussion, it was proposed to adopt the Constitution by Bren Fawcett, and Seconded by Charles LeClere – **Carried**
6. **Logo**  
Bren tabled a draft logo for adoption by the Health Forum. Dena Murphy seconded the proposal and told the meeting that she believed that this particular symbol represented Peace in Chinese. It was felt that this would be very appropriate, and the logo was **Adopted**.
7. **Health Forum Priorities and Action Plan**  
Following discussion it was agreed that with the addition of 'Connecting Communities' being added to the Plan, the Plan be adopted.

**Quick Actions from the Plan :**

[Link to GP Practices/Pharmacies](#)

This could be done by residents becoming part of their GP Practice Participation Group, they have to be registered with the practice concerned. Charles confirmed he was on the Hazeldene Participation Group, which is really useful because Charles can act as a conduit between the Moston Health Forum and the Practice.

The only other GP Practice actually in Moston Ward is St. Georges. Ian expressed an interest in being part of the Participation Group.

[Blood Testing to Appointments](#)

Charles had already discovered that the reason for changing the 'Drop-in' was because of the overload of patients who ended up having to wait a long time. The appointments are working better for the patients, as well as the practice.

8. **Updates from Groups**

The Women's Day at Parkfield was really appreciated by the women who attended, from both Harpurhey and Moston Wards. Over 60 women enjoyed the day and really appreciated the Lord Mayor taking the time to come and present their certificates.

A discussion followed where the residents from the Moston Meadows area were keen to see what could happen in their area. Some of the residents did not seem to wish to join in when events were organised. It was agreed to see what partnership event could be organised in their area during the Health Weeks. This would mean the event would be open to all residents from round their area, and might get residents more interested in being part of the Association. During the discussion it was pointed out that many of the activities have a spin off – like the NEPHRA luncheon club, which started from a Soup and Salsa taster and grew from there. Bren said that

we would all pitch in and try and help them, and suggested a Planning Meeting to take this forward. It was agreed to hold a **Planning Meeting at Simpson Memorial Hall, on Thursday 10 April at 7.00pm**, so that Julie (who works during the daytime) could attend. If the date changed, then Edith or Brian would contact Shirley. Tracey offered to do the dance session if this is what they wished.

## 9. Any Other Business

### Learning to Use a Computer – for Older Residents

It was highlighted that many older people do not use computers and have not had the opportunity of attending a course specifically designed for them. It was agreed to approach MANCAT and MCIN to see whether a course could be set up. It was pointed out that many Adult Education Courses are now out of the reach of most residents on pensions, so we would look to see whether there are any free courses available and publicise through the FLAMA contact system.

### Lack of Doctor's Surgeries in Moston

A discussion took place about the lack of Doctor's provision in Moston – ie only Hazeldene and St. Georges. When Doctor Iyenga closed on Kenyon Lane, it took ages for the patients to be allocated a new doctor, and some have to go down to Valentines, which is very difficult for older people who have no access to transport.

Now the PCT is closing the Centre at Newton Heath, which will have a knock on effect for patients who use the services offered there.

Bren explained how the Health Forum has worked with FLAMA, and Bob Hill who set up a meeting with PCT reps, Councillors and the Regen Team. At this meeting it was acknowledged that Moston and Harpurhey were 3 GP Practices short (this could be 15 GPs). It was hoped that by combining the areas, that the PCT would look positively on funding a building offering holistic health services including GPs, which would offer a wide range of services. It was hoped this building could be sited on the border of Harpurhey and Moston, so that it will be accessible to as many as possible. This suggestion seemed to have been received very positively – although it is not a quick solution to the problem.

10. The next meeting of the Health Forum will take place at

**2.00pm on Monday 9 June.**

**For Future discussion - kept on Agenda : Well Women Group**