

Parkinson's UK

Barnsley and District Branch

Minutes of committee meeting held on 11th October 2022

Present

Terry Kendall, Ann-Marie Sephton, Philip Thompson, George Spencer, Doris Wragg.

1. Welcome

Terry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Kathie Sharman, Ken Booth, Susan Grant and Joe White.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2022 were agreed as a true record subject to Ken Booth being added to the apologies list.

4. Matters arising

Shaw Lane

The 'open day' at Shaw Lane will be held on Wednesday, 19th October at 10.30 a.m. Terry has informed those who are interested.

IT support

Philip has obtained details of the free basic IT support provided by Barnsley MBC. George will put this on the table at branch meetings.

Treasurer's report

The HSBC account has now been closed.

Terry has contacted Rose regarding the Blackpool holiday and has been informed that it will not be going ahead permanently.

Service development

Terry has contacted the Stringalongs but they are unavailable on Tuesday afternoons. However, a volunteer with 'Patients as Educators' came to the Natter Café and is willing to come and talk to the branch in November as he is keen to get more people involved.

Fundraising report

Philip reported that he had now received written confirmation from SYFC that our application for funding for the Carers Day had not been successful as they thought we could afford it from our own resources. When applying for future grants Philip will explain

our financial situation in more detail and the fact that some of our resources are ring-fenced.

December committee meeting

Terry circulated the menu for the December meeting at Beatson House at 6.00 p.m. on Wednesday, 14th December.

5. Chair's report

(a) Network News

There is a new activity form for completion if branches have anything new to put on the website.

Groups who have signed up for cash pooling no longer have to transfer funds in excess of one year's resources to head office.

Should Groups wish to invest in a contactless card device Parkinson's UK recommend SumUp. Ann-Marie referred to a device which is used at her church and agreed to check whether it is the same make.

Lauren Arnold is leaving the Local Adviser team at the end of October. We were originally going to get our own Local Adviser but this has not transpired so it could be a year before we get someone. In the meantime any queries should be made to Helen Brewin.

(b) Christmas Party planning

It was agreed that due to the poor take-up of sales for the table decorations last year, we would ask for just one for the top table.

Terry will ask Maxine to arrange for kitchen helpers.

Philip and George volunteered to set up and dismantle the room.

Recording the raffle numbers in the room and for the choir – to be decided on the day.

6. Treasurer's report

The committee noted the bank statement as at the end of September showing a total adjusted cash and bank balance of £32,642.01.

7. Secretary's report

No items.

8. Service Development report

No items.

9. Fundraising report

Terry has spoken to Rose regarding the bequest and she will find out why we have not received it yet.

Philip reported that the SLA for respite care was renewed in June but the SLA for the exercise class runs out on 25th October. Philip and Terry have met Bronia and she was happy to continue on the basis of a simple exchange of letters as it will be exactly the same as the previous agreement. However, the committee agreed that the only requirement to attend the exercise class would be to have a medical diagnosis of Parkinson's. There would be no requirement to reside in the Barnsley Borough.

Philip has booked and paid for Carers Day for 12 people. He has 3 reserves in case anyone gives back-word.

10. Assistant Treasurer's report

Exercise class

	<u>1st class</u>	<u>2nd class</u>
5 th September	11 pwp 7 carers	4 pwp 3 carers
12 th September	11 pwp 6 carers	3 pwp 2 carers
19 th September – Bank Holiday		
26 th September	6 pwp 3 carers	1 pwp

Respite care

One person took two and a half hours (£45) and six people took the full four hours (£72) totalling £477.

11. Membership Secretary's report

Ann-Marie reported that there were 148 members on the latest list but two members had not been taken off and one had recently died. Two existing members are not affiliated to the branch but would like to join so the actual number is 147.

12. Any other urgent and relevant business

None.

13. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 8th November at 7.00 p.m. Ann-Marie will chair the meeting as Terry will be on holiday

