

**THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF ALDEBURGH AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY  
HOSPITAL  
CHARITY NUMBER 247890**

**Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the above League of Friends will be held at the Church Hall, Aldeburgh, on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 2.30pm. Tony Bone, President, will take the chair.**

Before the formal meeting commences there will be two speakers from ESNEFT.

1. Paul Little who is responsible for community hospitals will talk *about the challenges of integrating health and care and how community hospitals will play their part.*
2. Kevin Hines who is Saxmundham and North East Suffolk Integrated Neighbourhood Team Manager will talk about *the plans for the room in the Hospital, previously used as a Day Centre, to become what will be known as a Wellbeing Hub.*

**AGENDA**

- 1** Apologies
- 2** To confirm the minutes of the AGM held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023, which are enclosed and on our website [www.aldeburghhospitalfriends.org.uk](http://www.aldeburghhospitalfriends.org.uk).
- 3** Matters arising.
- 4** To receive accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023. and to elect an examiner of the accounts. Note that Ensors were appointed as examiner in 2023 to take over from GMS Francis Clarks.
- 5** To receive the Chair's report for 2023/2024.
- 6** Election of the Committee 2024/2025.
- 7** Any Other Business

Following AOB questions from members will be welcomed. Tea and biscuits will be served.

For those who wish to renew their membership, we will be able to take donations. A card machine will be available.

## Chair's Report

Dear Friends,

I am pleased to begin this report with very good news; the new X ray machine is installed and is in use! The official opening of the new machine took place on April 25<sup>th</sup> at an event organised by ESNEFT, the trust which runs Aldeburgh Hospital as well as the hospitals in Ipswich and Colchester. We look forward to welcoming you, the actual people instrumental in its creation, to a celebratory garden party mid-July.

I referred to the delay in providing a new and much needed larger staffroom in my last report and am now pleased to tell you that a large two-room area upstairs has now been provided by ESNEFT. This will encourage staff to take their free time away from the ward and enable them to complete training and engage in Zoom and Teams meetings. To this end we purchased a large wall mounted television suitable for such group activities. We also financed the kitting out of the new kitchen.

The hospital and its staff remain busy; the number of beds last year was escalated to 27 and from this month will rise to 29. We have continued to maintain our support for the staff. As I said last year, we funded their participation in a very dangerous (!) looking Hog Run which, in my view, took the concept of Team Building to the limit! As you know the League of Friends traditionally gives the staff Christmas goodies for the staff room but this year, we had so many donations from grateful patients and their relatives that we decided to provide all staff with several in-house meals per week (for which they normally pay), during the month of January. This was much appreciated as January can be a difficult financial time for families. In addition, the staff and the community nurses both enjoyed Christmas events off site. I have encouraged the matron and staff to request equipment which will assist the medical care of the patients and our purchases included a hoist which helps them assist patients who have fallen and a portable stadiometer height rod.

We are grateful for the support of two local businesses; Russell & Newnes, who give us a generous discount when we request cold drinks etc., for the nurses in the summer, and Aldeburgh Pharmacy who again discounted our purchases of toiletries for the many patients who need them.

Many of you have questioned the future use of the old Day Centre. This will in future be known as the Community Suite and will be run by ESNEFT as a Hub to provide a variety of services for the local community. Kevin Hines from ESNEFT will speak about the plans for its use at the AGM. The League of Friends is supporting this transition by funding some of the reconstruction of the room in order for it to comply with current regulations for use as a public space. I am delighted to say that Headway Suffolk has returned to the hospital on a weekly basis. This serves not only those from the community with a neurological injury but also patients from the ward. Paul Little who is Director for Integrate Health and Care will also speak at the AGM. He will address the issue of integrating health and care and how community hospitals will play their part.

Sadly, I am not able to end on a positive note. I visited the hospital to find a Facilities team devastated by the news that ESNEFT propose to put out to tender the catering and cleaning teams in all their hospitals. Aldeburgh fears that it will lose its ability to provide the home cooked meals that patients so enjoy. There is of course the concern that they will no longer be NHS employees and are worried about their pensions and possible staffing cuts.

On behalf of the Committee, I thank you for your continued support and hope you will be able to join us in the Hospital's beautifully tended gardens to celebrate a great achievement in July.

Mair Dawson

## Summary of Financial Results

A summary of our financial results is below. Full copies of the accounts are available on our website and will be available at the meeting.

ITEM		2022*	2023
<b>INCOMING RESOURCES</b>			
Voluntary income		189593	203547
Investment income (deposits)		690	12853
Incoming resources from charitable activities		1096	1807
<b>TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES</b>		<b>191379</b>	<b>218207</b>
<b>RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>			
Fund Raising Costs		0	0
Charitable Activities		10106	108637
Governance Costs		2649	2533
<b>TOTAL RESOURCES EXPENDED</b>		<b>12755</b>	<b>111170</b>
<b>NET RESOURCES FOR YEAR</b>		<b>178624</b>	<b>107037</b>
<b>FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<b>446036</b>	<b>553073</b>

## Committee seeking election/re-election for 2024/2025

<b>EXISTING COMMITTEE</b>			
Role		Role	
President	Tony Bone	Chair	Mair Dawson
Treasurer	Michael Marion	Secretary	Graham Dawson
<b>Members</b>	Richard Bodek	Sue Bard-Bodek	Susan Donald
	Chris Marion	Liz Scotchmer	Rosemary Trigg
	Valerie Wallace		

# **The League of Friends of Aldeburgh and District Community Hospital**

## **Charity No 247890**

### **Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 2.30pm in the Parish Church Hall**

Before the formal meeting began the President welcomed Keri Hill, Matron of the Hospital, who updated Friends on the work of the Hospital, highlighting the recruitment of additional staff and the success deployment of new TV sets and iPads for patients. The President then introduced Ali Cherry, the Parish Nurse, who explained her role as a faith-based nurse, complementing the work of the Community Nurses.

#### **AGM**

The President Tony Bone took the Chair and the formal meeting commenced at 2.55pm.

**1 Apologies** were received and read out.

#### **2 Minutes**

Minutes of the AGM held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were adopted and unanimously approved and signed with Sheena Griffiths proposing and June Hutchison seconding.

**3 Matters arising:** none

#### **4 Accounts**

Copies of the Accounts had been given to all present. Mick reported that income for the ending 31<sup>st</sup> 2022 was £191,379 and expenditure amounted to £12,755, giving rise to a surplus for the year of £178,624. A balance reserves of £446,036 is carried forward. Charity funds are covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. After being proposed by Nick Vernon and seconded by Marian Wilton for acceptance, the Accounts were unanimously accepted.

#### **5 Election of examiner of the accounts**

Tony Bone reported that Francis Clarks of Ipswich have withdrawn from auditing the accounts. Tony Bone proposed that the Trustees should appoint a new Hon Examiner of accounts and Peter Griffiths seconded the motion, which was unanimously accepted.

#### **6 Chair's report**

This report had been circulated to all members of the League of Friends with the Agenda of the AGM. Mair reported that Sarah Gammon had stepped down from the Committee and thanked her for her significant contribution.

#### **7 Election of the Committee for 2023-24**

The re-election of the remaining members of the Committee was proposed by Maggie Boswell and seconded by Marian Wilton and was approved unanimously.

#### **8 Any Other Business**

Tony reported that the database is complete and Friends can now join, pay and update their details online; a summer event and a coffee morning will be reinstated.

**The meeting closed at 3.30pm.**