

THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF CRANLEIGH VILLAGE HOSPITAL

Company Number 06075390
Registered Charity No. 1120579

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at the Band Room, Village Way, Cranleigh on Thursday 7th November at 7 p.m.

In the Chair - Dr Mike Bundy

1. It was proposed by Sue Camp, seconded by Dianne Davies and unanimously agreed that Mike Bundy should be elected Chairman.

2. Apologies for absence were received from Richard Davies, Nigel Sanctuary, Dorothy Hanks, Linda King, Jenny Davies and Diane Christie.

3. Presentation by Mr Andrew Carne, Head of Radiology Services at the Royal Surrey Hospital.

A Dexa scanner at Cranleigh Village Hospital would be a most useful addition to the diagnostic services provided by RSH especially if the purchase of the equipment could be funded by LOF.

4. The Minutes of the last AGM of the Company held on 15th November 2023 were approved and it was proposed by Mike Bundy and seconded by Alan Walton and unanimously agreed that they be signed.

5. Matters arising - none

6. Presentation of the Accounts for the year ending 31st July 2024 and Hon. Treasurer's Report.

We were fortunate in having substantial assets arising from past generous donations from local people, investment of which has added appreciable capital growth. Given these resources and continually changing regulations on charities, we considered it important to have our accounts prepared by professionals. So these have been prepared by local accountants Brewers to current accounting and charity standards which required a lot of regulatory wording and statistical computations. For the purposes of the meeting the Treasurer would concentrate on pages 14, the Detailed Income and Expenditure Statement and 7, the Balance sheet. Starting with page 14, we had a few small donations and sales of Christmas Cards totalling £972, but we also received a remaining share of a legacy from the estate of the late Alan Griffin amounting to £30,142. The investment income from our share portfolio managed by Rathbones of £71,332 was 15% up on last year. Deposit account interest at £15,280 was a considerable increase on last year as fixed accounts were renewed at higher rates. Total cash income came to £117,726.

Expenditure items started with Rathbones commission of £18,763, higher than last year, but because it was charged each quarter as a percentage of the total value of the portfolio it reflected the increase in share values during the year. Under subscriptions was our payment of £702 to Attend which gave us important insurance cover for Public and Trustees liability. The next figure for Admin costs of £1,497 was in line with our previous modest levels. Then came the accountancy fees of £3,660 charged by Brewers under a three year contract. As mentioned earlier, we considered this money well spent to ensure our finances are checked and the accounts are compliant with current regulations. Grants totalled 73,795, details of which can be found in note 4 on page 10.

Total expenditure was therefore £98,417, giving net cash inflow of £19,309.

After taking into account losses of £19,277 from selling shares which Rathbones had lost faith in, net cash income was £32.

Now turning to page 7, the Balance Sheet, the first figure under Fixed Assets of £2,706,873 represented our investment portfolio with Rathbones, an increase of nearly £180,000 from last year. So although it had been considered necessary to take some losses, the total return on our investments - that is dividend income plus capital appreciation - for the year to July was approaching 10%.

Under current assets, debtors at £10,152 represented interest income accrued but not paid, while the next two figures actually both represented cash but were separated out as the first, under investments, totalled our instant access savings account and longer dated fixed term deposits. We therefore had more than sufficient cash available to maintain existing commitments. Creditors of £3,660 was the Brewers account which would be paid after the accounts have been approved, giving net current assets of £333,992.

The bottom line, our total assets came to £3,040,865, an increase of just over £200,000 on the previous year.

Attention was then drawn to the list of grants made last year on page 10, and Future Plans on page 2 for a brief overview of our position. Given our assets we were actively pursuing further ways in which we can fulfil our mission to fund equipment and other enhancements for the benefit of the medical care need of residents of the Cranleigh area. Malcolm Keeping, Hon. Treasurer.

The Treasurer was thanked for his report and it was proposed by Dianne Davies, seconded by Brain Cheesman and unanimously agreed that the accounts be accepted.

7. Appointment of Auditors

The Treasurer proposed that Brewers be confirmed as Independent Examiners for another year which was seconded by Jon Verdon and unanimously agreed.

8. Chairman's Report.

I would like to thank Dr Andy Carne for his talk.

It's been a busy 2024 in the LoF !! - MB took over as Chairman, Dianne President, Sue and Malcolm remained Secretary and Treasurer respectively

I would once again like to welcome members who joined in last 12 months : Steve Shutts

Dr Matt Clark Peter Hewes

Members who sadly passed away in last 12 months:

Sadly Pam Cheesman, Brian's wife passed away in the last 12 months

Derelict area

Last year we discussed funding more Ophthalmology equipment into CVH. This has opened a can of worms with multiple discussions about expanding services within CVH but I am pleased to say that we have had closer discussions with RSCH & PCN than ever before which I welcome. I am pleased to say we also have the support of our local MP, Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt.

