

Parkinson's UK

Barnsley and District Branch

Minutes of committee meeting held on 13th February 2024

Present

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

1. Welcome

Terry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Ken Booth and Kathie Sharman.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2024 were agreed as a true record subject to "Ken suggested that the Scarborough Fair Collection" being amended to read "Alyson suggested that the Scarborough Fair Collection" in item 8.

4. Matters arising

- (a) As not everything would fit into the box at the exercise class, it was agreed that Ann-Marie would obtain a further box and padlock.
- (b) Terry reported that the 'Get it on time' event at the hospital had gone really well with seven staff from Parkinson's UK head office attending. They are wanting to use our branch as a beacon and had arranged for a photographer to be present who took 142 photos. Two pharmacists and a head nurse from the hospital also attended. One of the pharmacists expressed concern that some drugs are difficult to get hold of and this is a country-wide problem. He had compiled a list of drugs associated with Parkinson's detailing their clinical name and the previous supplier together with their new name and new supplier.

No date has been fixed for the next meeting with the hospital but it will probably be in three months' time.

- (c) Cawthorne Band had been suggested as the entertainment for the next Christmas Party but due to their fee of £150 it was agreed that we would have the same entertainer as last year but Terry will ask him to include some carols so that people can participate.
- (d) The exercise class rota for April was agreed. 1st April – Easter, 8th April – Ann-Marie, 15th & 22nd April – Doris, 29th April – George.

- (e) Following a complaint from a member, Terry has asked Rose to reiterate the policy regarding visiting when she attends the AGM. PUK is working with Re-engage to offer people with Parkinson's and their carers a telephone befriending service.

Philip expressed concern regarding the vacant post of Health and Safety Officer in the AGM papers. Terry suggested that risk assessments for activities and outings could be done on an 'ad hoc' basis.

- (f) Terry has now signed off the accounts with Kathie.

- (g) Philip has had confirmation that BMBC will illuminate the Town Hall for World Parkinson's Day and will also investigate the possibility of illuminating the Glassworks.

5. Chair's report

No items.

6. Treasurer's report

The committee noted the bank statement as at the end of January which showed a total adjusted cash and bank balance of £27,340.36.

7. Secretary's report

No items.

8. Service Development report

Alyson reported that she had booked the Metrodome for a bowling session on Thursday, 21st March and was in the process of collecting names.

PUK are working with the PGA and golf clubs around the country with a view to organising golf sessions as another form of exercise and socialising. Alyson is looking into organising a golf session at Manvers driving range at a cost of £10 for 100 balls.

Terry has been contacted by a boxing club at Shafton regarding boxing sessions for people with Parkinson's. Terry had previously mentioned this at the exercise class and eight people had shown an interest. The instructor has now been accredited by PUK. Terry, Alyson and Brian have arranged to visit the club later this week to get more information.

As we are not having Cawthorne Band at the Christmas Party, Ann-Marie suggested that we could arrange a concert for the public which would be beneficial for both the band and the branch. It was agreed that Alyson would raise this with the band.

The committee discussed various locations for the annual outing and it was agreed that Alyson would circulate a note at the AGM asking for members' preferences on

four options – National Arboretum, the Deep at Hull, Yorkshire Museum of Farming, Yorkshire Air Museum.

Terry reported that he had spoken to Julie Wild, an ex-magistrate colleague, who is experienced at organising events. Julie did not want to become a volunteer or join the committee but is willing to help find speakers for the branch meetings. Terry had previously spoken to Ian McMillan regarding organising an 'evening with' event so Julie will come to the branch meeting in April to discuss this further with Ian.

9. Fundraising report

Philip has six volunteers for the football collection on Saturday, 16th March and will ask for two more at next week's AGM.

Philip has submitted grant applications to the National Lottery for £9,600 for respite care and the Shawlands Trust for £2,200 to fund half of Bronia's salary over twelve months. However, the maximum from the Shawlands Trust may be £1,500. Philip has also applied to Morrisons but has had no acknowledgement.

Philip is trying to get clarification regarding this year's Classic Car Rally in Locke Park as there is a reference to a rally on 11th August on the website but no mention of an event in June as in previous years.

10. Assistant Treasurer's report

Exercise class.

	<u>1st Class</u>	<u>2nd Class</u>
1 st January	No class	
8 th January	10 pwp 3 carers	7 pwp 3 carers
15 th January	No class	
22 nd January	11 pwp 4 carers	6 pwp 3 carers
29 th January	No class	

Respite care

11 carers took 4 hours – £880, one carer took 3 hours - £60, 2 carers took 2 hours - £80. Total for January - £1,020 less December overcharge of £20 - £1,000.

Terry reported that Crossroads had recently opened a café at Barugh Green and he had attended the opening ceremony. Joseph is intending to organise events at the café which we may like to become involved in and if there are any events we would like to run he would consider the branch using the café. Terry has agreed with Joseph that the service review meeting will be held sometime in June.

11. Membership Secretary's report

Ann-Marie reported that there were 153 members on the latest membership list.

12. Research Champion's report

No items.

13. Webmaster's report

No items.

14. Any other urgent and relevant business

There was no other business.

15. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12th March 2024 at 7.00 p.m.