**A colorful puzzle of a human body

Description automatically generatedA book with a photo of people sitting at a table

Description automatically generatedTorbay Learning disability Partnership Board**

Minutes of meeting 6th November 2024

**People at the meeting.**

A group of people sitting around a round table

Description automatically generatedNeil Harvey, Mike Fuller, Suzanne Robinson, Lorraine Fuller, Tracy Grey, Mark Dale, Nigel Williams, Carol Grey, Correna Farrell, Helen Burns, Lindsey Jeffrey, Adam Russell, Anna Coles, Cathy Williams, Kevin Helmore, Jo Morgan, Pam.

**Introduction and apologies.**

Everyone was welcomed and introduced themselves.

Apologies were received from Shaun Fuller, Jo Williams, Diane Jones, Charlie Miller, Alex Howarth, Savannah Guy, Sharon O'Reilly, Lee Baxter, Ali Kingdom, Haley Tranter, Laura Hill, John Trevains, Kate Marks.

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Description automatically generatedThe minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed.

Action from the last meeting-

A close-up of a bus pass

Description automatically generatedNigel agreed to talk to Haley Tranter about the change in policy for bus passes.

Anna said she would talk to the Council to see how much this would cost.

**The McMillan Torbay Community Engagement Project**.

Abi talked about the two year project which Macmillan have been doing in Torbay.

A person sitting in a chair

Description automatically generatedThe Ambassadors worked with Abi to Co design leaflets and posters to raise awareness of cancer symptoms. The leaflets and posters can help people talk to their doctors if they have signs or symptoms of cancer.

Turning Heads also worked with Abi and made a calendar about the most common cancers, the calendars are free for one year and people can ask Abi for a copy.

The Ambassador thanked Abi for coming and said how much they enjoyed working on this project.

**A sign in front of a building

Description automatically generatedThe Brook update**

Carol gave an update about the work on the new hospital at Langdon. It has a new name and is now called The Brook.

A green and white calendar with numbers

Description automatically generatedThe patient areas are called Hazel, Oak and Willow.

The building should be finished by April 2025.

There will be a phased opening starting in June.

Each suite will have a private garden, living room and dining area.

There will be shared garden space, social areas, an activity room, quite spaces and a waiting area.

A lawn mower and a shed

Description automatically generatedStaff are being recruited now.

Several wooden doors with pictures of people on them

Description automatically generatedThe Ambassadors asked Carol some questions.

1. Why is there an isolation room when everyone has their own space?

Carol said it is a de-escalation space and is a calming room without a lock on the door.

1. A person sitting on a chair with another person in his lap

   Description automatically generated Will patients’ families and friends be allowed to visit?

Carol said family and friends will be allowed to visit.

1. Why is the building so close to the Langdon Hospital site when we were told it wouldn't be?

Carol said The Brook is set in its own grounds.

Adam said there's still some unhappiness about The Brook being built on the Langdon Hospital site.

A person in a wheelchair holding a hand of another person

Description automatically generatedAdam asked if the unit will be a locked service and Carol said that patients will be assessed under the Mental Health Act.

Two men shaking hands on a mat

Description automatically generatedCarol offered an invitation for anyone who would like to go along to visit the hospital before it is opened.

Two women sitting on a couch holding up pictures

Description automatically generated**Ambassador report.**

Since the last meeting the Ambassadors have met with five guests including

Anne-Marie Bond the Chief Officer for the Council,

Gill from Rowcroft,

Councillor Haley Tranter,

Lucinda from public health and

A person holding a picture

Description automatically generatedNigel who came along to talk about The Big Plan.

A group of people sitting at a table

Description automatically generatedThe Ambassadors had a lovely morning at Lupton house and enjoyed coffee and cake.

During the summer the Ambassadors have had fun doing team building exercises using spaghetti and marshmallows.

