

PPG Meeting Minutes - 13th February, 2023

1 Attendance

<u>Present:</u>- Steve Bates, Jane Hanlon, Gordon and Angela Lovell, Bob and Vanda Gould, Judith Westall, Fay Read, Jan Lloyd, John Neale, Mark Pitman, Christine Cartright, Sarah Setterfield, Clive Robinson, Sandra Whitefoot, Dr Nigel Fagan

<u>Apologies</u>:- Madeleine Carrington, Bruce Battams, Sheila Dale, Penny Liddiard (left main group)

2 **Minutes of January Meeting**. Acknowledged and approved.

3 **Speaker – Graham Kilroy**

Graham gave an informative talk of the work done by the Lions for the Daniel Bard Foundation in respect of Blood Kits. He showed us the kit itself and provided background as to the rise in knife crime, with the numbers being quite shocking across MK as a whole.

Daniel Bard formed the foundation following the death of his son in a knife crime incident – the focus is on educating users in proper application of tourniquet use. The concept is to distribute kits to clubs/pubs/late night food businesses where evidence shows that knife crime is more likely to occur. Over time, schools and colleges may also be approached.

The Lions match local funding provided by local government for the purchase of the kits which cost £80+vat per kit.

Graham answered several questions and at the end of the session Steve provided a vote of thanks on behalf of the PPG and provided a voucher to Graham.

Following the meeting Graham contacted us to say he was not expecting the voucher and in the circumstances would use it to support someone in need.

4 Matters Arising

a. Steve gave an update of the NAPP virtual AGM at which the main theme was the slow progress of national projects and the dropping off of funding, They are perpetually short of trustees, they need eight to be constitutional and have dropped to three and currently looking for applications for trustees. The concerns raised are the lack of clarity and sense of direction from the NHS so far as patient



involvement concerned and a lack of representation of PPG at senior NHS. (The minutes are circulated with these minutes)

b. There was a discussion over waiting times in the surgery and accessing appointments. Ways to access the surgery:

Online bookings on system one

Booking on the day – 8.30am phone/in person

Pre-booking online or in person

F2F appointments and telephone appointments as appropriate There is a pharmacist in-house and first contact physiotherapy – and the triage system does appear to work with patients being directed to the most appropriate clinician

The issue is nor access, it is capacity. The limitations of the building/resourcing are impacting on wait times. That said, Family and Friends feedback is generally very good.

- c. There followed a detailed frank discussion with Jane and Dr Fagan around the current state of GP issues in terms of triage, consultation and early diagnosis. The question of new premises and the benefits of lobbying were brought up and while s106 funding is still be lobbied as it is not dependent on premises, there seems little hope of a change in premises given the prioritisation of the needier areas within BLMK. We agreed to keep on top of developments.
- d. Surgery Update we agreed to make a donation of £500 towards the purchase of Doppler equipment, John Neale and Sarah Setterfield proposing and seconding the action.
- Dates for future meetings Steve had circulated the views of the meeting group and the majority were happy for meetings to continue on Monday evenings as set out below. Note changes in months where there are public holidays. No break in August was deemed necessary.
- 6 Proposed Speaker for March Ali Jaffa and Helen Dixon (to be confirmed)

A discussion over how often to invite speakers resulted in the decision that wherever possible we invite a speaker each month with the exception of the AGM and Christmas meeting. Some discussion over the scheduling of the speaker – we agreed that best to leave it as it is but make the allocated time for the presentation clear to speakers, and a reminder that questions needed to be managed so as not to overrun.

As always, ideas for speakers to Jan Lloyd.

7 A.O.B –

- a. Discussion of future direction deferred to March due to time constraints
- b. Jane asked if anyone might be interested in life support training as it is 12 months since the last roll out names to Elspeth/Jane
- 8 Date of Next Meeting 13^{thMarch} 2023



Meeting Dates 2023

Confirmed Dates for 2023

Monday 9 th January 2023	
Monday 13 th February 2023	
Monday 13 th March 2023	
Monday 17 th April 2023	Later than usual to avoid Easter
Monday 15 th May 2023 + AGM	Later than usual to avoid Coronation
Monday 12 th June 2023	
Monday 10 th July 2023	
Monday 14 th August 2023	
Monday 11 th September 2023	
Monday 9 th October 2023	
Monday 13 th November 2023	
Monday 11 th December 2023	Christmas Party