

Parkinson's UK
Barnsley and District Branch
Minutes of committee meeting held on 12th April, 2022

Present

Terry Kendall, Ann-Marie Sephton, Philip Thompson, George Spencer, Sheila Ireland, Joe White, Doris Wragg, Rose Crawley.

1. Welcome

Terry welcomed everyone to the meeting including Rose who had joined by video.

2. Apologies

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

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 8th March, 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th March, 2022 were agreed as a true record.

4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda

Rose said that further to the offer by Paul Mayhew Archer to tour with his show for free, the Doncaster branch had suggested that the South Yorkshire branches could get together to organise such an event. After discussion, it was agreed that we would not pursue this due to the problem of finding a mutually convenient venue.

5. Acting Chair's report

(a) Rose's monthly updates

- (i) There is now an updated leaflet regarding the Information and Support Service (INFOB0014) which can be requested via the order form.
- (ii) Rose referred to the annual review process which looks at plans for the coming year and also reviews the past year. As the process involves a lot of work from both staff and volunteers, a working group is being set up to see how we can ensure the process is meaningful whilst making sure we get the information in as streamlined way as possible. Anyone wishing to join the group should apply by 17th April, the initial working group will be held week beginning 25th April with further sessions on 6th and 7th July.
- (iii) The current system of monthly downloaded membership reports being sent to nominated local branch or support group volunteers will gradually be replaced by the new Members Portal which will give online access to the live data. Ann-Marie has received an email regarding this which she will discuss at the next meeting.

(iv) A series of walks between June and October has been organised, the nearest one being at Chesterfield.

(b) Parkinson's Awareness Day

The arrangements for the information stall in the town centre on Thursday, 14th April were confirmed. The Mayor will attend at 11.00 a.m.

(c) AGM

It was agreed that the Annual Report would be printed in the usual format but without the performance indicators.

(d) Natter Café

Terry reminded the committee of the background to the proposal to have a Natter Café at Wentworth Castle Gardens. Ann-Marie's view was that the café should be used to encourage new people with Parkinson's to come as not everyone was interested in joining meetings. However, Terry's view was that the café should be used for existing members initially and then extended to members who we don't see at meetings or exercise classes and then new people.

After discussion regarding the conditions laid down by Wentworth Castle and the suitability of the site, it was agreed that Terry would ask if we could use the room 'as and when' rather than on a regular basis.

(e) Barnsley Carers Partnership

Terry reported that whilst discussing the respite SLA with Joseph at Crossroads Care his attention was drawn to the Barnsley Carers Support Service which offers support to carers on a range of issues and also signposts to other support services. Terry has a meeting with Joseph and Making Space tomorrow to discuss the Branch joining the list of groups which support Barnsley Carers.

6. Treasurer's report

The committee noted the bank statement for March, previously circulated by Kathie, which shows a total adjusted cash and bank balance of £33,114.10.

7. Secretary's report

As Susan is experiencing difficulty in producing the minutes, Doris will be taking the minutes in the interim.

8. Service Development report

Andy Foster will give a presentation on fraud prevention after the AGM on Tuesday, 17th May.

Philip will contact Tesco at Wombwell Lane regarding car parking for the trip to York Railway Museum on 30th June. The walk in June will be held on Thursday, 23rd June.

9. Fundraising report

Philip confirmed the arrangements for the bucket collection at Barnsley FC on 26th April.

The Carers Day will be held on Thursday, 27th October.

10. Assistant Treasurer's report

Exercise class

| | <u>1st class</u> | | <u>2nd class</u> | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|----------|
| 7 th March | 9 pwp | 5 carers | 2 pwp | 2 carers |
| 14 th March | 9 pwp | 5 carers | 3 pwp | 3 carers |
| 21 st March | 7 pwp | 3 carers | 3 pwp | 4 carers |
| 28 th March | 8 pwp | 3 carers | 5 pwp | 6 carers |

Cost of taxis up to 4th April - £62.

Respite care

1 person took 2½ hours, 3 people took 2 hours and 3 people took the full 4 hours, totalling £336.20.

11. Acting Membership Secretary's report

The membership report shows 145 members as at 17th March but two members have been included twice and one member has asked that her name be deleted, therefore the number is 142.

12. Webmaster's report

Philip reported that he had obtained a copy of Bob's death certificate.

13. Any other urgent and relevant business

- (a) Joe referred to a document prepared by Barnsley MBC regarding carer support payments. A support payment of between £150 to £300 can be accessed on an annual basis based on eligibility criteria. However, the document does not make it clear that the payment can only be paid to registered carers.

Terry referred to his own experience with regard to carers' assessments and agreed that clarification should be sought from Making Space regarding carers' assessments and support payments in order that we can pass on the information to our members.

- (b) Terry reported that Joe had agreed to join the committee as health and safety adviser. Rose will arrange for the vacancy to be advertised on the internet and Joe will need to apply.

14. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 10th May at 7.00 p.m.