

Parkinson's UK

Barnsley and District Branch

Minutes of committee meeting held on 14th November 2023

Present

Terry Kendall, Kathie Sharman, 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 Ken Booth.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2023 were agreed as a true record.

4. Matters arising

- (a) Terry circulated a rota of committee members who had volunteered to administer the exercise class together with a checklist which had previously been drawn up by George, the only addition being a change to the procedure for dealing with any cash donations.
- (b) Terry reported that a Local Adviser, Sue Martin, had now been appointed to the branch and would be attending the next branch meeting. As part of her role Sue will give advice on benefit claims and will visit people in their home if they need support. She also has experience of working with hospitals and nurses which will be useful for our 'Get it on Time' campaign.
- (c) Terry ran through the checklist for the Christmas Party to ensure everything was in hand.

5. Chair's report

(a) Reorganisation of Rose's geographical areas of responsibility

Terry reported that Rose's geographical areas of responsibility had changed as part of Parkinson's UK's master plan. The whole emphasis has changed and will be more locally focussed on branches and their membership as a result of which Rose will be able to attend more of our meetings.

(b) New Local Adviser appointment

Already discussed under item 4(b).

(c) Get it on Time campaign update

Terry reported that he had attended a further meeting with the hospital but unfortunately there was no information regarding the wards as the nurse did not attend and had not prepared a report. However, the Director of Nursing chaired the meeting and she is keen that we spread the word so it was suggested that we hold an awareness day in the clinicians' part of the restaurant. Terry will contact Kim, the Campaigns Officer who attended our branch meeting, to discuss what we can put on the awareness boards.

(d) Volunteer vacancies update

Terry reported that the person who had volunteered to do the newsletter had now given backword so Sheila has agreed to carry on for the time being.

(e) Rota for exercise class

Already discussed under item 4(a).

6. Treasurer's report

Kathie circulated the bank statement as at the end of October which showed a total adjusted cash and bank balance of £31,747.88.

The committee accepted the recommendations of the Finance Sub-Committee held prior to the meeting.

7. Secretary's report

Doris referred to a phone call she had received from Avril Pritchard of Cloverleaf regarding carers' cards.

Terry had previously spoken to Avril and been informed that as they had not received the database of card holders from Making Space carers would need to re-register. Avril will be attending the January branch meeting to talk about Cloverleaf and will be able to re-register at the meeting. Ann-Marie will inform members at next week's branch meeting that they can re-register at the January meeting or contact Avril before then if they wish.

8. Service Development report

The afternoon tea went well. One member had suggested that the afternoon tea at the Holiday Inn would be cheaper but it was agreed that we would stay at the White Bull next year.

The Carers' Day was very successful and Terry thanked Philip and Rona for their hard work in organising it. Philip circulated the results of the feedback forms.

Terry and Ann-Marie had manned a stall at the Winter Warmer event at Mapplewell but it was agreed that we would not attend next year.

9. Fundraising report

Nothing to report.

10. Assistant Treasurer's report

Exercise class

	<u>1st class</u>		<u>2nd class</u>	
2 nd October	6 pwp	3 carers	10 pwp	7 carers
9 th October	7 pwp	5 carers	8 pwp	4 carers
16 th October	10 pwp	6 carers	7 pwp	4 carers
23 rd October – no class				
30 th October	9 pwp	4 carers	8 pwp	4 carers

Respite care

10 carers took 4 hours – £800, 3 carers took 2 hours - £120, one carer took 1½ hours. Total for October - £950.

11. Membership Secretary's report

Ann-Marie reported that there were 152 members on the latest membership list.

12. Research Champion's report

No report.

13. Webmaster's report

No report.

14. Any other urgent and relevant business

Ann-Marie reported that Berneslai Homes had set up a hardship fund for any of their tenants who are experiencing problems with the cost of living. Vouchers can be provided to help with food and energy costs.

15. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 5th December at 6.30 p.m. at Beatson House.