

Parkinson's UK

Barnsley and District Branch

Minutes of committee meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Present

Terry Kendall, Kathie Sharman, Ann-Marie Sephton, Philip Thompson, George Spencer, Ken Booth, Alyson Francis, Doris Wragg, Rose Crawley

1. Welcome

Terry welcomed everyone to the meeting including Rose.

2. Apologies for absence

None.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were agreed as a true record subject to item 4(d) being amended to read "8<sup>th</sup> April – Terry".

4. Matters arising

(a) Ann-Marie has now obtained a further box and padlock for the exercise class

(b) Terry has spoken to the entertainer for the Christmas Party and he has agreed to incorporate some carols into his performance.

(c) Philip has heard nothing further regarding lighting up the Glassworks for World Parkinson's Day. Doris has booked a stall in the town centre for Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> April and has obtained a street collection permit. The exact location will be confirmed nearer the time. Yorkshire & Humber Younger Person's Support Group are holding a family friendly walk around the Yorkshire Sculpture Park on Saturday 13 April. The event is open to everyone. Meet 1.30pm for the 2pm walk.

(d) Alyson has 35 people on the list for bowling and 6 people have expressed an interest in golf. A boxing session has been arranged for 19<sup>th</sup> April followed by another session on 26<sup>th</sup> April.

The suggestion that we organise a concert with the Cawthorne Band will not be taken up at the present time.

The highest vote for the trip at the last branch meeting was the Deep at Hull. Terry, Ann-Marie, Alyson and Brian have since made a visit and found the staff to be very helpful. There is also a meal facility on site.

Terry is meeting Julie Wild tomorrow to see how successful she has been in finding speakers from May onwards.

5. Chair's report

No items.

6. Treasurer's report

The committee noted the bank statement as at the end of February which showed a total adjusted cash and bank balance of £28,739.82 which included £1,937.44 interest on bank balances and donations of £1,238.57.

Terry reported that the Just Giving page now stands at £2,913 following a large anonymous donation.

Philip reported that he had had confirmation from the National Lottery that our application for £9,600 for respite care had been approved.

7. Secretary's report

Doris reported that she had applied for a collection at Penistone Tesco for the period May/June. We will know by the end of April if we have been successful.

8. Service Development report

Terry circulated an updated activity programme.

Once Alyson has confirmed the summer walks and outing, she will provide Terry with the details for the April newsletter.

9. Fundraising report

Philip is still waiting to hear from the Shawlands Trust regarding the grant application which had to be submitted by 1<sup>st</sup> March. The SYCF who have supported the Carers Day on many occasions have closed the fund that we usually apply for but will open again for applications on 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Philip confirmed that he had booked the plant stall for the Classic Car Rally in Locke Park on 9<sup>th</sup> June. We will have an information stand at the Gala on 11<sup>th</sup> August.

Terry referred to the scheme run by Tesco which is mainly to provide funding for schools but also refers to charities and non-profit making organisations. Philip will contact Lisa Hammond to ask if she would be prepared to nominate the branch for a grant from Tesco.

10. Assistant Treasurer's report

Exercise class

1<sup>st</sup> Class

5 <sup>th</sup> February	10 pwp	7 carers
12 <sup>th</sup> February	9 pwp	5 carers
19 <sup>th</sup> February	13 pwp	7 carers

26<sup>th</sup> February                      10 pwp      5 carers

Terry circulated the rota for the exercise class up to the end of May

### Respite care

10 carers took 4 hours – £800, 2 carers took 2 hours - £80, carer at branch meeting 2¾ hours - £55.    Total for February - £935.

#### 11. Membership Secretary's report

Ann-Marie reported that there were 154 members on the latest membership list.

#### 12. Webmaster's report

Ken has updated the website and will include Alyson's list of activities once they have been finalised.

We need to include the National Lottery symbol on the website and newsletter now that our grant application has been successful. It was agreed that we would take a photo at the next branch meeting for National Lottery publicity.

#### 13. Any other urgent and relevant business

(a) George reported that he had been contacted by a member to ask if the branch could use a brand new wheelchair which was no longer required. It was agreed that George would inform the person concerned that the branch was unable to use the wheelchair due to liability issues but could include an item in the next newsletter should he wish to sell it.

(b) Rose reported that she was informing all branches in her area that they had the option to move from a branch to a support group/activity group which is run on a less formal basis. The main differences are that groups do not need to hold an AGM, they only need two lead volunteers rather than four and the minutes of meetings only need to record the action points. It was agreed the committee would discuss the topic later in the year, probably at the November meeting.

#### 14. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7.00 p.m.