

Parkinson's UK Barnsley and District branch
Minutes of "Virtual" meeting, held on 11th August 2020

Welcome : the chair welcomed committee members to this third ZOOM meeting.

Present: Doris, Granville, George, Sheila, Susan, Ken and Terry.

Apologies: Kathie, Ann Marie

Minutes: the minutes of the ZOOM meeting held on 9th June 2020 were accepted as a true record.

Matters arising: there were none

Chairs report:

- a. It was agreed to have the branch advertised on the Exchange Recovery College website.
- b. Terry reported on the ZOOM meeting held on 6th August relating to comprehensive reviews of the issues to be addressed for a resumption of "in person activities". Terry has volunteered to assist under the heading "premises".

Philip had previously circulated the notes of the regional ZOOM meeting held on 5th August. He drew attention to the reintroduction of the "adopt a project" scheme in relation to any future donations from this branch to head office.

- c. There was no report from the Emmanuel authorities about future use of their premises.

Treasurer's report:

It was noted that Bannantyne's Spa had returned the costs of treatments for the postponed Carers' Day. The "virtual" bucket collection at Barnsley FC's postponed match raised £15.

The Shawlands Trustees have indicated that they do not want a repayment of unspent money from their grant towards the cost of the exercise class. The Holiday Inn will hold the room hire deposit of £100 until the end of 2021 (Carers' Day).

Secretary's report:

Doris was asked to investigate Penistone Young Farmers' promised donation.

Service development report:

The Christmas party is unlikely to be held this year. It is hoped to publish a newsletter before the end of September.

Assistant Treasurer's report:

The following invoices have been received.

Respite Care – 5 participants during July -£328

Hospice – counselling sessions -£185

A request from the Hospice was approved relating to an additional 4 sessions for a participant who had already had a re-referral. This approval was on the grounds as discussed at the meeting.

Membership secretary's report: no report

Any urgent and relevant business

It was agreed to add a further "tab" to the website, "Corvid 19 Update". Details of the committee will appear on the website after the next AGM and a counter will be added to assess the number of "hits".

Following a visit of a branch member who is resident in a care home, to A&E it was firmly established that the patient's medication is provided by the hospital pharmacy.

Concern was expressed on the lack of present funding from the CCG for speech therapy services which had been provided in the past. It was agreed that Philip and Terry would involve the assistance of the local Health Watch.

Date of the next meeting:

Tuesday 8th September 10.30am

Regional ZOOM meeting Wednesday 2nd September 2.30pm