

PARKINSON'S UK

BARNSELEY AND DISTRICT BRANCH

Minutes of zoom committee meeting held on Tuesday 13th July 2021 at 11-00am.

1. Ann-Marie welcomed everyone to the meeting especially Terry who thanked everyone for their support and messages of sympathy over the last few months.

Present: Terry Kendall, Philip Thompson, Sheila Ireland, Ken Booth, Doris Wragg, Kathie Sharman, George Spencer, Susan Grant , Bronia Warden, Ann-Marie Sephton

2. No apologies for absence, although Susan Grant and Bronia Warden experienced problems with internet during the meeting.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 2021(previously circulated) were accepted as a true record and signed and dated by Ann-Marie.

4. Matters arising.

Item 4. Doris had sent a letter on behalf of the branch to the Barnsley Chronicle (printed on 25-6-21) regarding our feelings about the previous article concerning people living with Parkinson's. Hopefully a further article will be printed when we are returning to face to face activities outlining what the branch offers.

A.O.B Ken has looked into the website which was set up by Bob Bridges, it appears that we are ok until 2027. We don't have to pay anything further and Ken is able to update and modify the website up to a point with the password and information he has. The branch will have to re look at this in the future.

5. Acting chairs report.

a, A discussion took place led by Philip on the choice of venue for returning to face to face activities i.e. exercise classes and monthly meetings. He had looked at 3 alternatives taking into account cost, facilities, access, and the cleaning and moving of furniture under current Covid and Parkinson's UK restrictions (volunteers are not supposed to do this).

1) The Emmanuel Church which we have used for a long time was £20 for 3 hours for the exercise classes, £30 for the monthly branch meeting and £15 for the monthly committee meeting, although these might change as the Emmanuel is in the process of appointing a new bookings manager. At this time we don't know what cleaning would need to be done following use and at present Emmanuel expect the user to undertake this. George has provisionally booked the rooms we usually use from September to December but not confirmed.

2) The Metrodome costs were £80 for the exercise classes, £40 for the monthly meeting and £40 for the monthly committee meeting. It was generally felt that this was too expensive and therefore was ruled out of the equation.

3) Shaw lane, Philip had met with the manager Dave to have a look around. They have a large room for the monthly meeting, a studio suitable for the exercise classes and a small room for the monthly committee meeting. Although there were no kitchen facilities we could use, if we had a hot water boiler we can make our own drinks in the rooms. We would not have to do any cleaning or moving of furniture and the rooms would be set up as we required. Dave had said that they would undercut our lowest quote on price. It was agreed that the committee should visit Shaw lane possibly on Thursday 29th July following the Lock Park walk to further discuss with Dave and to undertake the Parkinson's risk assessment. Philip will contact Dave to make the arrangements.

b, A provisional date for restarting activities was discussed and decided that September or October were feasible but would make our decision at the August meeting following the visit to Shaw lane. Bronia would like to reassess everyone who attend the exercise classes prior to restarting, possibly in September. We will have to contact all previous participants to confirm if they will be returning.

6. Treasurer's report, Kathie

Very little movement of funds over the last month. Total in the bank as of 30-06-21 £25-409-14. Ann-Marie said that she had a donation of £50 for branch funds after having a sale of plants and other items on her drive.

7. Secretary's report, Doris

Nothing to report at the moment.

8. Service development report, Sheila

Sheila was thanked for her work in getting the latest newsletter together. George said that he had sent the cheque to Comtec for print costs on 03-07-21. A member had been in touch with Sheila and made a comment that none of the committee had personally been in touch with them over the past year or let them know that another member had passed away. Philip said that as all personal information is held securely under data protection rules and regulations and is not available to all committee members this was not possible. It was suggested that in the next newsletter a list of all members who have passed away be included. The walks had been changed from Tuesday to Thursday so as not to clash with the Nordic walking group. Sue Mills (October speaker) had still not been in touch even though a number of e-mails have been sent both personally and via the team. Sheila will try again and if still no response will try to find someone else possibly from the Nordic walking group.

9. Fundraising, Philip

Nothing to report.

10. Assistant treasurer report, George

Crossroads care provision May 3 x 4 hours 1 x 2 hours £229-60

June 3 x 4 hours 1 x 2 hours £229-60

Hospice, counselling from 01-01-21 to 31-03-21 5 sessions £185

11. Acting membership secretary, Ann-Marie

On 31-05-21 we had 144 members listed although this is incorrect due to people who have passed away still being on the list. Ann-Marie has notified head office again!

12. Any other urgent and relevant business.

None

The meeting finished at 12-10p.m.

The next meeting will be on, Tuesday 10th August 2021 at 11am .