

# AAH Planning Group

## Notes of Meeting of Local Reps to discuss proposed consultation by NHS Lothian with local communities over plans for AAH site Held at 10 Wyvern Park (invitation of Roger Kellett) 5.00pm 7 June 2018

**Present:** Roger Kellett (RK), Grange Association (GA)  
Tony Harris (TH) Grange Prestonfield CC (GPCC)  
Sue Tritton (ST) Grange Prestonfield CC and Grange Association  
Alan Farningham (AF)  
Peter Pitkin (PP) Grange Association  
Nigel Ayton (NA), Marchmont & Sciennes CC (MSCC) and Grange Association  
Sofia Leonard (SL) Grange Association  
Fiona Bell (FB) Morningside CC,

**Apologies:** Helen Zealley (HZ), Merchiston CC (MerCC), Jo Doake (JDo), Steve Gregory (SG),  
Goff Cantley (GC), Daniel Johnson (DJ), MSP, Robin Harper (RH), Malcolm Fraser (MF)  
Akiko Kobayashi

**1. Welcome and apologies:** RK welcomed everyone. He explained that this was a meeting convened to try to understand the current intentions of NHSL with regard to the disposal of the AAH site. The draft minutes of the meeting of the Forum on 26 April had just been received and seemed to be in conflict with comments made in an email from Stewart Adams to RK dated 24/5/18 (attached).

**2. Minutes of meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018:** these were accepted. It was noted that the formal delay in moving patients (and some facilities) from the AAH site had been announced at the public meeting on 24 April arranged by Daniel Johnson MSP.

**3. Draft Minutes of Forum 26 April 2018.** These had only been received from Andrew Milne a couple of days previously and there was confusion about statements in the minutes and information provided in the email from Stewart Adams. Comments on the draft minutes (which should reflect what was said at that meeting) to be sent to ST who would collate and forward to Andrew Milne.

#### 4. Matters Arising

- a) **Masterplan or Development Brief:** TH commented that the LDP defines “Masterplan” and “Development Brief”. AF said there is a need for a clear Masterplan (or Development Brief) which is accepted by CEC and against which all planning applications can be assessed. A Planning in Principle Application would not be a suitable alternative. AF agreed to draft a response to Stewart Adam’s email and ask detailed questions which require specific answers – he would refer to an email from Martin Hensman dated 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017. TH noted that the NHSL actions are all about not spending money and pushing responsibility on to the developer(s). The meeting thanked AF for offering to respond to Stewart Adams and accepted the offer.
- b) **Community Engagement and Consultation:** Agreed that we cannot really do anything until we fully understand NHSL proposals and their timescale for consultation.
- c) **Public Meeting 24 April 2018:** Organised by Daniel Johnson at the Eric Liddell Centre
- d) **Walks round the grounds:** RK and JDo had taken interested groups round the AAH.

**5. Membership of this group and attendance at meetings with NHSL.** There was discussion about who should attend this (relatively informal) group and who should attend meetings with NHSL. There was some concern that too many attended the meetings with NHSL and this had led to a presentation by NHSL followed by rather rambling discussions. It was noted that due to the inclusion of members of the AACT group in the Forum (and these had been agreed with NHSL) numbers had expanded. It was also considered important that all CCs and the Grange Association had one representative at the Forum.

Numbers should be kept to the minimum necessary for the Forum but wider representation could attend the informal meetings. Suggested membership for the Forum and to attend the wider, informal meetings is attached. A few others (e.g. James Garrie for the Cockburn Ass and Jo Scott Southside CC) would be sent information but would not expect to attend meetings. (*Others who had attended previously - John Duncan, Douglas Rogers, Brian Gilmore and Dorothy Ryle - to be removed from the circulation list as they should get the information about the AAH from others in their organisations.*)

**6. “Our” Masterplan:** There was discussion about whether this group should aim to produce our own Masterplan as had been previously suggested. The 2002 Development Brief (considered to be still valid by CEC in 2014) could be a starting point. It was also noted that the Grange CACA had been revised in 2014 (with considerable reference to the AAH site) and the LDP was also relevant. AF said he was willing to start work on this but felt we should first get answers to the questions he would raise with NHSL (see 4(a) above). It was also considered important, if possible, to continue to work in collaboration with NHSL.

**7. Dates of future meetings.** Agreed that these to be decided once we get further information from NHSL.

*Sue Tritton  
13 June 2018*