

Barnsley and District Branch

Minutes of committee meeting held on 11th November 2025

Present

Terry Kendall, Kathie Sharman, Ann-Marie Sephton, George Spencer, Alyson Francis, Nishadi Perera, Barrie Cooper, Jan Cooper, Doris Wragg,

1. Welcome

Terry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Rose Crawley and Ken Booth.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 14th October 2025

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th October 2025 were agreed as a true record.

4. Matters arising

(a) Terry reported that the first phase of the Stroll project would take place for 6 weeks from 29th January to 15th March and the second phase for 4 weeks from 16th April to 7th May with a 5 week break in between.

(b) Ann-Marie is making up the packs of the updated information leaflet for distribution to local health centres/GP surgeries.

(c) Terry reported that £400 had been raised for Parkinson's UK at the Roy Orbison tribute night at the Holiday Inn, together with £40 raised at another event attended by Kathy Markwick, a local person who organises charitable events, the following day.

(d) Terry reported that we had received £14,784 from the Community Lottery Fund for our Respite in the Home service for 14 people for the next 12 months.

(e) Terry has spoken to Kathy Markwick regarding the musical fundraising event and she is happy to organise this with Kate Trelfa's daughter.

5. Rose's updates

(a) Terry referred to the new instruction regarding collecting tins which states we have to have a special label with a number on and have to notify PUK what the

number is, where the tin is and how much we collect. However, Terry has spoken to Rose and she has clarified that this only refers to static collecting tins. Ann-Marie agreed to order some new labels and tin seals.

- (b) Alison Lofas and another person from PUK Campaigns Team are attending next week's branch meeting to gather information from members regarding the lack of a neurological service in Barnsley and the difficulties being experienced in attending the neurological clinic at Sheffield.
- (c) Rose advised we should ensure that in addition to the webmaster, an additional person should have the details of the password and login details to access the website. It was agreed the Doris was the appropriate person to hold those details.
- (d) Terry reported that Rose would be retiring from the charity on the 11 December. The committee wished to record a formal vote of thanks to Rose for all the hard work and support she had given the branch over many year and wished her well for the future.

6. Chair's report

(a) The committee reviewed the position with regard to moving from a Branch to a Support Group in light of new rules introduced on 1st November setting out how groups should be run. There needs to be a lead co-ordinator who is the official contact and who will identify what information is circulated about the branch. At least two other people are needed, one of which will deal with finance. Terry will raise the issue at next week's branch meeting.

(b) As a result of Kathie retiring at the next AGM, there is a need for someone to support Nishadi in her role as Treasurer. Ann-Marie said that, whilst she did not want to take on another role, she would do this if no-one else comes forward.

7. Treasurer's report

The committee noted the bank statement as at 31st October which showed an adjusted cash and bank balance of £20,638.41.

8. Secretary's report

No items.

9. Service Development report

Boxercise – 3rd October 6 pwp, 5 carers; 24th October 10 pwp, 4 carers;
31st October 7 pwp 4 carers; 2nd November 9 pwp, 4 carers.

Afternoon tea – 42 people attended plus two take-aways. Terry will circulate a questionnaire at the next branch meeting. Doris will get details of the afternoon tea at the Saville Square in Hoyland Common for consideration as a venue for next year.

Bowling – 27 people attended.

10. Fundraising report

Terry reported that he had been contacted by a lady who was putting out collecting tins for her husband's birthday in lieu of presents.

Barrie had arranged with the customer services manager at Morrisons, Corton Wood for a tins collection on 15 December, Doris would collate a rota for the day.

11. Assistant Treasurer's report

Exercise class

	<u>1st class</u>		<u>2nd class</u>	
15 th October	12 pwp	5 Carers	6 pwp	3 Carers
22 nd October	12	5	4	3
29 th October	13	4	5	2
5 th November	13	5	5	1

Respite care

Nishadi reported that one carer took 3 hours and 4 carers took 4 hours. Total for October £395.20.

12. Membership Secretary's report

Ann-Marie reported that there were 155 members on the latest membership list.

13. Webmaster's report

No items.

14. Research Champion's report

Barrie reported that he had sent some information to Ken regarding the research into Parkinson's originating in the kidneys and will prepare an article for the next newsletter.

15. Any other urgent and relevant business

Terry reported that an incident had occurred at the exercise class. He had phoned the person involved later that afternoon and Ann-Marie had phoned him again the following day to ensure he was ok. Rose had been notified and was happy with the action taken.

16. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2nd December at 6.30 p.m. at China Court restaurant, Mapplewell.