RSCH have no new money to commission new services at CVH so have to see which services are being used by lots of Cranleigh patients at RSCH that can then be moved down to Cranleigh. This involves persuading consultants and teams to move clinics here but discussions have gone well and the RSCH have reassured me that they will finalise a plan for which services will come to CVH by the end of this year.

Possible new services include : Ophthalmology, Gynaecology, Surgical clinics (pre-op & post -op checks), Audiology. Dexa scans as we have heard.

South House

NHS Property Services have proposed to sell SH. We are strongly against this as we feel we need the potential space for new and future services. Discussions with Emma Finnegan at Prop Co, Jane Williams the PLACE manager at the ICB and Jeremy Hunt are on-going. I fear we may be fighting a losing battle but we will continue to petition this.

Minor Injuries

12 months ago we were enthusiastic about planning for a minor injury unit here. However a meeting with Louise Stead (CEO RSCH), Jeremy Hunt and the then Sec of Health and Social Services, Victoria Atkins, to explore this resulted in the political decision that there were to be no more Minor Injury units nationwide and that some will be closed and others enlarged into a Doctor-led Urgent Treatment Centres. Haslemere will be developed into a UTC and so Cranleigh will be unable to have one as well. Instead there was a commitment to develop more services here - discussed above

Multifunction room & Physio clinics have eventually been finalised. The room was refurbished at a cost of around £30k. There are new chairs and eventually new Physio plinths and desks with new Physio clinics starting in December

Website and PR development

One big development in the last 12 months is the development of a new website and social media presence. The thinking behind this is that a large percentage of Cranleigh residents especially those under 40 have never heard of the LoF and what we do. We will need to fund raise soon if developments in the derelict area and SH go ahead. We need a greater visibility and transparency within Cranleigh. We recruited Julie Jackson as a PR consultant to help us modernise the website and start a social media / Facebook presence with posting twice monthly. The work behind the scenes from Steve Shutts and Lynda MacDermott made this happen with plans for 2025 to have events within Cranleigh to recruit members and volunteers and educate locals on what we do. We generally want to be a more proactive Charity.

Updated Grant application form

We updated and modernised our Grant application form so that we can make decisions on Grants more efficient and easier.

TVs at CMP

We enabled new TVs and education functionality at CMP so that patients learn more of services whilst waiting for their appointment but also added in information about the LoF and services offered at CVH that patients can be aware of.

Donations

We continued to donate £30k to Phyllis Tuckwell to facilitate local care at home for the dying. We donated £10k to CMP for patient wellbeing, this included modernising their TVs. We donated fund to Surrey Hills Rehab to get them back on their feet after financial stress post covid.

Heritage trust

We have supported the Heritage Trust in their Lottery bid to refurbish the old Hospital Cottage and we hope this is successful and provides more social support care within Cranleigh.

Hoppa Bus services

We will donate £5000 to the Hoppa bus service next year as a one-off payment, to help patient transport to medical appointments

Sue Camp leaving

Sue Camp our Hon.Secretary, is sadly stepping down.

We hope the next 12 months will be as proactive as the last with positive plans about CVH refurbishment, new services available for local people and a brighter more public presence of the LoF for local people to see what we do and hopefully support us.

9.Election of Directors

Under Rules 24 and 28(2) of the articles of Association Brian Cheesman, Steve Shutts, Peter Hewes, Julie Francis and Matthew Clark retired by rotation and all offered themselves for re-election. It was proposed by Stella Gravel, seconded by Rosemary Hurtle and unanimously agreed that all the Directors who offered themselves for re-election should be re-elected.

10.Election of Officers

It was proposed by Brian Cheesmann, seconded by Malcolm Keeping and unanimously agreed that Dianne Davies be elected as President.

It was proposed by Sue Camp, seconded by Dianne Davies and unanimously agreed that Mike Bundy be elected as Chairman

It was proposed by Mike Bundy, seconded by Jon Verdon and unanimously approved that Peter Hewes be elected as Hon. Secretary

It was proposed by Stella Gravill, seconded by Dianne Davies that Malcolm Keeping be elected as Hon. Treasurer.

11.Any Other Business

Dianne Davies thanked Sue Camp for her many years of excellent service in her role as Hon. Secretary and wished her happiness for the future - hopefully as an Associate member of LOF.

It is felt that there is a need for a defibrillator in the Wanborough Lane area. Phil Price from Cranleigh Lions said he would be willing to maintain it if LOF could fund the purchase. Potential location could be the bus shelter in Ewhurst Lane near Cranleigh Showground. Liz Townsend offered to contact the council to see if they would agree.

There being no further business the meeting was brought to a close.