

Parkinson's UK

Barnsley and District Branch

Minutes of committee meeting held on 10th October 2023

Present

Terry Kendall, Kathie Sharman, Ann-Marie Sephton, George Spencer, Ken Booth, Doris Wragg

1. Welcome

Terry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Philip Thompson.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2023 were agreed as a true record.

4. Matters arising

- (a) Terry has now contacted the member who had expressed an interest in the Assistant Treasurer post but she has declined due to health problems.
- (b) Terry reported that the situation regarding setting up the room for the exercise class had now been formalised. We do not need to set it up or dismantle it afterwards. The chairs will be set out in a horseshoe shape with one at the front and three folded tables will be placed on the back wall. We will still need to bring out extra chairs for the tea break. The volunteers for administering the exercise class will get together to draw up a rota.
- (c) Terry reported that two members of the exercise class had volunteered to help at the Tesco collection on Saturday, 21st October. Doris will circulate the rota once she has completed it.
- (d) Terry has received an email from Penistone Show asking if we would like to participate again next year on 14th September and has confirmed that we would.
- (e) Thirteen people attended the RSPB Old Moor walk last month.
- (f) Philip has had confirmation from the Football Club that we have been given a bucket collection on Saturday, 16th March for the match against Cheltenham.

5. Chair's report

- (a) An update has been received from Rose regarding changes to the safeguarding rules. We need to be aware that committee members must not go out visiting people.
- (b) Terry referred to the visit by Juliet Tizzard, Director of External Relations, at the last branch meeting. Terry had been hoping to spend time with her outside the meeting to discuss the branch but due to her late arrival and her need to catch a train after the meeting he had not been able to do so. Also, Rose had sent him a link regarding the plan to provide us with a local adviser which has now fallen through which he had hoped to discuss with her. Terry has written to Caroline Russell, the Chief Executive Officer, expressing his concerns.

The first stage of reorganisation in the master plan has now been announced. Tracy Westgarth will be the regional lead for the north-east, Cumbria, Yorkshire and Humber.

(c) Christmas Party planning

Terry ran through the checklist for planning the Christmas Party. Due to backward by the U3A Choir, an entertainer has been booked at a cost of £120. Doris has had confirmation from the Mayor's secretary that the Mayor and Mayoress will be delighted to attend.

6. Treasurer's report

Kathie circulated the bank statement as at the end of September which showed a total adjusted cash and bank balance of £35,097.06.

It was agreed that a meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee would be held prior to the next committee meeting a 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 14th November.

7. Secretary's report

Nothing to report.

8. Service Development report

Doris circulated Philip's matrix of treatment timings for Carers' Day and the list of people with Parkinson's for George. The bill has been settled with the Spa. Terry and Philip are meeting Dawn Kelly at the Holiday Inn on 13th December so Terry will ask if they would be able to donate items for the 'goody bags'.

It was agreed we would ask for the following donations – Carers' Day £10, Afternoon Tea £10 and Bowling £5.

9. Fundraising report

No items.

10. Assistant Treasurer's report

Exercise class

	<u>1st class</u>		<u>2nd class</u>	
4 th September	7 pwp	4 carers	8 pwp	4 carers
11 th September	9 pwp	3 carers	8 pwp	4 carers
18 th September	7 pwp	4 carers	10 pwp	5 carers
25 th September	7 pwp	3 carers	5 pwp	3 carers

Respite care

9 carers took 4 hours – £720, 3 carers took 2 hours - £120, Branch meeting carer 2.75 hours - £55. Total for September - £895.

11. Membership Secretary's report

Ann-Marie reported that there were 149 members on the September membership list. However, she had informed the Membership Section that one member had been missed off the list.

12. Research Champion's report

Ken reported that amazing results had been obtained following stage two trials of a drug to slow down the motor symptoms of people with Parkinson's and they would be asking for volunteers next year. Ken will put an article on the branch website.

Ken will link into the PEMRIG newsletter which Rose circulates along with Network News.

13. Webmaster's report

There are only six members on Facebook, only five of which are identifiable.

14. Any other urgent and relevant business

Terry will be away from 17th November to 3rd December.

15. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14th November at 7.00 p.m.