

DUKINFIELD MEDICAL PRACTICE - PATIENT NETWORK GROUP

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on 23 March 2023 at 6.30 pm at St John's Church Conference Centre, Dukinfield

1. Present: Marion Higgins (Chairperson), Geoff Hill (Secretary), Amrit Mistry (Treasurer), Sheila Frith (Asst Secretary), Julie Pregnall (Practice Director), Joyce Jones, Brian Malpas, Dawn Alston, Ann Wright, Kath Ratcliffe, Bhikhu Mistry, Pat Bradshaw, Dr Vernon Marshall, John Dewsnap, Norman Liggins, Paul Byrne, Janet Broadbent, Olwen Barker, Barbara Beith, Betty Taylor.

2. Apologies: Joan Drummond, Chris Eckersall, Gillian Eckersall

Marion welcomed everyone to the meeting

3. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting

These were approved with a slight amendment that Judy Hearnshaw had not left the Group, only Colin her husband.

4. Officers' Reports

4.1 Marion opened her report with a huge thank you to everyone for their hard work and support over the last year. She outlined the main achievements over that period, making the point that we had still been affected by covid restrictions. She drew particular attention to the efforts to produce a garden out of rubble following the building work, the hard work that went into the Open Day, Health Event and Christmas activities. She also was happy to report on the successful re-start of the walking group.

She felt particular emphasis had to be put on the continued production of the quarterly newsletter which is available at the Practice reception, delivered to approximately 700 homes as well as being available via the website. She also highlighted the continued work of speaking with patients in order to gain insight into their individual experience of the services offered by the Practice.

4.2 Geoff reported on the events leading up to the change of name for the group and subsequent revision of the Constitution. The documents had been circulated previously. Joyce proposed a motion to accept the revised Constitution, Dawn seconded the motion and it was subsequently approved.

4.3 Amrit presented a financial report for the last year. The Group has received donations from local businesses and Action Together. He detailed expenditure related to the various activities undertaken by the Group. The report will be available on the PNG page of the Practice website.

5. Nomination and Election of Officers

As no other nominations were made, Marion, Geoff and Amrit were proposed, seconded and appointed to their previous positions for the coming year. Committee members were confirmed as Dawn, Ann, Joyce, Bhikhu, Kath, Brian, Julie and Sheila. Dr Vernon Marshall-Coulaudon offered to join the Committee. It was acknowledged that other people are still very much involved but who are able to offer a more limited commitment. Marion urged anyone who is interested in being involved at any level to contact us for a chat.

The meeting closed at 6.55pm