

Parkinson's UK

Barnsley and District Branch

Minutes of 'virtual' committee meeting held on 10th November 2020

Present

Philip Thompson, Terry Kendall, Ann-Marie Sephton, Kathie Sharman, George Spencer, Sheila Ireland, Ken Booth, Granville Dransfield, Doris Wragg, Rose Crawley

1. Welcome

Philip welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Susan Grant.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2020

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2020 were agreed as a true record

4. Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda

Philip reported that the application for a recovery grant had now received formal approval and the £2,000 had been paid into the branch's bank account – 3 monthly grants of £500 for respite care in November, December and January and £500 assuming we have two further requests for counselling. Philip has informed Carolyn Turton, the Parkinson's Nurse.

5. Chair's report

(a) Report on regional zoom meeting, 4th November

Christmas gifts

Whilst the charity is not actively promoting Christmas gifts for members in lieu of groups' usual festive celebrations, Rose has issued guidance for any groups who do wish to send gifts.

After discussion, it was agreed that we would send every member a £10 Marks & Spencer gift voucher with the Christmas newsletter.

Sheila will ask members if they have any festive suggestions for inclusion in the newsletter in addition to the usual Chair's report and the outcome of the restarting consultation.

Annual review

Rose referred to her email suggesting several dates for a zoom meeting to discuss the annual review. It was agreed that the meeting would be held on Tuesday 1st December at

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11.00 a.m. with Philip, Kathie and Terry. Rose will host the meeting and email the passcode.

A meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee will need to be held prior to the meeting with Rose and it was agreed that this would be held on Tuesday, 24th November at 11.00 a.m. The main attendees are Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary and one other committee member but all committee members are welcome to attend.

Campaigns

Difficulty accessing physiotherapy and speech therapy – Terry referred to the complaint he had made to the CCG regarding the lack of speech therapy in the community which had occurred due to the team being split between the community and hospital and no-one managing the effect of the change. Rose will discuss this separately with Terry.

Deep brain stimulation – this is a campaign which the branch would certainly support as we have seen the dramatic effect of it on a member's wellbeing in terms of her mobility.

Medicine shortages – these are being monitored and the charity is keeping in touch with drug companies. Sheila will flag this up in the next newsletter and ask members to let the charity know if they experience any issues with medicine shortages.

Cashpooling

The groups who have been invited are those who do not have online banking. The branch has expressed a willingness to participate but has not heard anything further yet.

6. Treasurer's report

The committee noted the income and expenditure statement ending 31st September which shows total income of £11,092.44 against total expenditure of £9,294.16 with a total bank balance of £28,439.22.

7. Secretary's report

Nothing to report.

8. Service Development report

January's speaker from Mapplewell health centre will be cancelled. The Stringalongs Ukulele Group are booked for March but it is unlikely they will want to come.

9. Assistant Treasurer's report

George reported that he had received an invoice from the Hospice for £536.50 for the period July to September. Thirteen people had received counselling at £37 per session totalling £481. Three people had cancelled at £18.50 totalling £55.50.

The invoice from Crossroads has not yet been received.

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10. Membership Secretary

The latest report up to 31st August shows 141 members.

11. Any other urgent and relevant business

Rose referred to a volunteer zoom call on 13th November to hear from the team behind the latest marketing campaign 'Time for Can'.

The Sheffield Branch are inviting members to join them for a zoom Christmas sing-a-long on Friday, 11th December 1.30-2.30 p.m.

The next regional zoom meeting with Rose is planned for Wednesday, 2nd December 2.00-3.00 p.m.

12. Date of next meetings

Finance Sub-Committee - Tuesday, 24th November at 11.00 a.m.

Annual Review – Tuesday, 1st December at 11.00 a.m. (Rose, Philip, Terry, Kathie)

Committee meeting – Tuesday, 8th December at 11.00 a.m.

15th November, 2020.

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