

Barnsley and District Branch

Minutes of committee meeting held on 9th June 2026

Present

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

1. Welcome

Terry welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Emma Lillico.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2026

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th May 2026 were agreed as a true record.

4. Matters arising

(a) Following confirmation from PUK that Cassie cannot take up a voluntary role within the branch due to a conflict of interests, Terry has drawn up a list of the Chair's current role/activities for discussion with Emma when she comes to the Natter Café in July. The posts of Assistant Treasurer and Fundraiser are currently vacant with the Newsletter Editor post becoming vacant at the end of the year.

(b) Feedback from the Stroll physio team has not yet been received.

(c) Terry and Nishadi have met Bronia to review the exercise class SLA and have agreed an increase of £5 from £45 to £50 per hour.

(d) Terry has yet to speak to Emma to ask if there is any guidance regarding people belonging to more than one branch or joining one outside their area.

(e) Terry has contacted the Rotary Club regarding the proceeds of their raffle which had been promised as a donation to the branch and is waiting for them to get back to him.

5. Emma's report

(a) Emma has sent out the latest issue of Network News together with guidance for groups using WhatsApp. PUK now has a set of rules which people agree to by

joining which is set out in 'WhatsApp information and community rules'. Groups are requested to include this document in the community announcements section which Maxine has done.

Ken will look into amending the branch's WhatsApp so that telephone numbers are not shown.

- (b) As a result of people with Parkinson's being treated unfairly by being denied a Blue Badge, PUK will be sending out information regarding a campaign they are starting this month.

6. Chair's report

No items.

7. Treasurer's report

The committee noted the bank statement as at 31st May 2026 which showed an adjusted cash and bank balance of £28,145.35. £1,241.88 received from Just Giving is for the first quarter of the year.

8. Secretary's report

Doris reported that she had received a referral for respite care from Carolyn Arnott but the patient lived in Notton, which comes under Wakefield. One of the conditions on the application form is that the person being cared for must reside in the Barnsley Metropolitan Borough but she had been informed by Carolyn that Crossroads themselves had told the person to get a referral. Because they have a Barnsley GP they access Carolyn's service and all the other Barnsley services.

After discussion, it was agreed that we would be prepared to fund the respite care on this occasion if Crossroads are willing to provide the service out of their area. Doris will contact Crossroads and report back.

9. Service Development report

Trip to Bakewell – 23 people attending.

Golf, 4th June – 6 pwp, 3 carers.

Boxercise, 22nd May – 10 pwp, 5 carers; 29th May – 8 pwp, 3 carers.

Walk, 28th May – 8 pwp, 8 carers

Barrie circulated the combined annual attendance records for the Branch's activities up to 5th June.

Terry circulated the activity programme as of June.

10 Fundraising report

Coffee morning - £314.90, Slimmer's World - £40, Shirley Pickering - £50.

Terry will contact the lady from Hays Travel who was doing a bike ride to raise funds for the branch. The promised donation of £311.92 has not yet appeared in our bank account.

11 Assistant Treasurer's report

Nishadi reported that 8 carers took 4 hours, 2 carers took 2 hours and the carer at the branch meeting 2¾ hours. Total for May £806.

12 Membership Secretary's report

Ann-Marie reported that she had received a 'change' report which showed we have three new members but have lost five members. Two other people have signed up online so we still have approximately 145 members. The next full report is due next month.

13 Webmaster's report

No items.

14 Research Champion's report

No items.

15 Any other urgent and relevant business

A 'thank you' card has been received from Emma for Volunteers' Week.

16 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 14th July at 7.00 p.m.