

Hockley Residents Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 8 July 2008

- 1 Matters Arising** **Action**
(note: June was a speaker meeting; references relate to May minutes)
- A minute's silence was held in memory of Richard Vingoe, who will be sadly missed. Donations were agreed to his two nominated charities and a further one to purchase a gift to Lesley Vingoe.
- 1.1 Last month's meeting was a speaker meeting addressed by Ian Stidston and Margaret Hathaway from the SEE PCT. BG
- Ian advised that the PCT had agreed to provide an extra 10,000 UDAs (Units of Dental Activity) to the area. The bulk had gone to Rochford but 3,000 UDAs awarded to the White Hart Lane practice – this is the equivalent of approx 2 days per week and is for a period of 10 months, when it will be reviewed. Since the last meeting, the WHL practice has encountered problems recruiting but has identified a candidate. Even with the extra UDAs, the area still only has under 30% of the comparative figures for Southend. We will need to follow up and maintain pressure on the PCT if necessary. It was reported that the Rochford practice have written to existing private customers asking if they want to transfer to NHS. The reasons for this are unclear.
 - Margaret updated on the thinking with a polyclinic and denied plans reported in the local press for a clinic near the cemetery. The PCT are currently preparing their strategic plan, following which the position will be clearer. Dr Mahmud spoke against such plans and outlined his practice's ambitions to grow their services. Since the meeting, a press article has reported that the Audley Mill surgery in Rayleigh is planning to expand its current premises, which, if true, could adversely impact the PCT's plans. Letters have been received from the PCT's Chief Executive and also from their chairman, who has offered a meeting. Before such a meeting, we have asked for stats on GP/patients ratios. These have been promised several times but still awaited.
- 1.2 (1.1) Traffic Volumes: ECC Cllr Bonnie Hart has asked ECC Highways for guidance from the main office in Chelmsford. BG
- 1.3 (1.3) Hockley town centre enhancement planning programme : RDC still in discussion to identify options for public consultation. Proposals expected September.
- 1.4 (1.5) 1 Southend Road: the pavement outside has been replaced.
- 2 New business:**
- 2.1 Southend Airport Joint Area Action Plan (JAAP): The plans were noted and concern raised re environmental impact of extra flights and the implications for road traffic, especially when JAAP combined with existing plans for extra houses in the area. Response to JAAP to be submitted accordingly. BG
- 2.2 RDC Design, Heritage & Conservation Awards: Agreed to propose the Taylor's development by Station Approach and the Cherry Orchard Country Park. BG
- 3 Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 12 August 2008**

