

Barnsley and District Branch

Minutes of committee meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Present

Terry Kendall, Ann-Marie Sephton, Alyson Francis, Ken Booth, Barrie Cooper, Jan Cooper, Doris Wragg

1. Welcome

Terry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Nishadi Perera, Cassie Thomas and Julie Riley.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 were agreed as a true record.

4. Matters arising

(a) Terry reported that it had not yet been decided if Cassie could shadow him for the remainder of the year. Both Emma and Alison felt that there was a conflict of interest between Cassie's volunteering and her job with Utility Warehouse and had discussed the issue with the Volunteering Team at Head Office. Terry has pointed out to them that Bhanu Ramaswamy is involved with the Sheffield Branch but members also see her at her own private physiotherapy clinic.

(b) We will see at next week's branch meeting if people have adhered to the procedure for taxi fares and completed the forms correctly.

(c) The total amount raised at the awareness stall in the town centre was £147 (£86.50 for jigsaws, £60.50 donations).

(d) The rota for the collection at Tesco on 18<sup>th</sup> April was agreed.

(e) Terry has spoken to Kathy Markwick and she is happy for us to join the Superjam on 20<sup>th</sup> October for afternoon tea and entertainment, £14 per head.

(f) Coffee morning, 30<sup>th</sup> May - Cassie will run the tombola stall and Janice and Brian will run the homemade greetings cards stall, it was agreed not to have a book stall. Cassie's mum and Jo Thompson have volunteered to provide some cakes.

(g) Terry reported that there was to be a meeting of the Shawlands Trust on 22<sup>nd</sup> April so we may hear if our application for a grant for the exercise class has been approved. Terry has also submitted a second application to the Trust for half of the cost of the Stroll project. He has pointed out that it is more important that the exercise class is supported if only one application is approved.

5. Chair's report

Terry reported that Jo Thompson had now been approved as a volunteer. She will take over the meet and greet role from Maxine at branch meetings and try to come to some of our awareness events.

6. Treasurer's report

The committee noted the bank statement as at 31st March 2026 which showed an adjusted cash and bank balance of £29,610.44.

Terry reported that he was in the process of discussing with Alyson and Nishadi a procedure for drawing up a more detailed report for committee showing income and expenditure on events.

7. Secretary's report

Doris circulated copies of the newsletter distribution list for information.

8. Service Development report

Boxercise – since AGM on 10<sup>th</sup> February covering period of eight weeks attendance record was 30 pwp, 15 carers, total 45 attendees. 10 personnel from Rotherham Group, 8 personnel from Sheffield Group.

The golf session for April was cancelled, due to insufficient numbers.

30 people attended the 10-pin bowling.

Trip to Bakewell on 16<sup>th</sup> June – only 9 people are interested so far. It was agreed that people from outside the branch could come for the full cost of £30. Alyson had arranged car parking with Tesco

Walk at Old Moor, 23<sup>rd</sup> April – £6.50 per person, the guide will be free.

Alyson was going to attend the Parkinson's Walk at Temple Newsam in July.

Locke Park – Terry has booked both events on 14<sup>th</sup> June and 9<sup>th</sup> August. Ann-Marie stressed that we need at least three people at 8.30 a.m. on 14<sup>th</sup> June to erect the gazebo as it is not easy to move on grass.

9. Fundraising report

In addition to matters discussed above, Barrie reported he had not had any success, so far, in getting a response from Asda Barnsley for a tin collection.

10. Assistant Treasurer's report

Four carers took 4 hours, four carers took 2 hours, carer at branch meeting 2¾ hours  
Total for March £556.40. (obtained from Nishadi after meeting)

11. Membership Secretary's report

Ann-Marie reported that there were 142 members on the latest list.

Doris reported that when she emailed the January newsletter to members, she had received four 'mail failure' replies from members who had been on the list a long time. She had sent a standard letter to three of those members (one did not have a postal address on the membership list) but had not received any replies.

12. Webmaster's report

The web page counter had shown very little traffic to the web site. Terry will provide Ken with more details of the events that have been confirmed for inclusion on the website.

There are 127 people following on Facebook and the WhatsApp group is working well.

13. Research Champion's report

Barrie explained there was new research being conducted in the use of a cancer drug.

14. Any other urgent and relevant business

There was no other business.

15. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 p.m.