

**Minutes of LDC meeting held at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy
on Tuesday 19th May, 2015.**

Members Present.

Rhian Paul in the chair, Roger Pratley, Anwen Hopkins, Mark Harris, Dharminy Martin, Lesley Hicks, Dave Jones, Stephen Gould, Simon Bond, Lowrie Jones, Rhian Humphreys, Richard Jones, Keith Silvester.

In Attendance.

Phil Majoe, Sian Majoe, Chris Wills-Wood, Richard Herbert, Richard Woods, Chris Woods, Rhian Jones, Paul Fraser.

Apologies for Absence.

Mike Spencer-Harty, Helen John, James Davies, Huw Hopkins, James Bater, Allison Walker, Tony Fodor, Tesni Metcalf, Pam Norman, Karl Bishop, Tom Bysouth, Barrie David.

15/29 Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 17th March, 2015.

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true and correct record.

15/30 Matters Arising.

15/25 In hours access-update. Letters had still not been sent to all GDPs inviting interest. Procurement were assessing the proposed method of commissioning

15/22 GDS contractual grey areas. There were a high number of performance issues within ABMU and there was felt to be no uniformity in dealing with them. It was felt an audit should take place to identify any training issues and then address accordingly. It was decided to try and find out how many dentists were under investigation in ABMU and attempt to compare this to other areas. Secretary to undertake this exercise.

15/31 Secretary's Report.

There was nothing to report that is not included in agenda items.

15/32 Chair's Report.

There was nothing to report that is not included in agenda items. The Chair expressed her concern at the number of meetings that had been cancelled or postponed by the LHB and Locality officials.

15/33 Treasurer's Report and LDC Finance.

The balances now stood at:-	Current Account:	£3391.73
	Deposit Account:	£22405.78

The Annual Conference of LDC's subscription had been paid.

15/34 Delegates' Reports.

Orthodontics

1. MCN meeting had been held but was not very well attended. LDC representation important in these meetings.
2. CDO pleased with orthodontic contracts, 500 more patients had been seen this year than last and for the same amount of money. Efficiency had been improved.
3. Orthodontic contracts would re tendered in 2016.
4. Data although being provided by orthodontic practices was still not being passed on to GDPs re waiting lists.

Parkway Clinic

The SLA has still not been signed.

Resource Centre Baglan

There is a short waiting list at present with patients being seen very quickly.

Dental Foundation Training

1. New electronic portfolio being developed for September 2015.
2. There had been a fall in trainer numbers it was felt this was down to a number of issues:-
 - a. Trainers having to meet targets for core contracts. Some doing more private work.
 - b. Training practices being bought by dental corporates.
 - c. Practices employing associates to be sure of hitting targets.
3. Extended training will come from next year's budget.

WGDPC

This report had not been emailed with other documents in error, to upload to website.

15/35 Local Commissioning - Update

A response has been received from Mr Andrew Davies, Chair of ABMULHB. Unfortunately the response did not address the issues raised in the complaint letter. All the correspondence will be made available to committee members on request.

The Chair met with Steve Combe, Secretary to the Board. It was decided that Mr Combe would seek legal advice regarding the failure to follow proper procedure in the commissioning of dental services by the Swansea Locality. The LDC awaits the reply.

Anwen Hopkins had contacted Dick Burkin, BDA Wales Director and after consideration he suggested three possible options:-

1. wait for LHB legal response.
2. Proceed Judicial Review, which would prove to be very costly.
3. Public Procurement Legislation - this would need individual GDPs to carry forward and would prove very costly.

The general feeling of the committee was that the whole process of commissioning the services in question should be revisited. It was noted that the tendering processes for Orthodontics and the Parkway Clinic had been very thorough and it was felt that the commissioning of dental services in Swansea City Centre should have been treated in the same way.

It was decided to refer the complaint to the Public Service Ombudsman for advice.

15/36 Occupational Health - Update

The Secretary to contact Margaret Lake for an update as nothing heard since expression of interest letters were returned by GDPs.

15/37 In Hours Access - Update

There had been a delay in sending our termination notices to the current GDPs providing services and sending out the requests for expressions of interest in providing the new service whilst the procurement department gave their advice on the process.

15/38 LDC Members 2015 - 2017

Members will be updated on the list of LDC Members, Co-opted Members and representatives on other committees.

Tony Fodor had resigned from committee today so there were vacancies for three further members from Bridgend. To write to all Bridgend GDPs for nominations.

15/39 Election of Officers.

Chair

Rhiain Paul had previously indicated her desire to stand down as Chair of Morgannwg LDC. Keith Silvester was nominated as new Chair and elected unopposed.

Anwen Hopkins, Vice Chair thanked Rhiain on behalf of the committee for her hard work: she would remain as a committee member and attend meetings on behalf of the LDC as and when required in the future.

Vice Chair

Anwen Hopkins indicated her willingness to carry on in this role and was elected unopposed.

Treasurer

Mark Harris indicated his willingness to carry on in this role and was elected unopposed.

Secretary

Roger Pratley indicated his willingness to carry on in this role and was elected unopposed.

15/40 Any Other Business.

The Secretary to write to Tony Fodor and thank him for his time spent on the committee.

15/41 Date and Time of next meeting.

Tuesday 21st July, 2015 at the Holiday Inn Express, Llandarcy.