

PARKINSON'S UK

BARNESLEY AND DISTRICT BRANCH

Minutes of virtual committee meeting held on Tuesday, 13th April, 2021 at 11.00am

Present: Terry Kendall, Philip Thompson, Ann Marie Sephton, George Spencer, Sheila Ireland, Ken Booth, Doris Wragg, Kathie Sharman, Susan Grant, Rose Crawley.

1. Terry welcomed Rose, and all the committee to the meeting.
2. Everyone present.
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 9th March (previously circulated). The minutes were accepted as a true record, subject to an amendment by Philip who wanted the minute on fund-raising to be altered. It is the Postcode Lottery that might be available not the South Yorkshire Community Foundation.
4. Matters arising
 - a. It was suggested at the last meeting that the members might be interested in a Zoom meeting to celebrate World Parkinson's Day last weekend. Only the committee expressed an interest so the suggestion, therefore, was not followed through.
5. Rose's Updates
 - a. The local Parkinson's Adviser (PLA), Lauren Arnold, was planning to join us on Zoom, but she is on annual leave.
 - b. The email of our specialist nurse, Carolyn Turton, has changed.
 - c. Carolyn is able to refer members for Crossroads respite care as well as the PLA.
 - d. Rose asked Susan if she is still willing to organise the borrowing of the Wii-Fit exercise game.

Susan agreed. Susan also mentioned that there is a Nordic walking group that is proving popular. Details to be sent to Rose.
 - e. On April 17th at 10.30 there is a Zoom meeting about the benefits of exercise for PwP. Susan to join.

6. Acting Chair's Report, Terry

- a) Doris had agreed to act as the point of contact for general enquiries and Philip will continue to organise the Carers Day.
- b) Local adviser

Terry has received an email from Lauren, the PLA, stating that she is looking forward to developing close links with us.

7. Treasurer's Report, Kathie

We have £26,219.28 in the bank. There have been very few transactions for obvious reasons. £55 was collected by the Cottage Bakery. Out goings were the bill for £260.40 from Crossroads care for the period February - March and the cost of printing the last newsletter, which cost £60. The Hospice has still not presented the last cheque we sent.

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8. Secretary's Report, Doris

Doris asked if the Branch's Annual Report was to be sent out to the usual recipients and Philip confirmed that it was.

9. Service Development Report, Sheila.

Sheila said that she was working on the principle that normal face-to-face general meetings would resume in October. Also she was planning a Summer newsletter.

November 16th Care, Tax and Toy Boys - a representative of the Co-op Legal Department.

December 8th The Christmas Party will be held on Wednesday 8th December.

January 18th Anthony Carr – My Barnsley Too.

February 15th. - AGM

Possible speakers for 2022/3 were Helen Mortiboyes and Ian McMillan and the Christmas party to be held on the 7 December 2022.

Members should be aware that the venue might not be the usual Emmanuel Church. Information will be published nearer the time.

10. Fundraising, Philip

Philip has checked with the charities that gave us money for events that never happened because of the lockdowns. Both the Barnsley Bond and the Shawlands Trust said that they would not take back the money. We are fairly secure in funding at the moment. As regard referrals to the counselling service at the Hospice, the Hospice wishes to discontinue the current practice of Parkinson's referrals taking precedence over their own patients. As there is a queue for treatment there will be a triage system to establish the most urgent cases. These will be seen within 7 days, although generally people will be seen within 6 weeks. There will be no price increases from either the Hospice or Crossroads.

11. Assistant Treasurer, George

Crossroads. George has had two invoices from Crossroads. In February there were 5 people taking part in the respite care programme. Three people took the full 4 hours. The total cost was £278.80. The March invoice was for 4 people all 4 taking the 4 hours. The total was £260.40. There has been no invoice from the Hospice

12. Acting Membership Secretary, Ann Marie

Ann Marie said that she had not been able to access any notifications from Head office. Doris said that she had been successful in accessing the membership list which she used for circulating the newsletter. Ann

Marie is buying a new computer because she does not find it easy to access information on her kindle. Ann Marie had dealt with a membership enquiry which had been referred to her by Doris.

13. AOB None.

The meeting finished at 11.52 pm.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, May 11th 2021 at 11.00am.