A brown envelope with money in it

Description automatically generatedThe Ambassadors went to the Adult Social Care continuous improvement board and turned their activities into a game. Everyone enjoyed playing and learnt more out about the Ambassadors work.

Mark is now employed as the caretaker for the Ambassador's office and there are now three Ambassadors who are employed and get paid.

A person smiling with her hand up

Description automatically generatedNext year the Ambassadors would like to hold The Big Bash event at Paignton leisure centre.

Anne- Marie Bond is going to help with the Leisure Centre and Adam said the funding has been agreed.

**Carers update.**

Kevin and Pam will be holding a meeting where people can meet them on the 23rd of November from 1:50 at the Torbay Carers rights day.

A computer with a envelope on the screen

Description automatically generatedThere is a new e-mail address so that people can contact the Carer reps directly. The address is [ldpbcarerreps@torbay.gov.uk](mailto:ldpbcarerreps@torbay.gov.uk)

A person wearing a helmet sitting at a desk with a computer

Description automatically generatedThere is a link where you can find all the consultations when they go live. [www.torbay.gov.uk/council/consultations](http://www.torbay.gov.uk/council/consultations)

A green building with a black background

Description automatically generatedEveryone was reminded about the Torbay leisure card which offers discounts. It is a free card, and it gives reduced prices to lots of indoor and outdoor activities.

A person standing next to a red car

Description automatically generatedThere are now more electric car charging points available. There is an app called zap-map where you can check the location of charging points. [www.zap-map.com/charge-points/torquay](http://www.zap-map.com/charge-points/torquay)

Charging electric cars can be very expensive and it can be difficult to travel because of the lack of charging points.

Anna said she will talk to planning about more charging points.

A computer with a click on the screen

Description automatically generatedA planet earth with a red border

Description automatically generated with medium confidenceSince the meeting Anna said there will be more charging points because the council has a carbon neutral agenda. New charging points will be added in car parks across all of the three towns. There are new electric vehicle charging points the car parks at Station Lane Paignton, Town Hall Torquay and Brixham car park.

The council have a web page where you can find the electric vehicle charging points [www.torbay.gov.uk/bycar](http://www.torbay.gov.uk/bycar)

**Crossways**

A brick house with a lawn and grass

Description automatically generatedAdam gave us an update about the Crossways site. The Council want to put housing on the site, but the costs have gone up since COVID. The site will be used at the moment as temporary parking until there is enough money to build.

**A group of people posing for a photo

Description automatically generatedInclusion strategy.**

Laura was not able to come to the meeting today.

Adam asked the ambassadors to find out which local companies who work with people with learning disabilities include them on their board and as paid staff.

The Ambassadors agreed to find out.

**A sign on a building

Description automatically generatedJob Centres**

Nigel talked about conversations he had had with the Job Centres about employing people with learning disabilities and reasonable adjustments.

ALDI is interested in hiring people with disabilities and would like to meet the Ambassadors.

Nigel said it would be good to invite the Ambassadors to the next meeting.

This will be added to the agenda for January.

A person holding a trophy

Description automatically generated **Any other business.**

Everyone congratulated Kevin who has been awarded Carer of the year.

A person in police uniform holding a radio

Description automatically generatedKeeping safe information sessions.

The sessions will be held at the windmill centre.

A calendar with a date and a date

Description automatically generatedThe Carers celebration event will take place on Saturday the 23rd of November.

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The Coordinate Christmas fair will be held on the 7th of December.

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Description automatically generatedHollacombe Christmas event will be held on Saturday the 16th of November.

A person wearing glasses and a black shirt

Description automatically generatedNeil announced that he will be stepping down as Co-chair of the Partnership Board.

He said he had loved working with everyone and acknowledged the support of his team.

A person and person standing in front of a board

Description automatically generatedEveryone thanked him for his service.

Mike and Tracie will be the new Co-chairs and Neil will continue to be part of the Ambassadors.

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The next meeting will be held on the 30th of January.