

Parkinson's UK

Barnsley and District Branch

Minutes of committee meeting held on 11th March 2025

Present

Terry Kendall, Ann-Marie Sephton, Kathie Sharman, George Spencer, Alyson Francis, Nishadi Perera, Doris Wragg, Rose Crawley

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 11th February 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2025 were agreed as a true record.

4. Matters arising

- (a) The rota for the stall in the town centre on 10th April was agreed.
- (b) Rose has not yet received a response from Alison Lofas regarding the exercise class at Royston.
- (c) It was agreed that the branch's donation to head office would be made to the central pot.
- (d) It was agreed that Cawthorne Band would be booked for the Christmas Party, subject to confirmation from the band.
- (e) Eight people attended the Stroll session but one person was unable to participate in the exercises so was not included in the evaluation. The general feedback from questionnaires circulated after the session was that it had been an excellent afternoon. Participants were also asked if they would be interested in further sessions, one person said no, two people said yes and the others possibly.

Terry has contacted the Hallamshire Clinic for prices to run a 'pop-up clinic' and has been quoted £380 (two physios £300 plus £80 for the equipment). It was agreed that Terry would apply for a grant of £3,000 for eight people using feedback from the session and information from the clinic.

- (f) Rose will email the bank details of the Younger Persons Support Group to Kathie to enable her to make the £300 donation.

(g) We will ask for volunteers at the next branch meeting for the collection at Wombwell Tesco on 5th April.

(h) Terry has asked Comtec to print the refreshed brand headers for the display boards.

(i) Terry reported that the person who was interested in taking on the role of Fundraiser has now given backward. A teacher at the College is being signed up as a branch volunteer, she has already raised £90 for the branch and is organising a number of events involving pupils. Two other volunteers have been recruited, one will serve refreshments at the exercise class and the other will help out where needed.

(j) Tracy and Rose gave positive feedback at the AGM about how the branch was being run and how members were actively involved in the activities.

(k) Rose confirmed that the timescale for keeping paper records was six years but it is not necessary to keep paper records if digital versions are kept.

(l) Terry, Alyson and Brian have visited Southwell and there is nothing lost in not being able to access the upstairs floor. The outing has been arranged for Thursday, 19th June in place of that week's branch meeting. The coach has been ordered and Nishadi will pay the £150 deposit. Members will be asked for a minimum donation of £15 per head.

(m) Four people had expressed an interest in the tennis but it was felt it would be more suited to the Younger Persons Group.

5. Rose's updates

In response to a query from Rose regarding the lack of a Parkinson's clinic in Barnsley, Terry said that he had received complaints from members regarding the time taken to attend the Sheffield clinic and the lengthy wait for appointments. Rose agreed to take the matter up with Alison Lofas and ask her to look at the gap in provision.

6. Treasurer's report

The committee noted the bank statement as at 28th February which showed a total adjusted cash and bank balance of £29,487.37.

Kathie has submitted the annual financial return for 2024 and has received an acknowledgement.

7. Secretary's report

Doris is updating the Branch Officials list and will include Nishadi and Barrie Cooper.

8. Service Development report

Golf started again on 4th March – 5 pwp & 4 carers

Boxing - 14th February 5 pwp & 4 carers; 7th March 5 pwp & 4 carers

The first walk this year will be on Thursday, 24th April at Wentworth.

Terry circulated the Activity Programme as at March 2025. Carolyn Turton has given backword for the branch meeting on 20th May as she will be on holiday. Rose suggested several alternative speakers and will email details to Terry.

9. Fundraising report

After discussions with Philip, Terry has completed an application to the Shawlands Trust for a grant of £2,400.00 for 48 weeks exercise class and will submit this once he has received the accounts from Kathie.

We will apply to the National Lottery Community Fund in the coming months.

10. Assistant Treasurer's report

Nishadi reported that six carers took 4 hours, one carer took 2 hours 45 minutes, one carer took 2 hours, and one carer took 8 hours (carried over). Total for February - £764.40.

11. Membership Secretary's report

Ann-Marie reported that there were 147 members on the latest list.

12. Webmaster's report

Ken has done a lot of work on the branch's website and it looks much improved. There are over 100 followers on Facebook.

13. Any other urgent and relevant business

The exercise rota for March/April/May was agreed.

14. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 8th April at 700 p.m.

