

Parkinson's UK
Barnsley & District Branch

Committee Meeting Tuesday 7pm. 11th January, 2022
at Emmanuel Methodist Church

MINUTES

Present Terry Kendall, Philip Thompson, George Spencer, Doris Wragg, Sheila Ireland, Kathie Sharman, Ann-Marie Sephton and Susan Grant. Rose Crawley also attended the meeting via Zoom.

1 Welcome Terry welcomed everyone, including Rose who joined by video.

2 Apologies Ken Booth

3 Minutes of previous meeting, 14 December 2021 (previously circulated)

Agreed, subject to the following amendments:

5a "...main officers should not remain in that position for more than eight years" (not six years)

8 "The speaker in January..." should read "February".

9 "...the second tranche of the Shawlands Trust..." should read "first tranche"

The third paragraph should read "The young girl, Sophie... along with her mother is in the course of completing the first 3 modules..."

12 "Carer training" should read "Crossroads carer training".

Philip's mobile number "should read **07729705596**".

4 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

See last month's minutes. Philip said that although we are looking for more people to benefit from respite care we do not want huge numbers, about 20 would be ideal. Philip agreed to write an article for the Newsletter explaining the respite in the home service

5 Acting Chair's report, Terry

- a. Terry and Rose have not yet had a meeting this month. Rose advised that PUK policy is that a permanent member of staff must attend the AGM in person. Due to the current Covid rules, staff are not currently carrying out any in-person activities. Therefore AGMs cannot yet be held. Rose is checking with PUK whether there is a way to let the AGM go ahead if the staff member attended via Zoom. but not everyone has access to zoom and it would be very onerous to organise. Any member is entitled to attend. It was proposed that the AGM be on hold. A normal general meeting will be held February in its place.
- b. Update on Just Giving. Terry stated that so far £333.00 had been donated through the Just Giving page. Terry asked Sheila if she could publicise the Just Giving web address in the newsletter. Ken was to be asked for a link to be placed on our website.
- c. Update on Duke of Edinburgh volunteer. Sofia the student from Wakefield, who wants experience with PwP, was intending to join the bucket collection at Barnsley. Once she has completed the necessary modules for Parkinson's volunteers then she can help by taking refreshments to members at general meetings, distribute printed material and help with fund-raising.
- d. Restarting activities. Following the Christmas break, the start of the exercise sessions was delayed because of the death of Bronia's father. The plan is to have 2 sessions eventually, so that Bronia can give more individual guidance to those who would benefit. As yet the attendance has been variable with 13 people one week and 6 or 7 the next.
The members are to be asked, at the next Branch meeting, if they would like the popular bowling sessions with lunch to be resumed.
- e. The issue about what to do about the Christmas party has been deferred to a later date.

6 Treasurer's report, Kathie

We have opened a Barclays bank account and moved most of our money into this account. The finance sub-committee met earlier today to work on the financial programme. We start 2022 with a total of £34,502.20. As we were unable to provide our usual range of services our expenditure was significantly reduced whereas the income from donations, in memoriam and grants was less affected.

7 Secretary's report, Doris

Nothing to report.

8 Service Development report, Sheila

Antony Carr was booked to entertain us at next week's general meeting but unfortunately, he has had to cancel because he has been affected by the COVID regulations regarding in person attendance. Sheila has planned for Mike Fisher to speak at the February branch meeting.

9 Fund-raising report, Philip

a. Philip reported on his ongoing exchange of emails with Barnsley MBC regarding a further grant of £1,500 from the Barnsley Bond to provide half the cost of providing Bronia's salary. He had written to an officer at Barnsley MBC that we had been unable to fundraise due to Covid restrictions and requesting that another 12 months grant be rolled forward from 1st November, by which time the residue from the from the first award 2019 would have been spent. He had received a reply to the effect that there would be no problem in doing this, but since then the officer dealing with grant had changed twice and he had been sent a timetable that implied that he would have to re-apply.

b. Philip confirmed the arrangements for the bucket collection at Barnsley FC on Saturday 15th January. The game was subsequently postponed.

10 Assistant Treasure's report, George

Bronia is preparing to split the exercise session into 2 groups now that numbers attending the class have increased.

Crossroads 5 people made use of the respite care, four hours in the month. Total cost of £328.

11 Acting Membership Secretary's report, Ann-Marie

According to head office we have 142 members. Ann-Marie reported she had attended the recent exercise class to sign up new members.

12 Webmaster's report, Ken Booth absent

13 AOB

The meeting ended at 8.20pm.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 8th February, 2022 at 7pm